when by its influence we shall have converted this materialistic age into a Eucharistic age!

Then shall we be able to say that we have progressed. For by means of these fundamental devotions, all converging towards the Eucharist, we shall become more and more united with Him Who is the Ideal whence we all tend. A progress that has not this as its goal is no progress. It defeats its own end—the happiness of man. For the world’s history seems to show that as the material progress of which we boast becomes more pronounced the more restless and unhappy are the people. Though God has been the source of this progress, they have lost sight of Him because they have veiled their eyes with the very matter He desires should manifest to them more clearly His Infinite and Adorable Self. They have felt the need of a God; and have made for their adoration a golden calf. Moses broke his ungrateful people’s idol. Why do we not destroy ours? Instead of consecrating our hearts to Mammon, let us offer to God, who really has “led us out of the land of Egypt” into this promised land of twentieth-century greatness; look towards Him as the end to which we must progress; and to attain It cultivate the great devotions which the Friars Preachers hold out for man’s advancement towards the “divine Exemplar of perfect manhood.”

—Brother Clement, O. P.

A DOMINICAN’S PRAYER

Thou mighty lover of the Crucified,  
In poverty and pain to Christ allied,  
Thy children teach to spurn ambition’s fame,  
And choose the Crimson Cross for His sweet Name.

Christ-like the Father’s Will was ever thine,  
And quaffed, like Him, submission’s myrrhic wine,  
Do thou our souls to Christ’s sweet yoke subdue,  
Inflame our hearts to suffer and to do.

The charity of Christ engulfed thy soul  
And urged thee on to seek the martyr’s goal.  
Thy children grant in some degree to feel  
The mighty fire of apostolic zeal.

—Brother Cyprian, O. P.