



## THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

**H**OW fitting that the Month of the Sacred Heart should end in the month of the Precious Blood! Does not the Blood that flowed from the Saviour's side tell us as naught else could tell how the Sacred Heart of Jesus loves us? It is St. Thomas Aquinas who describes that tender Heart as wounded for our sins, and pouring out through the opening in the side of Christ its Precious Blood, to testify the excess of His love and to inflame the tepid hearts of His disciples. That Precious Blood is the price which the Heart of Jesus paid for our redemption. And what a price! Blood was demanded by God in all time as satisfaction for sin. "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission." The Blood of a Man-God was the infinite price demanded by the infinite justice of God in atonement for the infinite malice of sin. "Men," says St. Augustine, "were held captive by the devil, enslaved to the demons. They sold themselves, they could not redeem themselves. The Redeemer came and paid the price; He shed His Blood, and ransomed the world. The blood of Christ is the price. What did it purchase? The whole world." Aye, one drop of that Precious Blood could purchase the world and a thousand worlds. Yet