

sight was hopelessly gone. In this sad state nothing but a speedy death was to be apprehended, and indeed, according to the subsequent attestations of physicians, it was a miracle that it did not take place. Colpe, feeling himself in danger of dying without the Sacraments, cast himself upon the generosity of *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*. O! how fervently he prayed! And his confidence was rewarded. He suddenly recovered his sight, and lived for fifteen days after the occurrence, dying, as he had predicted, on a Saturday. These details are taken from the process drawn up at the mandate of the Bishop of Segovia, who directed his priests to make them known throughout for the greater honor and glory of Mary.—FR. DANIEL, OF THE B. V. M. *Speculi Carmelitani, Part III, P. 416.*)

At St. Junion, in October, 1653, writes Fr. Lejeune, a surgeon, Leonard Tamin by name, received a sword-thrust in his heart deep enough to have caused his instant death. He wore the Scapular with sentiments of devotion and reverence towards Mary, and his first impulse was most fervently to implore her assistance. Wonderful to relate, he had sufficient time to receive the Sacraments, and to make his will, having lived nine hours after the accident.

For all of the above I have the authentic declaration of the Vicar who administered the Sacraments, attested by several witnesses whose veracity is unquestionable.

"One of our former pupils," writes Monsieur Blot, missionary apostolic and almoner of the Carmelites at Paris, having determined upon self-destruction, put two bullets into his brain for that purpose. Nevertheless he lived long enough to repent of his rash act, recovered his speech sufficiently to make his confession, and received the last anointing before he died. Then, with trembling hands, he opened the garment which covered his breast, and showing the Scapular, said in faltering accents: "In former years I prayed so much to Mary, that her merciful heart had compassion on me to-day." Saying these words, a glorious testimony to the efficacy of the Brown Scapular, he closed his eyes and died.

Fr. Mathias, of St. John, in his book upon the Holy Scapular, published in 1656, relates the two following facts: "It is not long since all Paris knew that a noble lord, brother-in-law of a duke and marshal of France, was wounded unto death in a duel. Lying helplessly upon the earth, without any hope of life, he cast himself unreservedly upon the mercy of God, which he asked through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, whose Scapular he had never laid aside. He begged that he might not be permitted to die without confession. And in effect his prayer was heard. He was raised up and taken to the Carmelite monastery, Fauburg Ste. Germain, not far from the scene of the duel. He had time to make a general confession, and died in sentiments of great piety, holding the precious Scapular in his hands. The examination proved that the point of the sword had entered his heart; this plainly showed that his life had been prolonged through the intercession of Mary, to whom, as a faithful wearer of the Brown Scapular, he had always entertained a devotion.

The next example is no less wonderful. The Sire de Cuge, during an engagement which took place in the year 1636, received a sword-thrust which forced the Scapular he wore deep into his body. At first he was thought to be dead, but perceiving that he still lived, they carried him to a chapel near by, and went for a priest, to whom he was soon able to make his confession. He then made his will, and died three hours afterwards, full of gratitude to the Blessed Virgin, who had procured him this favor from God. The medical examiners found his heart all bruised, and the Scapular pressed deeply therein. The Duke of Savoy, Victor Amadeus, formally attested the truth of this before the Archbishop of Turin.—(FR. MATHIAS OF ST. JOHN, *True Devotion to the Holy Scapular, Chap. 32.* FR. BROCARD OF ST. THERESA, *Recueil d'Instructions, P. 256.*)

Fr. Crasset, of the Society of Jesus, in his book, "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin," p. 320, relates this example:

"And now I will relate an incident, a *miracle* rather, which happened only four years ago. The Marquis de S., whose veracity and honorable character is beyond