

no sick in heaven, thank God!) all these will be taken away; but Mary's part, the best part, will not be taken away. Mary will continue in heaven what she began on earth. What are they doing in heaven? Looking at God, enjoying the Beatific Vision. It is in this sight of God, this contemplation of God, that their eternal happiness consists. What are these holy contemplatives doing? They are doing what the angels and saints are doing, and what they are doing now, they will continue to do forever in a holier and more perfect manner. We are in the world, we cannot help it; we have to be with our times; we have to follow what we see in our environment. We cannot crawl along; we are content with nothing less than an electric trolley. Let us remind ourselves that all of this building up of houses twenty-seven stories high and similar things will pass away; and if we cannot choose the best part wholly, like Mary, at least, we choose it in part, we respect it, we direct ourselves by it, because we know it is the true norm, the true standard. Let us remember that in heaven, during all eternity, we shall have to contemplate God, and it will be our joy and happiness. Let us draw this simple conclusion. It will be good for us from time to time to think of God, to contemplate God and His beautiful heaven, so that when our turn comes to go to heaven, we may not feel like strangers."

Mission of the Carmelite Order.

A non-Catholic doctor, who has been edified by the patience and charity of the Carmelite Fathers in Bellevue Hospital, New York, lately wrote to the *Catholic Herald* to enquire if these monks had any special mission. The able and learned editor, Doctor Walsh, replied as follows: "The Carmelite Order has a special mission, for each religious order is an army in itself, with its own means of action, its special arms, and its own standard. Their mission is one which they have in common with other religious orders

—a mission which the philosophy of the last century believed it had destroyed forever, but which has returned to sustain weak and faltering society. Their mission is to work more by example than by word, to stir up dying-out piety; to protest, by a mortified life, against the effeminacy and voluptuousness of a decayed world; to teach the rich that there are purer, higher, nobler and more solid consolations than those which are to be found in earthly possessions; to teach the poor how one can live on little; to point out that there are interests more worthy of our care than those of this fleeting life. And even if society should be deaf to this voice, and remain submerged in its life of selfishness and its entire forgetfulness of God, then would the religious life, by a spirit of prayer and immolation, appease the Divine wrath so justly enkindled against an ungrateful world. The Carmelite Order has a special mission of prayer and sacrifice—the two wings, as it were, on which the human soul soars above all that is sordid and earthly, to the bosom of its Creator."

Died at Their Post.

In the white cowl of St. Dominic, three fathers, with Father Kessler, stood on the deck of the *Bourgogne* on the morning of July 4th last, calmly submitting to the Divine will, making no struggle to save themselves at the expense of others, giving absolution to their fellow-Catholics, and, as we infer from the newspaper notices, chanting, according to the traditions of their Order, the "Salve Regina," as they peacefully awaited death. It was a sight for angels to admire, as the *Catholic News* so well remarks, "a vision of faith, of Christian modesty and