

That thy birth bestowed, suspend ;
 And the King of Heavenly beauty
 On thy bosom gently tend !

Thou alone wast counted worthy
 This world's ransom to uphold ;
 For a shipwrecked race preparing
 Harbor, like the ark of old ;
 With the sacred Blood anointed
 From the smitten Lamb that rolled.

VENAUTIUS FORTUNATUS.

THE MOST HOLY CORPORAL of ORVIETO

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(Continuation.)

A RIVALRY IN A LABOUR OF LOVE.

Pope Urban summoned to his presence those two great Doctors of the Church, saint Thomas Aquinas* and saint Bonaventure (suitably named as the "Angelic" and the "Seraphic," respectively), and imposed upon them the honour and duty of compiling and preparing a Mass and Office for the new solemnity. One legend has it that when their pious labours were brought to an end they appeared before the Pope to show the result. Then as the Angelic Doctor read his office, the other saint tore his up as unworthy to be compared with his holy rival's. Another account says that the Franciscan doctor paying his friend a visit, and seeing on his table the anthem, "O Sacrum Convivium," was so enraptured with it that he went home and in sheer desperation cast his own MSS. into the flames. Whatever be the reason, it is certain

*This saint was an especial favourite of this Pope, and was appointed by him to be "lector" in the Dominican Convent at Orvieto, in these quaint words : "Assignamus Fratrem Thomam de Aquino pro lectore in Conventu Urbevetano in remissionem peccatorum suorum."