

and bring them the Host she received in communion, to be the object of her infamous desecrations, to be trampled under foot, cut with the scissors, or stabbed with a knife. Their sacrilegious hatred knew no bounds in the expression of its rage against the Sacred Host. For a long time



these abominations were carried on secretly, the divine Victim submitting uncomplainingly with merciful patience. Finally He resolved to show His power not through revenge but to convert the sinner and inspire her with a horror of her awful crime. The next time she approached the holy table a mysterious being, resembling a hideous dog, sprang towards her as if to bar her way.