

THE CARMELITE FATHERS.

A correspondent of the *Globe*, writing from Niagara Falls, Ont., on Monday, says:

The Carmelite Fathers to-day laid the corner stone of their new \$80,000 hospice, which is being erected back of the old hospice and west of Loretto Convent, situated on the eminence overlooking the Horseshoe Falls and Queen Victoria Park. The event was an important one in the history of the Order, and transpired on the day, July 16th, of the annual feast of the Order. The occasion was honored by the presence of his Grace Archbishop John Walsh of Toronto and other distinguished priests and clergy of the United States and the Dominion. The day was perfect and drew out a large gathering of Catholics from both sides of the river to view the interesting ceremonies.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the little church near the hospice, and it was crowded to suffocation. Father Pius R. Mayer of New Baltimore, Pa., Provincial of the Carmelite Order in America, conducted the Mass. Archbishop Walsh occupied the seat of honor, and Very Rev. P. J. Kavanagh was honorary deacon. Father Dominick O'Malley of Niagara Falls officiated as deacon, Father Bernard Finck of Kansas as sub-deacon, Father Timothy Sullivan of Thorold as master of ceremonies, and Father Lynch of Niagara, assistant. Siebold's Mass in C was sung by the Holy Redeemer Church choir of Rochester, under the direction of the composer, Prof. F. W. Siebold.

At the conclusion of the Mass the Archbishop made a brief address, referring to the high standing throughout the world of the order of the Monks of Mount Carmel. He cited the objects which his predecessor, Archbishop Lynch of Toronto, had at heart in establishing religious educational institutions on both sides of the river. Niagara University and Loretto Convent, but it remained for the Carmelite Fathers to do a greater work, and to-day was the first step in the great and grand future which the order had before it in founding a large and handsome hospice. The Archbishop said that here nature and God were together, and no more fitting place could be found where the soul could commune with God and find peace and rest. His Grace's remarks were simple and effective, and he invoked the Papal blessing upon the work and the ceremonies which had taken place, and also on the people.

Following the prelate's remarks and blessing a procession was formed and wended its way to the site of the new hospice. The foundation walls and cellar are completed, and a rough shed had been erected over the place where the corner-stone was to be laid, and the handsome piece of stone hung on a derrick ready to be dropped into place. When all were assembled Archbishop Walsh blessed the stone, and while the choir chanted it was lowered to its place and set in cement, the Archbishop using a little silver trowel tied with white ribbon. The litany was then chanted by the assembled fathers and the choir. After the benediction the choir sang beautifully Kam's Veni Creator, and the Franciscan Father, Rev. Raphael Fuhr, O. S. F., of St. Francis College, Quiney, Ill., delivered the oration.

The idea of having a Franciscan deliver the oration arose from the fact that Father Hennepin, the first white man to look upon the great cataract, was a Franciscan, and to honor him and his order a Franciscan was chosen. The theme of Father Fuhr's oration was the Scapular, the insignia of the Blessed Mother of Mary, who was the patron of the Carmelite Fathers. He cited the fact that the fathers of Mount Carmel were the oldest religious sect in existence, and had special favor from Popes and Princes. He

referred to the hospice too, and to the great work the order had accomplished in America as well as other countries. He felt that this grand hospice, so auspiciously begun here, would prove one of the greatest of blessings to the United States as well as the Dominion. After the oration the ceremonies ended, and the visiting and resident fathers surrounded their Archbishop and adjourned to the old monastery and hospice, where dinner was served.

The new hospice will be a very handsome structure. It will be of Medina sandstone, three storeys high, with circular towers on the front entrance. The roof will be of red tile. The main portion will be 139 feet 2 inches long by 47 feet 8 inches wide, with a wing 60 feet 8 inches by 49 feet, having an arcade extending along the west side of the wing 10 feet 8 inches wide, supported by heavy stone pillars. This hospice is designed for the accommodation of the fathers and as a retreat for the laity and clergy for religious communion and rest. It is also designed to in time make the Monastery the headquarters of the order on this continent. The present prior of the hospice is Rev. Father Kreidt, under whose direction this good work is going on.

On the stone was chiseled the following:—"In honorem B.M.V. Demonte Carmelo, positus die, 16 Julii A.D. MDCCCXCIV."

Working for Ireland.

Lady Aberdeen, the indefatigable worker in the cause of developing Irish industries, is now in Ireland. We quote the following from a London paper in reference to her visit: "The Countess of Aberdeen arrived at Queens-town from Canada on Saturday morning last, and has since been touring in the south of Ireland in the interests of the Irish Industries Association. Everywhere she was well received, and her zeal in establishing the Irish village in Chicago was cordially commended. Her ladyship brought back the last of the Irish girls taken out under her auspices in the person of Miss Sullivan, and expressed her desire that Irish goods should be brought before the notice of passengers on Atlantic steamers. She declared that her husband and herself were grateful to the Queens-town convent which had worked so heartily in their cause. The mayor of Cork hoped that under the future and happier time of home rule Lord and Lady Aberdeen would be the first rulers of Ireland as the representatives of the Queen. Her ladyship pledged herself that the links which bound her household would be forged faster by what they had heard, and reiterated their pride and delight to do all they could for the promotion of Irish welfare. The American consul sent a telegram of deep interest and warm sympathy in the labors of the countess, and the real good of the Irish people, which should be of concern to every one of his countrymen."

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The *Westminster Gazette*, commenting on the report that Lord Salisbury has decided to accomplish the throwing out of the budget bill when it reaches the House of Lords, on account of the estates duty clauses, expresses hope that the report is true. If such a thing were done, the *Gazette* says, it would unite the whole of the Liberals, and would demand that the Government give immediate effect to the mandate of the Leeds anti Lords Conference.

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