



3los Carmeli.

[An English version, by Eugénie de Marie, of the beautiful Latin paraphrase of the miraculous prayer "Flos Carmeli" (Flower of Carmel) which appears in Father Ott's great work, the *Marianum*.]



I.

ARMEL'S flow'ret, thou of tints the fairest!
 Vine luxuriant! sweet the fruit thou bearest!
 In celestial splendor still thou wearest
 Aureole of mother and of maid.
 Yes! a virgin robed in garment snow-white,
 Yet thy heart maternal glows with love-light,
 Brightening up the shades of earthly twilight
 When Mount Carmel's children seek thine aid.

II.

Gently is thy loving care repelling
 Dangers from their steps—and e'er dispelling
 Mourning cloudlets swiftly, darkly swelling
 Round their pathway to the mountain's brow.
 Hark! resounds a clear and joyful chorus
 From earth, sky and sea, for beaming o'er us
 See that star with guiding ray before us
 Shining with a mystic fairness now.

III.

Happy hour to our love appealing
 When o'er Carmel's mount fair dawn was stealing
 Blessed harbinger! let grateful feeling
 Celebrate her coming from above.
 Holy garments for her children bearing,
 Choice the blessings promised for their wearing;
 Our best interests she is ever caring,
 And our shield is Mary's tender love.