

feared that excavations cannot be pursued as the place has been built over to such an extent that there would be danger lest the foundations of other houses were disturbed."

This was, no doubt the burying place of the Carmel Priory of London, one of the principal houses of the Carmelite Order in England before the Reformation. Gasquet, in "Henry VIII and the English Monasteries," states that the library of this Priory was the most valuable in England at the time of the suppression of the Monasteries.

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THE last half decade of the nineteenth century has begun. A few years more and it will join the centuries that have passed before it, and take its place in the pages of history as the century of — what? It is too remarkable, not to receive a distinguishing title. It has not distinguished itself in art or literature. Science has achieved a partial success, but truly scientific men know, that this century has produced more absurd theories and more overweening conceit than solid progress. It has been a century of industrial success. A century of machinery. It has been called the century of iron—a metal which is indispensable in machinery of all kinds. It has been called the century of paper—on account of the activity of the printing press. But the greatest characteristic of the century has been the development of rapid communication between all parts of the globe. The railroad and steamboat are the great inventions of this century. The telegraph and telephone are only aids in this rapid intercourse between nations. If we are to specify any particular symbol of the age let us call it the century of the *wheel*. The century closes with the triumph of the wheel. Part of our life is spent on the wheel. Railroads, trolley cars, bicycles, and last but not least, horseless carriages are rendering distance a pleasure and enjoyment, rather than a fatigue. We are on wheels now, and are rolling along in our course of progress into the twentieth century. After ages of walking, of riding, of sailing and of wheeling, there should be an age of flying—and it will come. The twentieth century will be the century of *wings*.

Two Worthy Carmelites Called Home.

THE Carmelite Order has to record the death of two of its members, one of whom labored in Ireland, the other in the American Province. The Very Rev. John Bartley, O. C. C., closed his earthly career in the 63rd year of his age, on November 28th, 1895, at the Carmelite Convent, Augier street, Dublin, Ireland. Father Bartley, who had been in failing health for the past few years, had come to Dublin to consult his physician, but all medical aid proved unavailing, and he quietly passed away, surrounded by his religious brethren, in the convent where he had spent the greater part of his pious and laborious, though unostentatious, life. Father Bartley was one of the most distinguished members of the Carmelite Order in Ireland. He held the office of Provincial in Ireland for three terms; had presided over the Colleges at Terenure and Lower Dominick street for many years, and at the time of his death was Prior of the Carmelite Convent, Kildare, to which office he was only recently elected for the fourth time. During his term of office as Provincial he was mainly instrumental in obtaining a foundation of the Order in New York, which city he visited twice in connection with that work. Indeed, it is to his arduous labors there during one of the most severe winters on record, that the beginning of the lung affection, which ultimately caused his death, must be attributed. His loss will be deeply mourned not only by the members of his own community, but by the large number of the faithful with whom he came in contact during the forty years of his sacred ministry, and to whom he endeared himself by his gentleness and benevolence, as well as by his zealous and ceaseless labor in their spiritual interests. He was for many years honorary secretary of the Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society, in the work of which he took an active part. His death was a fitting close to his life, edifying and peaceful. The Solemn Office and High Mass for his eternal repose took place at the Carmelite Church, Whitefriar street, Dublin, on Monday, Dec. 2nd, at 11 a.m., after which his remains were removed for interment to Glasnevin cemetery.

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OUR own Province in America has suffered a heavy loss in the person of the Rev.