

Nectar of Calvary, flowing free
 For every harassed band
 That presses, wed to misery,
 Athwart life's arid sand ;
 From fear and hurt an instant ease
 Who taste thy honeyed strength receive,
 Nor seething sun nor burning breeze
 Can longer cause them grieve :
 Eve finds them hale anear the flood
 Which brimming mercy broadly flows,
 Fountain of Good, Most Precious Blood,
 All-healer of man's myriad woes.

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✍ Please, correct a mistake in the first line of the sonnet, "To Our Queen," published in our March issue : The word "beem" should be "beam."

THE PASCHAL LAMB.

AT the celebration of the mass, as a public and immediate preparation to communion, the priest with a clear voice recalls and proclaims this most touching truth : "Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world" ; and after his own communion, going to distribute the sacred host to the faithful, he elevates it over the ciborium, offers it to the adoration of the people and says : "Behold the Lamb of God, behold the one "who takes away the sins of the world" ; and then he gives the living bread to the communicant.

This angelic banquet is a permanent one, always spread and ready throughout the centuries in all the churches and chapels of the Catholic world.

In olden times amongst the chosen people it had its most striking figure in the manducation of the paschal lamb. This was year after year the most imposing festival of the Hebrews and it was religiously celebrated in each family during fifteen hundred years. The exact and strict prescriptions of this celebration were as follows :