

directly mentioned, but it is evident that the book is published to put the faithful on their guard against this pseudo-Gabriel who claims to be the Archangel himself.

3. *Le R. P. Henri Chambellan, S. J.* (1831-1892.) par le P. Charruan, S. J. 1 vol. pr. 3 francs.

The late Jesuit Father Chambellan, provincial of the Jesuits in France, was, above all his other eminent qualities, a most prudent and enlightened director of souls. This volume is, therefore, all the more valuable, as it contains copious extracts from the spiritual correspondence between this gifted soul and those under his charge.

#### PERIODICALS.

There is a most interesting article on Niagara Falls, by J. W. Spencer in the May number of the *Popular Science Monthly*. It is beautifully illustrated with views of the Falls, maps of the surroundings and geological sections of the territory, through which the river has cut its way. Like all former students of the river's history Mr. Spencer gives us the exact age of the river, 32,000 years. He even predicts the number of years it can still count on the future, 5000, so that Niagara River will finally die at the good old age of 37,000 years, all its glory having been absorbed by that time by the Chicago canal. We have heard so many different computations of the dear old river's age all the way from 55,000 years to the short span of 3000 years, that we may be excused if we find ourselves a little sceptical at this latest discovery. But we must say the theory laid down by Mr. Spencer as to the formation of the gorge and falls of Niagara river, seems to be the result of the most fargoing research up to the present day. We are inclined therefore to hold on to his deductions until this problem of ages has received some more plausible solution.

#### "AT THE SIGN OF OUR LADY."

Inns in England were, in the old days, frequently named for the Blessed Virgin and put under her protection. Her picture adorned the sign-board, and one spoke of the Sign of the Virgin, or of stopping at Our Lady's Inn, or at the Inn of Our Lady of Pity, as the case might be. Sometimes on the sign there was a Salutation, or

Annunciation, with Gabriel addressing Our Lady.

Frequently the Puritans, too parsimonious to destroy, would disgrace these signs, and call the Inn the "Soldier" and "Citizen," or similar names. After the Reformation they had a fashion also of painting out the picture of the Blessed Virgin, leaving only St. Gabriel with his scroll in his hand, on which was inscribed the Angelic Salutation.

#### PETITIONS.

THE following petitions are recommended to the charitable prayers of our readers: Conversions and reform, 20; employment, 8; temporal, 20; spiritual, 21; special, 20; cures, 5; families, 7; vocations, 2; sick persons, 4; children, 3; happy deaths, 2; souls in purgatory, 1. Thanks are also returned for many favors obtained.

TO-morrow is only to-day carried forward. The future to a man in middle or mature life will contain very little not to be found now in his soul. To-morrow is only a point in the river a little nearer the sea. The same water flows there that flowed a hundred miles above. It is a sad thing when one must confess for himself that these passing hours are the photograph of the remainder of life. To-morrow will only be to-day rolled on, and when maturity has fully come this worship of to-morrows should be given up, and the full significance of the present should burst upon the intellect and soul.

GOD of my heart, I pray thee to love those who do not love thee, to open to those who do not knock, and to cure those who not only take pleasure in being sick, but who even labor to increase their malady. Thou didst come upon the earth to seek sinners; behold them, my God, the real sinners. Listen only to thy mercy and thy clemency, and save them.—ST. TERESA.

THOSE who love repentance are the true children of Mary. It is at the foot of the cross they meet her, crucifying herself with Jesus Christ and drinking in the love of suffering at the very fountain—the wounds of the dying Saviour.—BOSSUET.