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Someone suggested laying the old man on a dumpcart and covering him with a horse-blanket. Hiring a carriage was out of the question as soon as the coachmen discovered what it was for. Fr. d'Alzon heard about his students' project. "What," he exclaimed, "An old wagon? Never! We must treat the poor with greater respect than that. Aren't they Jesus Christ's friends? Give me a few moments and I'll find a solution to your problem." He hurried immediately to the home of Countess de B. . . to ask her to lend her

(*Écrits Spirituels*, p. 627)

2. Expiation. The age in is an age of pleasure of money. People want that they can enjoy pleasure how do you reconcile pleasure with the Word of God — do penance? We to see where pleasure

We therefore saw this poor old paralytic, revoltingly dirty, seated on fine green velvet cushions, in a gilded chair with beveled glass. The exterior paintings showed winged genii, plump as ortolans, floating and wandering amid garlands of flowers.

We noted in previous issues of Signs of God how, for Fr. d'Alzon, the virtue of mercy is, first and foremost, an attitude of the heart that every Christian, who truly believes in the generous and gratuitous mercy of God, is called to imitate himself : Be merciful as your Father is merciful (Lk

6:36). But mercy also has an apostolic dimension, rooted in charity and in the love of one's neighbor (Parable of the Good Samaritan). We find the best example of mercy in the attitudes of Jesus himself.

In Fr. d'Alzon, mercy is often translated by "compassion", especially when it refers to the poor, to those neglected and scorned by society, to those exploited by 'big money'. So it is that Fr. d'Alzon would make use of lessons drawn from the Fathers of the Church, as we will see in certain of his texts.

The cause of the beatification and canonization of Fr. d'Alzon is making its way. There are many people who are requesting his intercession and informing us that they obtained graces and favors after having had recourse to him in prayer. Twentyfive years ago, on December 21, 1991, Pope John-Paul II proclaimed him Venerable, recognizing that our founder had led a life of holiness and practiced, in a remarkable fashion, the virtues of the Christian life. We hope that the Lord will soon grant us the grace of his beatification.

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