

*mented Mother's birth, for she was born on the 8th May, 1808, and died twenty years ago, full of years and of merits.*

*It has therefore been thought appropriate, since the occasion suggests it, to publish the LIFE OF MOTHER CARON this year. For it is justly considered that such a biography must prove useful to the Sisters of that Community and profitable to their spiritual welfare, and consequently to the success of that work which is being perpetuated by her daughters. This publication will serve, moreover, as a continuation of the LIFE OF MOTHER GAMELIN, which was written some years ago. To this end, long and patient rearcheses were begun months before, and in the very bosom of the Community. Archives were ransacked, surviving contemporaries questioned, notes and correspondence, materials of various sorts, were accumulated. The book, in fact, was ready made, and the writer had only to apply himself to its general arrangement, and taking up the pen, — and writing as it were, breathlessly, — to bring to life again the very simple, very human, but at the same time very christian and very beautiful life of Mother Caron.*