

Editorial Notes.

Some Closing Remarks.

The Carmelite Review has now completed its eighth year, and thanks to Our Blessed Lady and her devout clients we are still able to pay the printer. With much hope and courage we expect to see this little magazine grow old in the new century. Those who brought it into being and now care for its interest will pass away, but a new generation of Mary's children will rise up and keep it in existence. We have found staunch friends in those who have written for its pages—those who have used their pens gratuitously. To them we owe much gratitude, and we are sure Our Lady will amply repay them. Amongst those good friends who stood by us with pen, and purse at times, we with grateful hearts refer to Very Rev. Aloysius M. Blakely, C. P., Vicar-General of Bulgaria; "Enfant de Marie" of St. Clare's Convent, Dublin, Ireland; Miss Sue X. Blakely, of St. Mary's, Pa.; Francis W. Grey, Esq., of Bath, England; Miss Eleanor C. Donnelly, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Caroline D. Swan, of Gardiner, Maine; the Rev. Augustinian Father, F. X. McGowan, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y. and others. May Our Lady obtain for them all every blessing from her Divine Son! and earnestly do we crave for them the prayers of all who read this magazine.

Carmel Celebrates.

The tenth anniversary of the coming of the Carmelite nuns to Boston was duly celebrated on the 26th of November last with becoming ceremonies. Two days were given to the services. The first day was given to a service of

thanks for the many favors and graces received. On the second day the good Sisters gave themselves up to prayers for their deceased friends and benefactors. On the first day Most Reverend Archbishop Williams pontificated, and on the second the Vicar-General, Very Rev. W. Byrne, D.D., sang a Requiem Mass in the beautiful chapel which was filled with the friends of the Carmelites, who for a decade of prayer and example have brought many blessings on the people in and far beyond Boston.

The Purpose of Third Orders.

The Dominican Father, Rev. Clement M. Thunte, lately wrote in the N. Y. "Catholic News":

"We find many devout, zealous persons who, lamenting, say: I am sorry that I cannot go to a convent. I felt this holy desire, but I knew the voice of God too late. Very few religious communities admit persons over twenty-five years of age. Others again say: I should like to become a religious, but I cannot. I must remain at home to help my parents, to care for my brothers and sisters. Again others say: I cannot go to a convent because I am not strong enough. The privations and austerities of a convent are too great for the delicate condition of my health. All such persons need not lament. For them God may not have prepared the way to the convent life. But from this it does not follow that He has not called them to a life of perfection. For them the Third Orders of St. Dominic and St. Francis have been instituted. Pope Benedict XIII. says that these Third Orders are truly religious orders, most perfectly adapted for the acquisition of Christian perfection. The rules of these Third Orders are simple and easy, the obligations few, the advantages many, the field for doing good is without limit."

And every word from this zealous son of St. Dominic applies to our Third Order of Mt. Carmel.