

to upwards of \$800,000.

Though we are pleased with the rapid growth of the Society in the United States as indicated by the above figures, we are of the opinion that it has even a more glorious future. This lay apostolate is one of the best means our Catholic men have of showing to the world that our religion is not one of fair words and futile promises, but rather of noble deeds and unselfish efforts. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an institution which will justify to a more or less incredulous public, the claim that the Church is in very truth the representative of Him Who was the friend of the Poor. Moreover, it seems destined by the power of its example to be a potent factor in the solution of the great social problem. Within its own sphere of activity it has given unmistakable evidence of its power to allay social unrest, to bridge the chasm be-

tween the supposedly hostile members of society. And in consequence, the sooner its principles are adopted by those outside the Church, the sooner may we expect a complete solution of the problem.

It seems then, to be incumbent upon our Catholic laymen to give such an organization their sincere support, not only because it affords them an opportunity of giving proof of the faith that is in them, and of convincing an unenlightened public that the Catholic Church is the friend of the poor, but also because it is to be of incalculable assistance to those who are seeking a remedy for the so-called social problem. The lay Apostles of charity have done much in the past. They are doing more at the present time than at any other period of their history. And if we mistake not, they are to reap an even more abundant harvest in the future.—*Xavier Dolan, O. P.*

THE KING'S CUP-BEARER

Behold the ministry given you!
Serve well and God will pay the due
With life eternal.

Grapes from the vines of Engedi,
Wheat from the plains of Galilee,
Bring for the Sacrament.

Then in the chalice the blood-wine stood,
On paten the wafer marked with the rood,
Waiting for sacrifice.

Hyacinth Chandler, O. P.

THOUGHTS AND DEEDS.

Sublimest thoughts oft come from pens
Of men who are unknown,
And pass from tongue to tongue
Until the gems of thought are sown
Within the hearts of men.

Our noblest deeds oft come from souls
The humblest of the earth
And pass from age to age
Until their priceless worth
Records itself in Heav'n.

Damian Kennedy, O. P.