

Heart of Jesus as the motive, and not the object of their worship: these, also, had not a complete idea of the devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Let it be well understood, that the object of this devotion is the *Heart of flesh* of Jesus Christ, together with the *love* which exists in that Heart. The Heart is the symbolical element; love the element symbolised. Under the symbol of the Heart, according to the liturgy, we adore love: "*Sub symbolo Cordis, recolitur amor.*"

II

WHY WE ADORE THE HEART OF JESUS, THE SENSIBLE OBJECT OF THE DEVOTION.

All Christians know that in the person of our Lord, there are two indissoluble natures, hypostatically united; the Divine nature of the Word, the second person of the august Trinity, and the human nature. In virtue of this union Jesus Christ is, at the same time, true God and true man, perfect God and perfect man; and Mary, in giving to the world Jesus Christ, has really become the Mother of God; therefore, the body of Jesus Christ is really the body of a God.

The body of Jesus Christ is evidently adorable, — even when it rested inanimately in the tomb, because the Word never abandoned it; every member of our Lord's body is adorable because it belongs to God; — so therefore is His Heart.

Consequently, we must adore the Heart of Jesus: it is Divine. When we kiss the hand of a prince, or the feet of the Holy Father, our homage is not limited to the hand or feet which we embrace; it is understood that it is addressed to the person of the prince or the Pope. In the same way, when we adore the Heart of Jesus, our adoration is not confined to the Heart; it extends to the entire person of Jesus Christ, the person of the Son of God made man.