



TWELFTH PROMISE OF OUR LORD TO BLESSED MARGARET MARY.

"I will grant the grace of final penitence to those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months."

BY JOHN J. BRANIN.

A happy death ! What comfort in the thought
That grace will aid thee at life's solemn end,
And lead thee safe though direful woes impend :
To shame, confusion shall the foe be brought,
By Him, whose blood thy priceless soul hath bought,
Whose mighty love His Sacred Heart could

rend,

Whose pleading prayer, eternal doom fore-
fend,

When crucified He thy redemption wrought.

A happy death ! 'Tis well thou shouldst secure
From Jesus' Sacred Heart this saving grace :

His is the promise, do but make it sure,

The means He gives thou wilt with faith
embrace :

His word He gives,—His word shall e'er endure :
Death shall not come till tears thy sins
efface.