

placed upon the portal :

"An aquesta cappella es lo corps de Sta. Sor Johanna . . . , whilst beneath the above words might be read these pious invocations to the saint :

Hail! illustrious and holy Sister Johanna.

Whose venerated body can be seen in this chapel, grant the petitions we beseech thee of those afflicted.

And heed their mournful sighs!

O! Saint Joanna, through thy ineffable merits obtain, for those that implore thy aid, the grace of admission to the celestial Paradise : there, with thee, to praise our Lord forever more.

V. Pray for us, etc.

R. That we may be made worthy, etc.

Let us pray.

"Almighty and eternal God, who dost multiply Thy saints and elect, and dost make known their merits most gloriously to the world, obtain for us through the intercession of Thy servant Joanna, who, in the holy Order of Mount Carmel, was Thy devoted handmaid, the grace of a fidelity in Thy holy service equal to her own.

Deign, through her powerful intercession, to grant our petitions. Soften our hearts that divine grace may penetrate therein. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, being God, livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost forever and ever. Amen!"

The casket which enshrined the holy remains was opened, with all the requisite solemnity, in the year 1616. The body of the saint appeared to view almost as she was in life, and a fragrance so exquisite that it must have been wafted from heaven, was instantly perceptible to every one present on the occasion.

In the year 1656, on the feast of St. Clare, the shrine was again visited

with the most devotional and impressive ceremonies. Monseigneur, the Archbishop of that city, was there, his Vicar-General Father Delfaget celebrated Mass, and all the community received Holy Communion. They changed the casket, and again its precious contents were found untouched by the withering blight of decay.

One arm and hand had been removed by Henry Sylvius, General of the Order, on the occasion of his visitation to the monastery. He took the relics to Spain, where many marvels were accomplished thereby.

Numerous invalids regained their health by merely touching the wood of the casket where the remains were first enclosed, or by handling the flowers placed therein by those who revered and loved the dear saint.

These records are carefully preserved amongst the archives. (Box No. 133.)

On the twentieth of May, 1688, the remains of St. Joanna were again examined. The record of the event was placed with those above mentioned. This act was lost with the others in the archives, but at the Invention of 1805 it was found upon the body of the saint. The providential preservation of so important a paper must certainly be looked upon as a miracle.

We give an exact and literal copy of the parchment found in the tomb when opened, the same being in the Carmelite Church. January 24, 1805.

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"In the year 1688, on the twentieth day of May we visited the body of St. Joanna, whom tradition accredits with being the daughter of the Count de Toulouse, also with having received the habit of the Order, as a tertiary, from St. Simon Stock some years before he died at Bordeaux.

Reverend Father Saturnin of the