

ties. And when our patriotic love for our heavenly country impels us to come to the relief of those, who in the battle for eternal life, have dropped by the wayside, we know how to aid them and help them to the full fruits of their citizenship. The treasury of the Church is overflowing with riches, which are free to all. And they can nearly all be applied to the poor souls. Let us show our loyalty to our country and our King, by aiding His favorite friends to gain their heavenly citizenship at the earliest possible day.

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THE editor, having been called to the Chapter at Rome, has taken the opportunity to visit the Discalced Carmelites of England, and the Irish Carmelites of both branches. He writes to us that our readers may expect most interesting accounts, not only of the present establishments of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland, but also of the most famous Carmelite Convents of old in these countries. We are doubly glad to be able to announce this as one of the most precious features of the REVIEW for next year, because it is natural that we should love to hear of the glories of our Queen, and because it will be another proof of the truth, in answer to so many historical calumnies.

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THOSE who have accustomed themselves to the beautiful practice of saying the rosary daily during October, should not abandon this meritorious prayer during this month of the poor souls. Let them offer it up daily for their departed relatives and friends, and for all the poor souls. There are many who never allow a day to pass without saying their beads, and their number is daily on the increase. All our readers know that our Holy Father, one of the wisest of living men, believes that the rosary will save modern society. We may not think our own little share as of great importance, but prayer is the most powerful factor of welfare and prosperity that the world has ever known.

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FRANCE was almost intoxicated with delight at the visit of the Russian Emperor. Paris was decorated in his honor, as it never had been before. Hundreds of thousands

of dollars were spent in transient show. And what was the cause of this enthusiastic display of friendship for an emperor, against whose ancestor the French fought so valiantly within the memory of living men? As far as we can see, the Emperor of Russia has, so far, done nothing for France, excepting to do her the honor of borrowing money from her. At the very same time, that all this display was made in honor of a despot, the centenary anniversary of the baptism of Clovis took place at Rheims. It was only with difficulty that the bishops were allowed to assemble for the purpose. It had actually been forbidden by a minister, who, however, has since owing to the frequent changes, been deposed. But Clovis was only the first of the Franks to bend his head under the sweet yoke of Christ. Nowadays the Franks love to bend their necks in doing homage to a persecutor of the Church of Clovis.

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THE Holy Father, as a sequel to his excellent and exhaustive encyclical on the reunion of Christian churches, has published a bull respecting the validity of Anglican Orders. The careful investigation by an impartial commission of these claims, which preceded this papal declaration, and of the results of which it is a summary, precludes all possibility of setting aside its authority, even by those who do not acknowledge the Pope as the Vicar of Christ. As was to be foreseen, it will effect but very few changes at present. The party which was mainly desirous to obtain a recognition of Anglican Orders by the Holy See, is composed of an evanescent minority of English clergymen. Nor is their good faith so very evident. At least, we have not heard of a single one of them so far, who, convinced as he must be after such a competent decision of the illegality of his ministry, has refrained from exercising his so called priestly offices. But, in common with all the public utterances of Our Holy Father, this last one could not have come at a more opportune moment. It takes away the last subterfuge of the half-hearted seekers for truth, and settles their doubts finally.

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ST. JOHN of the Cross, whose feast we celebrate on the 24th of November, is one of the most heroic saints of Mount Carmel.