

principal character who engages our entire attention, a personage unknown to few, beloved by many and respected by all; it is Leo XIII, the Pope in Rome, —the grand old man in the Vatican. But few weeks ago he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Pontificate, his Silver Jubilee as Pope, amidst the enthusiastic manifestations of loyalty, love and veneration from his affectionate children. He has entered the ninety-fourth year of his life, still vigorous and active in mind, if not in body. During this month he will reach the term of Peter's Pontificate to the day. It is with mingled feelings of joy and sadness that we heard his latest expression: "My course is almost run," the Pontiff is reported to have said. It is a good course, to which there is reserved, by the Just Judge, an immortal crown. Many and great are the services Leo has rendered during his long and eventful career to the Church, the State, and the world at large.

His wise and paternal warnings, his masterful and solid teaching, his voice calling for a return to the Redeemer, and His maxims, for a return of men to the Faith of their fathers, for a cessation of wickedness and injustice, and the amendment of life; this warning, this teaching, this voice of the great Leader charged to lead the flock of Christ through the wilderness of this life to the pastures and joys of heaven, if heeded, will ameliorate the world and change the sad conditions prevailing in it.

It fills us with sadness to think of the day when it will be said: "Leo is no more; he has paid his tribute to nature, Leo is dead." We hope this day may yet be far away, being confident, however, and certain that Christ will appoint a worthy successor, who will continue to guide that Church, the Spouse of Jesus, which has from its Divine founder, the assurance that it will last until the end of time, and that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

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Notice.— We have received for review various books from prominent publishing firms. We will review them in our next issue.

Letters of Thanksgiving.

Rev. and Dear Sirs :

Some time ago I was so sick I never expected to be well. I prayed fervently to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Joseph, promising, if I recovered, to have it published in the Carmelite Review. Through the goodness of God I got well, and hope you will publish it.

From a reader of the Review.

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St. Louis, Mo., March 20, '03.

Dear Father :

Enclosed please find an offering for Mass, which I promised to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in thanksgiving for two favors granted. Will you kindly publish it in the Review.

Mrs. W. J. I.

Wearers of the Brown.

Scapular names have been received at: Falls View : from Trinity, Md.; Stratford, Ont.; St. Joseph's, N.S.; Uniontown, Pa.

Petitions Asked For.

The following petitions are recommended to the prayers of our readers :

Conversion of a friend ; Souls in Purgatory ; a happy death ; vocation of a boy ; health for pastor ; success in studies ; spiritual and temporal success ; help in sore need.

Obituary.

We recommend to the prayers of our readers the following deceased :

Mrs. Mary Lawler, who died in Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 21st, 1903 ; Mrs. F. Egan, Detroit, Mich. ; Sr. M. A. Berchmans Carroll, who died peacefully in the Lord, Feb. 15th, 1903 ; Mrs. Prudence Lee, who died on Feb. 13th, 1903.

May they all rest in peace.

Only a man of worth can recognize worth.