

tism, Confirmation, and the other Sacraments. But what have been its fruits? Can we say the grace of God has not been rained in me, like St. Paul. O, woman, full of grace, and so superabundantly as would suffice to all creatures, if it were divided amongst them, obtain that to-day, the grace given me in baptism, &c., may be revived anew.

Flower—Say often, Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us.

Fruit—Practice of good works, and faithful employ of the graces received.

MEDITATION.

August 31.—*The Sacred Heart of Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy.*

First Point—On this last day, devout soul, consider with filial love and confidence the Sacred Heart of Mary most compassionate and merciful to us. Justice has been assigned to Jesus, says St. Bonaventure, and mercy to Mary. St. Bernard answering his own question, why is Mary the Queen of Mercy, says, it is, that we may believe she opens the abyss of mercy to whom she likes, when she likes, and as she likes. On occasion of a condemned sinner being saved by Mary, whom he had honoured during life, our Lord revealed to St. Catherine of Sienna, that one of the privileges of his Mother was, to save those who had been devout to her. Ah, says St. Antoninus, what care does not Mary take of us. You who want mercy, says St. Magdalene de Pazzi, "go to Mary, who is most good and most powerful; you who are ever disturbed, go to Mary, who is as a calm sea! you, to whom sinful pleasures are become insipid, go to Ma-

ry, who is a bitter sea. You who are proud, go to Mary, who is the mother of humility. Let all recur to Mary.

Let us then go to Mary; but in order to it, we must direct toward her all the powers of our soul. She recognises those who love her, she assists those who invoke her, provided they love chastity, charity, humility, and place all their love and hopes in her, after Jesus. O, glorious Queen, receive me into the number of your faithful servants; since you are the Queen of Mercy, the miserable must be your subjects.—Exercise your mercy on me, the most unhappy of all; govern and direct me, O, Queen of mercy. Reject me not, for I desire to be wholly yours, to have for you the heart of a child, as you have for me that of a mother. O, my mother, may my heart this moment be united with yours, and never be separated, so that I may love with you one God in three persons to all eternity.

Flower.—The Salve Regina and Acts of Consecration and Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Mary.

Fruit.—Ever to show yourself a child of Mary's, and to exhort others to this devotion of her Sacred Heart.

TO THE MADONNA.

"Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for me who have recourse to thee."

Oh Pure! Oh Holy! Thou whose very name
Brings bright-eyed purity to charm the mind;
Spotless, most spotless, is the sacred fame
In which thy memory still rests enshrined!

Virgin, yet Mother of thy God most high!

His daughter and His spouse! What creature blest

With soul so gifted, who can lift the eye

To scan the majesty where thou dost rest?