



The Hospice of Mt. Carmel.

The Annual Pilgrimage.

The feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Sunday, July 16th, was celebrated at the Hospice of Mt. Carmel by a greater splendor of ceremonies and a more numerous attendance of pilgrims than ever before. One of the local papers published such a good account of the festivity that we can do no better than to make room for it in these pages. After a few introductory remarks, the report continues: "Notwithstanding that the leaden skies of the morning's early hours were most discouraging to the devoted pilgrims, they flocked from both sides of the river as though a city was sending forth its inhabitants.

Buffalo's devout pilgrims and generous patrons numbered 1,600 and the whole throng might be estimated at twice that number.

The ceremonies began with high mass at 10 o'clock, in which religious functions, dignity of ritual, animated oratory and the heartfelt devotion of the pilgrims were blended with inspiring effect.

The music was furnished by the united talent of several church choirs, and was fully worthy of the occasion. It was the oratorical display, however,

that elicited special admiration and lent effect to ceremony and music. Rev. Theodore McDonald, the venerable veteran of his order, whose hoary locks seem like a score of his laborious days in the past, and whose generous and beaming countenance, relaxing so readily to kindly smile, added paternal authority to fervid words of youthful enthusiasm and vigor. He was full of his subject, mounting to many a climax of lucid exposition and stirring exhortation.

Two well known orators were in reserve for the afternoon, Very Rev. A. J. Kreidt, General Superior of the Carmelites and founder of the Hospice, and Very Rev. Dean Harris, the popular speaker and writer of St. Catharines. Father Harris, with the finished grace of moulded sentences, well poised delivery and calculated effect, dwelt on the practical benefits that the splendid work of the Hospice conferred on its patrons and on the great cause of religion in general. He indicated the monumental works of Carmelites in past times and with the power of an historian drew the conclusive induction, that if every age heretofore, even back to the dimly recorded era of infant christianity, disclosed the tri-