

EDITORIAL NOTES.

BY THE EDITOR.

To all our readers, friends and benefactors a happy New Year, filled with God's grace and mercy, and our Blessed Mother's love.

Our former editor, *R. v. Philip A. Best*, contributes one of his clever little stories to the Youth's Department. We are glad to be able to promise his many friends among our readers that they may look forward to regular contributions from his versatile pen.

This is the last leap year of this century. It looks as if it were going to be one of the most momentous years of the dying century. There are forces at work, which will not be checked by brute military strength. Europe is uncertain of the next hour. The only solid comfort an anxious inquirer into the future can find, lies in the supernatural stability of the Catholic Church.

THE new year of the CARMELITE REVIEW opens auspiciously. We are able in this first number to give our readers some of those treats we promised last month, but did not specify. *Bits of Talk with Women*, by *Mrs. M. L. Sandrock Redmond*, of which the first toothsome bit appears in this number, will be continued throughout the year. They are bits for refined palates, but delicate food is pleasant to all tastes.

THE Scapular and the hagiology of Mount Carmel will find their place in our pages from month to month. *Favors obtained* through the Scapular; some chapters on the organization of the Order in the Latin Church; the *lives of St. Albert and St. Peter Thomas*, and other subjects interesting to all lovers of Mount Carmel, will be presented to our readers by *Sue X. Blakely*, whose linguistic talent enables us to cull from foreign literature so many a precious Carmelite flower.

Among the new princes of the Church created Cardinals at the last Consistory, there is one who for a time held a high position in the Carmelite Order, Monsignor Gotti, who was lately the Papal Nuncio to Brazil, had been previously General of the Discalced Carmelites. He is a very ascetic man, and it is said, that he did not change the severe austerity of his life while holding his high office in Rio de Janeiro. The Holy Father chiefly wishes to honor the Carmelite Order in conferring the Cardinal's hat upon this exemplary friar. The last Carmelite Cardinal was Archbishop Luch, of Sevilla, in Spain.

MISS AGNES REPLIER, one of the very few good essayists of the present day, in a gracious letter to us, generously enters the ranks of our benefactors, and kindly promises our REVIEW a contribution from her gifted pen. She has been in poor health lately, and we request our readers to join us in praying for her recovery. The wholesome influence of Catholic writers upon contemporary literature, and the incidental glory thereby reflected upon the Church, and the cause of Christ, are objects of such importance, that every good Catholic should sympathize fully with those who are instrumental in furthering them.

THE *London Universe* of the 16th of Nov., 1895, records the following interesting fact:

"A Carmelite crypt, about 12ft. square, has been discovered while exhuming the cellar of a house in Britton's Court, Whitefriars. It dates from the middle of the fourteenth century, and is supposed to belong to the monastery which existed in the place in those ages of faith. The roof is a Gothic vault supported by eight groins of Caen stone, and terminating in a rose. It is in a marvelous state of preservation. There is an archway on one side, evidently leading to a passage, but no relics have been found in the interesting ruins. It is