

And then in our pure Mother's arms
 From sin we'll e'er be free
 And her sweet praises we shall sing,
 For ali eternity.

TEACHINGS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

(Selections from Faber.)

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THE Blood itself, as Blood, assumed by the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, came from Mary's blood. Mary's blood was the material out of which the Holy Ghost, the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity, the artificer of the Sacred Humanity, fashioned the Blood of Jesus. The Immaculate Conception of Mary had been the magnificent preparation to her becoming the Mother of God by ministering the most pure material of the Incarnation.

The Blood of Jesus was a growing thing. It increased daily, as Jesus increased in size and age. It was nourished from his Mother's breast. It was fed from the earthly food which he condescended to take. During three-and-thirty years it received increments and augmentations. But the last drop of Blood made in Jesus by the laws of the human life, perhaps while he was hanging on the Cross, was equally exalted, equally divine, equally adorable, with the first priceless drops which he drew from his Blessed Mother.

Our dearest Lord was full and true man. He was flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone ; and his incomparable soul, although it was incomparable, was veritably a human soul. Everything in his human substance was so exalted by its union with his Divine Person as to be adorable. The Blood shed at the Circumcision was adorable. The Blood shed in Gethsemane was adorable. His Blood in the chalice is adorable. It is the Blood of the living Jesus in heaven. It is the Blood shed in the Passion, reassumed at the resurrection, borne up to heaven in the Ascension, placed at the Right Hand of the Father there in its consummate glory and beautified immortality. Thus it is the very Blood of God ; and it is the whole of it.

How shall we ever raise our love up to the height of