

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Story of the South.

A good story well told finds plenty of readers. This is an axiom not lost sight of by energetic publishers. Where there is a demand, there ought also to be a corresponding supply. It has been our earnest endeavor and ardent wish to give our readers something in the line of fiction that would absorb their attention from beginning to end. We have been very fortunate, and feel happy in being able to make the fact known to all our readers. A story—real, living and natural—has been written especially for us by one of the best of our Catholic writers—one who is able to make the reader see a thing just as she sees it. The scene is laid in old Kentucky, and the scenery and events are just as vivid as if painted by the author of an "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Nothing lags, nor is there any attempt to "pad." The story is enhanced here and there by the touch of the poet's hand. Anna C. Minogue stands high in literary fame, and we feel proud in introducing her to our readers. We hope our effort to supply good reading will be appreciated, and that our subscribers' list will receive a large increase.

February Feasts.

By referring to the Carmelite Calendar, it will be seen that we celebrate in February the feasts of two great saints of our Blessed Lady's Order. One of them is Saint Andrew Corsini, whose name has added honor to his already noble family, adorned the Episcopate and shed lustre on the Order of Carmel. On some future occasion we intend to give the interesting details of St. Andrew's life. During this and the succeeding months of 1898, we are enabled to treat our readers to a carefully prepared and highly interesting biography of another Carmelite who holds a most conspicuous place in the February calendar—we mean St. Peter Thomas. It will be observed that the opening chapters of this readable Life appear in this number of THE CARMELITE REVIEW. It will not

be dry reading. We say this because some luke-warm Catholics have an aversion for "Lives of the Saints." Perhaps it is because their taste has become vitiated, and their faith blunted, by imbibing too freely of the torrent of sweet, poisonous matter with which money-making book-makers are flooding the land. There may not be enough of "spice" and "ginger" in these lives to suit every reader, nevertheless the Life of St. Peter Thomas will furnish matter highly interesting. And naturally. The life of this great Carmelite was most closely interwoven with one of the most thrilling historical epochs, the events of which are again worked into a living pen-picture for the benefit of our readers. The life loses nothing in the hands of the pious and talented translator, who, prior to this labor of love, has deserved the gratitude and unceasing prayers of every reader of THE CARMELITE REVIEW.

Consecration of Children.

Candlemas recalls the edifying sight of those pious parents who bring their offspring to the temple of God, in order to consecrate them to their Creator, as Mary and Joseph brought Jesus "to Jerusalem to present to the Lord." This pious practice of parents, perhaps, is not, alas! so universal as it should be. Parents dream of a future for their children that holds in store for them things that are but shadows. They willingly bring those tender buds to the temples of Wealth, of Honor, or Luxury, and alas! are too often guilty of spiritual infanticide. External acts of devotion are to be commended. They make an impression on the infant mind, and are warranted to be a guiding star to them in future life. Last month, in speaking to our readers of the wonderful spread of devotion to the miraculous Infant of Prague, we mentioned the fact of parents dedicating their children to God. Since we penned those lines, we have received some very edifying letters from some of our readers. Passing, we may say that we are informed of more than one cure in cases where the picture or