

MARIA, ROSA MYSTICA!

I.

Beneath a Cross,
A Flower, pierced
By Calv'ry's deep thorn glows;
It mourns the death
Of One it loves—
That bleeding, blood-red Rose.

II.

Sweet from a Cross
Around a Flower,
A Face lights up the way;
A Saviour's smile
Yon Rose transforms—
A Lily of the May.

—J. WILLIAM FISCHER.

Just as this number of the Carmelite Review was going to press our glad festal "Glorias" were suddenly hushed in order to chant a prayerful "Requiescat" on the departure from this world of a venerable Brother of our Order—the Reverend Cyril Knoll—the news of whose demise was flashed from the far West on Christmas Eve. Father Cyril entered religion in the young days of the nineteenth century, and with that dying century he went into eternity to receive the reward of a long life devoted to the glory of God and of the Queen of Carmel. But a couple of years ago he celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination, and now, let us hope, he is crowned amidst the jubilant choir of Mary's children. We regret that time and space forbid a more detailed account of this fervent and model Friar. Only last summer our Fathers, assembled in chapter at Niagara, publicly recorded an expression of esteem and fraternal love towards him, and now it is our sad office to ask of our readers a fervent prayer for the repose of the soul of Cyril Knoll—the Father and Founder of Carmel in America.—R.I.P.

Our friends who travel over the Michigan Central Railroad will be glad to learn that that popular road has now been equipped with an automatic electric signal system which ensures absolute safety in addition to speed and comfort.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

We thank the good and zealous Father Slattery, of St. Joseph's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., for the use of the plate which appears as our frontispiece in this issue.

The Catholic Almanac of Ontario for 1901 is a very interesting and useful publication. It contains a complete list of the Canadian clergy and, with copious illustrations, gives the reader some interesting chapters of Canadian church history. Price 25 cents. Address the Publisher, 510 West Queen St., Toronto, Ont.

The excellent and timely translation of the large and small Catechisms of the learned Jesuit, Father Greenings, will be a boon to the catechist. These books are practical, and are so arranged that the dullest child can easily grasp and retain in memory the essentials of Christian doctrine. The Publishers are the Messrs. Benzinger Brothers, New York.

A beautiful holiday book—especially suited as a gift book—is the "Little Lives of the Saints" for children. It contains some splendid full page illustrations. Bound in cloth—price seventy-five cents. Address the publishers, Benziger Bros., 36 Barclay St., New York.

Some splendid new works of fiction can be had from B. Herder, So. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. "Guy's Fortune," by M. B. Eagan, (Price \$1.00) is well worth the reading.

The Sisters of Charity, in Philadelphia, have just published the Life of the late Sister Mary Gonzaga, compiled and written by the well-known authoress, Miss Eleanor C. Donnelly. To the many friends and benefactors of St. Joseph's Asylum the present volume cannot fail to be deeply interesting, considering the long period of years Sister Gonzaga so ably presided over the time honored institution, universally known and beloved by all classes for her benevolence, kindness and true charity to the orphan as well as to the sick and poor generally. The survivors of the late Civil War will no doubt also be pleased to possess a memorial of the one who so kindly ministered for a time at Satterlee Hospital. All proceeds arising from the sale of the work are specially intended to aid in defraying the expenses incurred in maintaining a largely increased number of poor children. The Sisters therefore hope for a ready sale of the book, which can be obtained at the Asylum, 700 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa. Price,