

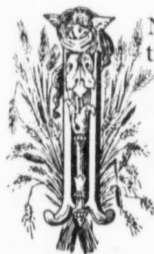
all wearing Eucharistic badges and ribbons of their various societies. To accommodate the great number of the poorer peasants, schoolhouses were thrown open for their lodging and great mess-halls were established where meals might be procured for ten and twenty cents. In spite of the continuous rain it was a mighty outpouring in honor of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and the Catholic committee of Vienna did themselves proud in providing suitably for such an occasion.

ANDREW J. SHIPMAN in "America".

## The Holy Eucharist

AND

## the Suffering Souls



IN Purgatory there is no Blessed Sacrament, there is no tabernacle in which our Blessed Lord remains concealed indeed but is really and substantially present; there is no altar before which those of faith may offer their tribute of loving though lonely adoration, and in which the generous may lay the sacrifice of their life and their love. In Heaven Christ gives to His devoted friends the unimagined joy of adoring Him face to face and of bowing down before the unveiled splendor of His glorified humanity; on earth we have the blessed privilege of His actual, although invisible, sacramental presence; we cannot see him with the eyes of the body, but we feel His gentle influence in the humblest church and we have come to know the comfort of His soothing balm upon our souls. The Blessed Sacrament is our consolation and our strength. Let our pain be never so acute, and our burden never so heavy, we can suffer and carry them both, if only we can bring them to our Eucharistic God.