

this zealous priest, who, in the midst of his pastoral duties, took time to make the necessary researches and to write a most remarkable biography of a Carmelite saint, as a tribute of love to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Our readers will soon have an opportunity to enjoy the work of this learned and pious priest.

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THE *Kansas City Catholic* pays us the following compliment: "THE CARMELITE REVIEW," it says, "is truly a creditable publication. It is so neatly gotten up that its very appearance invites one to read it." Then, commenting on the "Life of McMaster," it says: "We really don't see what there was in the life of McMaster to warrant his life being written." We all feel inclined to poke fun at Western journalism—but it is refreshing, nevertheless, to come across such an unadulterated sample of it as the above. We advise the aspirant to journalistic fame to read what has appeared so far of the life of this great Catholic champion, and he will see what there was in the life of McMaster to make even a Western journalist look out for his laurels.

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PROFESSOR ROENTGEN has become famous by his discovery of the X rays. Bodies that were hitherto considered opaque have become transparent to these wonderful rays. Already scores of practical uses have been found for the application of this astonishing discovery. Science is great, and true science is only a means of discovering more and more of God by the manifestations of His divine perfections in the created world. Religion can find no fault with genuine science—and, as a rule, the greatest scientists are men of faith. We expected the news which has reached us, that Professor Roentgen is a practical Catholic. The church, far from hampering genius, rather fosters scientific research, and hails every new discovery as another truth leading to the God of truth.

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WE call the attention of our clerical readers to the article on the Brown Scapular, contained in the last number (April) of the *American Ecclesiastical Review*. As the question mainly concerns the clergy, we shall not enter into it here. But there is a

statement in the last paragraph which we call in question. The reverend writer states correctly that the Redemptorist Fathers have the privilege to invest a multitude of faithful at once in the scapular, a privilege which, according to the decree of July, 1887, is to cease in July, 1897, after which the Brown Scapular will have to be given separately and individually. But we have not been able to find any document exempting those invested according to this privilege from having their names inscribed on the registers of the Confraternity. The writer refers to a book: "Tresor Spirituel," by Ulrich, published in Paris in 1863. At that time the law of inscription had been suspended in all missionary countries, but this law has again been made universal in July, 1887, without any exceptions, as far as we can ascertain.

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KING MENELEK, of Abyssinia, must have had the idea that the Italian soldiers have no love for the Blessed Virgin. When he called his people to battle against the Italians, he issued a proclamation, which began with these words: "Hear! Hear! May he lose hearing, who is the enemy of our faith and country. Hear! Hear! May he lose hearing, who is an enemy of the Virgin Mary." The proclamation was dated the 20th September, 1895. As our readers will recollect this was the day on which the Italian government celebrated the jubilee anniversary of the taking of Rome. Another strange coincidence was that the proclamation concluded by calling the troops to a final review on the feast-day of the Rosary, the 6th of October. Everybody knows how utterly the Italian troops were defeated by this same Menelek who issued the above proclamation. We are going to be surprised by a few more coincidences. God's mills grind slowly but surely.

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ONE of the most consoling signs of the times is the ever growing influence of holy lives on our mixed communities. That the Catholics of Buffalo should deeply feel the loss of their beloved bishop and should gather in vast multitudes around his bier was to be expected. But the death of the venerable Bishop Ryan gave occasion to an extraordinary demonstration on the part of