

SAVED BY THE SCAPULAR.

THE Reverend Father Milleriot, S. J., has of late been giving in the columns of the *Chroniques du Carmel* some personal experiences whereby he shows that the Scapular is, as always, a "safeguard in danger."

"The Apostle of the poor and the laborers" as Father Milleriot was known, was conducting a mission in a prison in Paris. Having heard the confession of a female prisoner, he enrolled her in the brown Scapular, and exacted from her the promise never to part with it. Some days after he met this person in the courtyard of the prison. "How are you?" he asked. "Oh Father" said she, "since I saw you last everything has gone wrong with me.—I had hanged myself." "Hanged yourself! Poor child!" said the priest. "Yes, hanged myself. My associates here had accused me of an infamous deed. They all cried 'you are abominable.' I was furious thereat and excited to the utmost. In order not to cutlive this disgrace, I hastened to the cistern in order to jump in, but felt forcibly kept back. Then I went to the attic to hang myself and suspended myself from a large hook. I was well-nigh choked and noticed mythroat contracting. At this moment I raised my heart to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and the rope snapped asunder."

Another instance related is that of a man who failing in honesty and fearing arrest decided to commit suicide. He communicated his intentions to Father Milleriot. How did he act? He said to the despairing man: "At least do me one favor, take the Scapular and promise me not to take it off." "Father," said the man, "I promise it because you have been so kindly disposed towards me." Then he left.

"My friend," said the priest to himself, "you may attempt to kill yourself, but you will not die." Some days after this the unfortunate man was overcome by a temp-

tation of despair. In order to carry out his awful design he leaped into the Seine. He couldn't swim. He tried twice to keep under, but in vain, the Scapular had saved him. He became ill and was converted.

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Month of the Heart of Mary.

THE month of August is dedicated to the Pure and Immaculate Heart of our holy Mother. It is remarkable that the first church dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was also at the same time consecrated to the Heart of Mary. Pope Pius VII furthered this devotion by granting a Feast with an appropriate Mass and Office. In 1836 the famous Arch-confraternity was established in Paris. When in 1832, Abbe Desgenettes was appointed cure of Notre Dame des Victoires he found the parish in a state of hopeless ignorance and indifference as to religion. Out of a population of 25,000 souls only about 800 were communicants. The Abbe was heart-broken. Long years of work on the part of the zealous priest did little good. But there was a mother's heart watching over these stray sheep. One day whilst celebrating Mass at Our Lady's altar Father Desgenettes felt inspired to consecrate his parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And what was the result? Not only was the parish reformed, but hundreds of miraculous cures and conversions followed. When the devotion was established during a whole year there were but 720 Communions; two years later they numbered 9,950. Associations are now established throughout the world. Unspeakable good has resulted from this devotion. What confidence, then, should we not have in the most pure Heart of Mary! Who can fathom its tenderness?

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O Mary, it is from thee that Jesus has received the blood He has shed for us.—*St. Hilary of Arles.*