

It came with the subscription of a reverend reader who braves the dangers of the far North in quest, not of gold, but of souls—whose loss could not be repaid by a thousand Klondikes. Next year we hope to receive an interesting letter from the Yukon country.

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In his interesting sketch on the "Church in India," which appeared in the *Rosary Magazine*, Father Gleeson tells us among other things that, the "great apostle Xavier, who came in 1542, is said to have drawn to the faith somewhere between one and two millions, and he consequently made the most definite and permanent mark on the native population. This zealous laborer for God and the Church died twelve years after his arrival, but the work of conversion was carried on triumphantly by his followers, not only among the native pagans, but also among the Nestorian Christians, in whose behalf the archbishop of Goa, Alexias de Menezes, convoked a council in 1599 at Dampier, and received the submission of the Nestorian faithful to the number of 250,000 souls. Unfortunately, half a century later the descendants of these people had relapsed into their original errors, but the majority of these were reclaimed by Carmelite missionaries sent out by Pope Alexander VII." We might add that our fathers are still in India

unostentatiously winning souls for Christ.

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The Carmelite devotion to the holy Infant of Prague is becoming more and more popular among devout Catholics. In one of the future numbers of this magazine we will give our readers a sketch of this devotion.

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The *Catholic Home Annual*, which made its first appearance fifteen years ago, has just been issued for 1898, and will, we are sure, meet with a hearty welcome from its ever-increasing army of friends. The present number is unusually interesting, and in its pages will be found contributions from the foremost Catholic writers. A glance at the number shows a delightful choice of reading: there are stories by Maurice Francis Egan, Walter Lecky, Rosa Mulholland (Lady Gilbert), Katharine Tynan Hinkson, Marion Ames Taggart, Margaret M. Trainer; more serious articles by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Conaty of the Washington University, and others. This splendid almanac will be sent to all our readers who pay in advance for THE CARMELITE REVIEW till the end of next year.

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PRAY FOR THE DEAD.

BY HENRY COYLE.

Pray for the dead! Bereft of all save hope
The poor souls now through Purgatory grope
And plead for help in their great agony,
That they from misery may soon be free.

Pray for the dead! Ask God for their release
From suffering—that all their pains may cease;
Though He is mighty and reigns Lord above,
He is our Father and His name is Love.

Pray for the dead! Oh, Father, now we plead;
For the poor souls we pray and intercede;
Grant them forgiveness—take them to your breast
That they may find the peace they crave and rest.