

ALL WELCOME !

The Catholic people of Pittsburg diocese, to quote "The Pittsburg Catholic" of June 12th last, "contemplating a visit to the wonderful exposition at Buffalo, will miss a splendid opportunity if they do not avail themselves of taking a few hours, even a day or two, in visiting the famous Hospice of Mt. Carmel at Niagara Falls, Canada. Here the Carmelite Fathers, with that zeal and forethought characteristic of this most ancient order, have turned by their labors what naturally is a most beautiful spot into a veritable paradise. It would take columns to describe the wonderful scenery that surrounds this religious Eden. The Hospice is famed for its genuine hospitality. The excellent monks vie with each other to make the guest, the transient visitor, feel at home. The headquarters of the order for the American province are located here, and it is the residence of the provincial superior. It may not be generally known that the place is open the year round for guests and there are always many here, who come to enjoy the salubrious air, recuperate their jaded senses with the unsurpassed scenery and to make spiritual retreats." The Carmelite Fathers of Niagara Falls extend a hearty welcome to all their Pittsburg friends.

In the language of the street we recently heard a passenger exclaim, as he alighted from a Michigan Central train at Falls View, "that's the real thing !" So it is. In fact the best, only satisfactory and most comprehensive view of the great cataract is to be had from this Canadian view-point.

Recently we heard a zealous priest during a mission urging his hearers to always wear the Brown Scapular. He also recommended the black scapular saying

that it should appeal to the men especially, as the wearer had no obligation to say any particular prayers. This seems to imply that the wearers of the Brown Scapular of Mt. Carmel were obliged to the recitation of certain prayers. They are not. No prayers are prescribed or made obligatory.

SEEKING STRAY SHEEP.

From an interesting letter from an active missionary who has labored in the West some valuable suggestions are taken. Speaking of his methods for reaching those not of the fold this good priest says :

"Dealing with non-Catholics I treat them as I treat my own people in a social way, never standing aloof from them, doffing my hat and speaking to them in passing, talking kindly to them as much as possible, manifesting an active interest in all their concerns, inviting many to call on me, an opportunity neglected by few, presenting them with some little medals, some with Sacred Heart badges, and others with catechisms and missionary prayer-books. To some who I feel will use and appreciate the gift, I present Cardinal Gibbons' most excellent "Faith of Our Fathers." Always when invited, and sometimes when not invited, I call on my non-Catholic friends, and make myself at home very much. A few days ago a Jewess told me on the street she had been sick, and was at one period of her illness about to send for me, for she said : 'I know you could have done me good.' Would I have gone ? Certainly. What would I have done ? Given her the priest's blessing, a St. Benedict medal, and said to her in German or English, 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, convertere ad Dominum Deum tuum.' At every funeral, large and small, of the old and the young, even infants, I preach a short sermon on some beautiful Catholic truth, for many non-Catholics and lukewarm Cath-