



## THE MIRACULOUS HOSTS AT BRUSSELS.

ATTACHED to the beautiful church of St. Gudule, in the city of Brussels, is a chapel which stands on the spot where the following miraculous occurrence with the Most Holy Sacrament took place :

In the year 1370, a very rich Jew of Enghien having won a sum of money from another, by name John von Loeven, who had become a Christian, persuaded him to deliver over to him several consecrated Hosts. After the false brother had examined many churches in order to carry out his devilish design, he decided upon the church of St. Catharine as that in which he could perpetrate the deed of darkness with least difficulty. On a certain night, therefore, he contrived an entrance into it, broke open the tabernacle, took out the ciborium, in which sixteen Hosts were contained, and brought it to the Jew. Now this fellow, overjoyed at having the God of the Christians in his power, called his wife and son and several other Jews, and threw the ciborium with the consecrated Hosts on the table for derision, and there he allowed them to lie. Soon after the Jew, by name Jonathan, was murdered by unknown hands. His wife and son, out of dread lest fresh misfortune should befall their house, carried the holy Hosts to Brussels, and committed them to the hands of their brethren. These assembled together on Good Friday in their synagogue, insulting the Blessed Sacrament in every possible manner, and at length, throwing it upon a table, they stabbed it with knives; when lo ! blood flowed in quantities from those holy Hosts, and, seized with terror, the recreants at once sought how they might free themselves from so fearful a mystery.