

in our veins to be spent in penance, suffering and laboring for His glory.

We learn from tradition that the centurion who on witnessing the convulsions of nature at our Lord's death, exclaimed : " Indeed, this man was the Son of God, " was named Longinus and is supposed to be the same who opened His sacred side. He is said to have been afflicted with a malady of the eyes which left him partially blind until some Drops of the Precious Blood having fallen on them, perfect sight was restored to him. At the same moment the eyes of his soul were enlightened ; he received the gift of faith and became a saint.

Let us petition for a favor similar to that bestowed on the Roman soldier---the cure of our spiritual blindness through the virtue of the Precious Blood, for alas ! we do not know how to distinguish and appreciate the graces of which we are the object, and we reflect but superficially on the beauty and sublimity of the divine mysteries. Let us ask God, through the merits of this last effusion of the Precious Blood, to infuse heavenly light into our souls and to enable us to love Him with that generous fervor which does not recoil when confronted with sacrifice.

LETTER FROM REV. FATHER LISSNER,
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TO REV. MOTHER CATHERINE AURELIA OF THE
PRECIOUS BLOOD.

MOST REVEREND MOTHER,

You feel intense pity for the millions of blacks who are still in ignorance of the price by which they were redeemed, and you take a singular interest in our far-off missions.

Allow me to relate for you how a negro was the first apostle of Dahomey---this Dark Continent---so sadly forgotten, till our own day, in the work of evangelization.

No journal, no learned academy has ever spoken of Antonio, and yet, in God's sight he played a great and