

with which It was shed and the prohibition of approaching His Body and Blood with a heart ulcerated by anger. Unless we would hear this Blood cry out against us, it is impossible to harbor a vengeful thought when communicating sacramentally or spiritually.

(To be continued.)

THE VOICE OF THE SACRED HEART.

THE ANSWERED PRAYER.

Salvasti animam, predestinasti tuam. (St. Augustine.)

A soul had passed, the awful hour had come ;
 Oh ! dreadful thought ! was Heaven lost or won ?
 He stood in judgment 'fore the piercing eye
 Of Him whose justice cannot err or lie.
 The Virgin Mother stood beside Her Son,
 The Guardian Angel, too, His labor done.
 Now is a whole life's history laid bare—
 Many the sins which are recorded there.
 But who is this arrayed in garments white,
 Who stands by Jesus, radiant with light,
 Whose eyes beam brightly with a love Divine,
 As eyes of the redeemed alone can shine ?
 His gaze is turned upon the soul who waits
 To hear his doom—trembling at Heaven's gates.
 The white-robed figure falls, as it were meet,
 In suppliant posture at the Saviour's feet ;
 Behold Him mantled with the golden rays
 Which falls from Jesus' Heart ; he prays, he prays :
 " O Jesus, mercy on that soul, for he—
 A victim was of charity for me.
 On earth there was no other link to bind
 My soul to him than that of all mankind ;
 I knew him not, on him I had no claim
 Save one, the dread, dark story of my shame,
 With which the whole world rang. But from Thy Heart
 Thus didst to him Thy charity impart ;