

no better use than printing thousands of copies of such lectures as that of Dr. Walsh and sending them throughout the length and breath of the land. The fruit resulting would be immeasurable.

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 "It is but right and proper to honor her (Mary) whom God Himself so much honored," says the memorable Archbishop of Toronto. "Besides," says His Grace, "in honoring her we but honor the gifts and graces which God so abundantly bestowed on her and which crowned her with honor and glory."

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 This year of grace will be full of reminiscent anniversaries for our Holy Father. It seems but a short time ago when we celebrated his sacerdotal golden jubilee. What grand work for the glory of holy church has not the glorious Pontiff performed during the past decade.

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 In a letter of recent date from our Spanish correspondent, Don Juan Pedro, mention is made of a beautiful gift of the Holy Father to the Queen Regent of Spain at an audience which His Holiness gave to the Spanish Ambassador at the Vatican, Senor Merry del Val. The Holy Father presented him with a beautiful rosary as a present to the noble Queen Regent of Spain. The rosary is a work of art, composed of gold brilliants and stones of matchless beauty, and contains numerous relics gathered from the various sanctuaries of the Holy Land.

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 The Spanish ambassador referred to above is the highly respected father of Monsignor Merry del Val, the Papal Alegate to Canada, who has been received with the highest honors by the civic and ecclesiastical authorities of the Dominion. His mission is to examine the settlement proposed by the Liberal government of Mr. Laurier of the vexed Catholic school question of Manitoba. A conference under the presidency of the Alegate has been held at Montreal, to which all the Archbishops of Canada had been convoked. Its outcome has not yet been

made public at this writing, but we can rely on the fact that the justice of the claims made by the minority in Manitoba is so evident that a fair settlement will be the final outcome.

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 The Vatican Seminary is to be made a full fledged university, according to a recent decree of the Holy Father. It will probably be called the Pontifical Seminary and have full rights to confer degrees. Natural sciences are to form a special feature of the curriculum. The students of the American province of the Carmelite Order, studying theology in Rome, are pupils of the Vatican Seminary. The Carmelite students at the close of the last scholastic year bore off the philosophical and theological honors of the seminary and merited the personal approbation of the Holy Father, who praised them highly.

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 The French Academy, the "Immortals," are a noble exception to the majority of French scientists and infidel professors. Persistently they have rejected Zola, the literary apostle of dirt, and now they have opened their ranks to one of the noblest Christians in France or elsewhere, Comte de Mun, the Apostle of Christian socialism, the founder of the Catholic Workmen's guilds, the valiant champion of every Catholic cause against the bitter enemies of the Church, has been elected a member of the French academy to succeed the late Jules Simon. Everything is not yet "rotten in the state of Denmark," when France accords her highest honors to such an uncompromising heroic Catholic.

CLARKSBURG, ONT.

REV. AND DEAR FATHER,—I return thanks for having entirely recovered from a very troublesome disease since I asked you and the kind readers to pray for me. I remain, yours very respectfully,
 S. M. F.

CALEDONIA, ONT.

DEAR FATHER,—I wish to thank Our Dear Lady of Mt. Carmel for a great favor obtained through her intercession. I promised her to ask you to publish it if obtained. Yours faithfully,

A READER OF THE CARMELITE REVIEW.