

and the doctors had no hopes of getting the child through the operation. I recommended the child to the especial care of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, gave her the last Sacraments, first Holy Communion, invested her in the Brown Carmelite Scapular, and promised to have it published if she recovered. The child not only recovered but did so in such an unexpected manner that the doctor, a non-Catholic, gave it as his opinion that it was not so much medical skill that had so speedily cured the child, but that prayer had done it. This speedy cure was also a surprise to the Sisters in the hospital and to all others acquainted with the case. For which we give our heartfelt thanks to Our powerful Lady of Mount Carmel.

Another case in which all the members of a family saw the especial protection of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was that of a man suffering from softening of the brain. I had invested him in the Scapular that it might be to him a protection since there was danger of his doing harm to himself when in delirium. In an unguarded moment, one Sunday afternoon the man tried to cut his throat with a razor, making a bad cut, and then he jumped out of the second story window down onto a brick pavement. In the weakened condition he was in, it was looked upon by all as a real miracle that he was not killed outright, but he did not so much as break a single bone, although there was not a bit of flesh on his body to protect him in the terrible fall. Beyond a few insignificant bruises he came off alright. He died quite a long time after, receiving the last Sacraments, from the effects of the disease he had been suffering from.

Besides these two cases I wish to especially thank Our Dear Lady of Mt. Carmel for two other persons. One a

married man recovering from very dangerous gastric abscesses, from which he suffered severe loss of blood by hemorrhages. I gave him the Scapular, and his recovery is gratefully acknowledged.

Then the case of a boy recovering from a very severe and dangerous attack of gastric fever.

These favors are gratefully acknowledged by one who has never seen his confidence in Our Lady of Mount Carmel misplaced.

The annual question again presents itself. Have you performed your Easter duty? If not why not? Your eternal salvation may hang on this question. It may seem superfluous here, but it may meet the eye of some careless soul. If so, in all charity, we beg you, friend, to delay not your conversion. The Lord may come to you like a thief in the night. Now is the time of grace.

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'Tis probably true that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," but to prove that fact it does not seem necessary to picture a couple of "dirty" monks in the act of giving the lie to their libellers. If such an illustrated advertisement appeared in a non-Catholic periodical we might over-look it and say "Father forgive them for they know not what they do," but we think it out of place in a respectable Catholic journal. It may be all right as far as "cleanliness" goes, but we doubt whether in this the editor has approached any nearer to "Godliness."

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You will frequently observe that the world persecutes *living* saints while it praises the *dead* ones.