

### Obituary.

We recommend to the prayers of our readers the following deceased:—

Rev. Francis Ryan, of Toronto, who died March the 8th. The deceased was one of the most distinguished priests of the country. A very able scholar, zealous in the discharge of the ministry, eloquent in the pulpit, of a kind and gentle nature, which manifested itself to all, especially to the poor, Father Ryan will be remembered by all, irrespective of standing or creed.

William Donovan.

Sr. M. Patrick, who died at Kingston, Ont., Feb. 17th.

Mr. S. Lambert, a devout client of Our Lady.

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### ASPIRATION.

(From St. Francis Xavier, S. J.)

My God I love Thee ! not the crown  
Of glory to attain ;  
Nor do I love, my dearest Lord,  
Through servile fear of pain.  
I see the nails, the lance, the cross,  
The lone Gethsemane,  
I see the scourge and thorny wreath  
And these were all for me !  
Then shall I not reciprocate  
These proofs of love Divine ?  
O, by Thy wounds and precious blood  
Inflame this heart of mine,  
And may its mystic chords vibrate  
In holy monotone ;  
"I long to love Thee Jesus, Lord,  
For Thy dear Self alone.

Enfant de Marie.

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### MIRACULOUS INFANT OF PRAGUE

Carmel in X., 1900—One of our sisters was subject to phlebitis. The physician told us, that this sickness was generally of long duration, and our sick sister being the sacristan of our monastery, one can readily understand that it was rather a heavy cross, not only for the infirm sister, but also for the mother Superior. The latter had to be the sacristan until the former would recover. In her illness the sister placed all her confidence in the sweet Infant of Prague,

in whose honor the community was holding novenas. Besides this, the sister placed a picture of the holy Infant upon those places of her body which pained her most, and denied the Heavenly little King his freedom until he would release her of her malady. The mother superior promised amongst other things, also to have the sister's recovery published in the "Chroniques du Carmel." The lovely Infant hastened now to reward the good sisters for their great confidence. The sister's pains disappeared against all expectation, and she gradually regained her former strength. The sisters, on their part, hastened to give thanks to their sweet little Benefactor. At another time this holy Infant released also the mother superior from a very annoying malady.

(Stimmen v. Berge Carmel.)

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### A LESSON FROM NATURE.

The great book of nature, in which many an important lesson is written by the hand of the Creator, is especially instructive in spring tide. We see new life everywhere. All creation arises from its wintry sleep and manifests in a thousand ways the perfections of its Author, thus singing His praises and giving Him the glory which the Almighty desires, and which alone influenced Him to pronounce the great fiat that called myriads of beings into existence.

Can man, the king of the universe, be heedless of so powerful an example ; can he alone, instead of tending towards his Maker, basely turn from Him by sin, unmindful of the cry everything around him emits : "Sursum Corda !"

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Man spends his life reasoning on the past, complaining of the present, and trembling for the future.

In olden times men painted to show the object of faith ; to-day they use objects of faith to show the painting.—Ruskin.

Gossip is a sort of smoke that comes from the dirty pipes of you who diffuse it. It proves nothing but the bad taste of the smoker.—George Eliot.