

EDITORIAL NOTES.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE month of May is the month of Mary. The month of flowers is the month of the "Flower of Carmel."

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MANY of our Catholic journals published richly illustrated Easter numbers. Among others we noticed especially *The New World* and *The Western Catholic News*, of Chicago, *The Freeman's Journal*, New York, *The Orphans' Bouquet*, of Boston, with its pretty colored cover; *The Notre Dame Scholastic*, &c., &c.

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EVERY Catholic Church in the world will have an altar, or at least a statue of the Blessed Virgin, decorated with flowers and ornamented as far as means will allow, in honor of Mary, during this lovely month. Every Catholic home ought to have some representation of the Heavenly Queen in prominence, before which the family can pay their devotions to the "Mother of beautiful love."

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THOSE who are unable to attend May devotions in church, should make it a point to substitute some practice of devotion to the Immaculate Queen in their homes. Many indulgences can thus be gained at home. And all of us should erect a shrine in our hearts to the "Mother of Divine Grace" and there pay our daily homage to the "Queen." There is surely no Catholic, who still has a spark of faith in his soul, who has not a warm corner in his heart for our "Mother."

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THE feast of St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi on the 25th of May is dear to every lover of Carmel. Through the kindness of Senor Lino Soler, the venerable editor of the *Revista Carmelitana* in Spain, we are enabled to present our readers with a good picture of this great saint of prayer and divine love. The poem on our first page is a glowing tribute to the dear Florentine saint, whose body, as tender and pliable as on the day of her death, and free from all

corruption, lies under the high altar of the chapel of the Carmelite Nuns in Florence. It will be exposed to the veneration of the faithful during the octave of her feast.

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ANOTHER great saint of the month is St. Simon Stock—the sixth Latin General of our order. His feast is on the 16th of the month. He was an Englishman. It was in the oratory of the Carmelite Priory in Cambridge, England, that the Blessed Virgin appeared to him and gave him the Scapular of Mount Carmel. It is now more than six hundred years since this heavenly gift was bestowed on the Christian world. England has become untrue to Mary and her Son since then, but we may be sure that our saint has not forgotten his native land. Love for the Mother of Jesus is beginning to revive in that remarkable country, which has so long remained in the shadow of the valley of death. But England needs a visitation of God, before she will again bow in humble supplication before the "Mother of Mercy." And if signs deceive not, she is rapidly approaching her days of visitation. May she know them when they are upon her before it is too late, and again become the "dowry of Mary."

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DURING the beautiful month of May, many devout clients of Mary seek the shrines dedicated to her honor. It is also the beginning of the season at Niagara Falls. We invite our friends, who may choose this month for their visit to the Falls, to pay a visit to the shrine of Our Lady of Peace, attached to the Carmelite Monastery at Falls View. A plenary indulgence can be gained by such a visit, and seven years and seven quarantines for every subsequent visit during the same year, both indulgences applicable to the souls in purgatory.

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DURING these days of Apaism, it was an act of unusual significance to present the "Laetare" medal to the sole survivor of the