

Letters of Thanksgiving.

A lady wishes to return thanks through the Review for two temporal favors obtained through our Blessed Lady and the Scapular.

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Dear Rev. Fathers:

I promised, while suffering a very serious illness, public thanksgiving to God, if restored to health through the intercession of the Saints to our Lady of Peace. Please accept enclosed offering for a Mass for all the suffering souls in Purgatory.

Mrs. H. D. B.

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Dear Fathers:

Enclosed find amount for which please have a Mass said in honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help, which I promised to send if special favors were received. Thank God my wish was granted. Please publish this in the Carmelite Review.

A Child of Mary.

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Kindly publish a great favor obtained through the intercession of our Blessed Lady, St. Joseph and St. Anthony. I was in great fear over the disappearance of my brother and feared for the worst. Thanks to the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph and St. Anthony, he was found. I now beg that our Lady, St. Joseph and St. Anthony may help us and him for the best of our souls.

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Benevolence is not to be measured by the size of its gifts. More good will may go with a dime than a dollar. The sunny smile, the warm handclasp, and the cheering word should be counted in.

Give me the man who has been tried in the crucible, who has been purified by the fire of misfortune, and comes forth purged from vanity and its train of demands.

God is still with us, and so are the angels of God. With patience and courage we may fit ourselves for their kind services, and so make good use of the roughest places over which we must travel to the rest and reward of the glorious future.

THE REAL BELIEF.

O Faith! what an idle word thou art upon the tongues of men! Why will we make God a liar, instead of studying His word? To love God is not to make life a burden, but to lift our hearts above our burdens. To believe in God is to love Him above all things; to love Him above all things is simply to relegate other things to their true place and their minor importance, and thus to make ourselves superior to them. If we believe wealth to be the supreme happiness, to be poor should make us unutterably wretched. If we do not so believe, poverty will only make us unhappy to the measure in which we hold wealth essential to happiness. To seek God's kingdom first, is simply to seek things in proper order. It is to view things in the light of God's eternity, and to make our souls, if not our bodies, impervious to the assaults of time.

SILENCE

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What a strange power there is in silence! How many resolutions are formed—how many sublime conquests effected during that pause, when the lips are closed and the soul secretly feels the eye of her Maker upon her. When some of these cutting, sharp, blighting words have been spoken, which send the hot, indignant blood to the face and head, if those to whom they are addressed keep silent, look on with awe, for a mighty work is going on within them and the spirit of evil or their guardian angel is very near to them in that hour. During that pause they have made a step toward Hell, and an item has been scored in the book which the Day of Judgment shall see opened. They are the strong ones of the earth, the mighty food for good or evil, those who know how to keep silence when it is a pain or grief to them.

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Sorrow is not given to us alone that we may mourn; it is given us that, having felt, suffered, wept, we may be able to understand love, bless.