

THE HOSPICE

— OF —

MOUNT CARMEL

— AT —

NIAGARA FALLS.

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All legacies, bequests or testamentary dispositions of any kind in favor of the Hospice, should be made to "THE MONASTERY OF MOUNT CARMEL, AT NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO." This is the legal title of our Institute, under which we are incorporated in the Province of Ontario.

INTRODUCTORY.

IT is a very pleasant duty that I am called upon to perform upon this auspicious day, when, for the first time, I may greet our numerous friends and benefactors from the pages of our own modest little REVIEW. I hail this opportunity, for I have much to say.

For more than a year I have been in private communication with hundreds of persons throughout the United States and Canada. In most instances, what began in a mere formal and business-like way, soon ripened into something warmer, and to-day I know that I am addressing a large circle of readers to whom I am no stranger, and who sympathize with us and our work.

I knew that the appeal to all wearers of the Scapular of our dear Mother of Mount Carmel, which had been sent forth from this house, would not find unwilling ears; but even my most sanguine hopes did not lead me to expect such a general and generous response.

My first duty, therefore, is to thank you all publicly in as fervent a manner as I can. You may not look for it, nor desire it, satisfied that the Queen knows the motives which inspired you, and the manner

in which you tried to honor her, but this does not dispense me from my duty.

All the more am I obliged to acknowledge your generosity, as there can have been nothing personal in it. To most of you our Carmelite fathers are strangers. Few in number, and comparatively unknown, we could but make our appeal in the name of her, who is our Mother, the special patron of our order. It is, therefore, to her that we owe your sympathy and kindness, and it is in her name and for her sake that we owe you thanks.

Ours has been a blessed experience. In the midst of a world which seems to be growing every day more and more blind to its final destiny, less and less susceptible to divine influences, we have discovered that the name of Mary has still its charms for thousands of Catholic hearts, and that hundreds of thousands still honor her by wearing her livery, and are thus united with her order in a union of prayers and good works.

Could any experience have been more delightful to a Carmelite?

In the name of Our Dear Lady, therefore, we thank you.

We thank His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, for the great favor he has shown us and our undertaking, by bestowing his special Apostolic Benediction upon all our benefactors—upon all those who have helped us in the past as well as upon those who will help us in the future.

We thank our own beloved Archbishop of Toronto, who from the beginning gave us his full, warm-hearted support, and whose letter, printed on the inside of the front cover, gives evidence of his tender devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

We thank His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, who was among the first of the American prelates to wish us God speed in our undertaking. We thank the many other archbishops and bishops who have encouraged us so much by their kind words of approval, and in several instances even