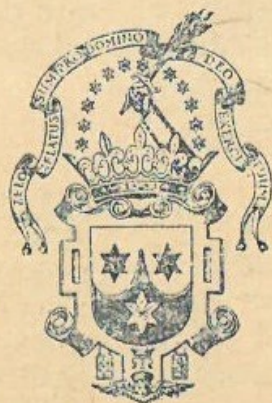


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## OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL July 16th, 1953

Once more we come round to the glorious Feast of Our Lady of Carmel. It is an occasion when I greet all wearers of the Brown Scapular, all members of the Third Order Carmelite, and our brothers and sisters all over the world.

Will you, and they, all join with me in saluting our Blessed Lady on July 16th by going to Holy Communion? Greet Our Blessed Lord upon that holy morning in the name of His Blessed Mother and ask Him for mercy and Her for protection, and from both a blessing on the year to come.

We have Scapulars galore. Don't be short of the Brown Scapular, 4d., 6d., 8d.—it depends on the colour scheme.

## LATE VOCATIONS.

St. Mary's College in Aberystwyth was opened seven years ago by the Carmelite Fathers as an experimental school for late vocations. The idea was, and is, to give young men an opportunity of testing their vocations to the priesthood by leading a life of prayer and study as a preliminary training for regular seminary life. The two subjects specially requiring their attention are Latin and English. The problem is to find out, if they have the necessary concentration to follow a line of study, and if they have the necessary spirit of dedication to God to cut themselves away from the world.

Quite a few of the English Bishops rent aspirants to the place. Naturally there were many failures, but those who have persisted have done remarkably well. Two have joined the Carthusians and are leading the strict contemplative life. Others joined the Secular priesthood and a few joined Religious Orders other than the Carmelites, and of course, a few have joined the Order and are now in the full tide of college life.

Finance has been difficult! A few are able to pay the full cost of upkeep and others were helped out from various sources. On the whole the scheme has been a great success.

I went up there to attend the opening of a new wing to the College. It is quite a sizeable block and completely modern in its equipment. The rooms are light and airy, shower baths, hot and cold water, a library and a small infirmary. The College can now accommodate 25 students. It was a joy to see, and I am telling you about it because you have been responsible, through your contributions for practically the whole of the cost. In other words, you have done an Apostolic work that is of benefit to the Church in general.

Also, it is good for you to know that there is such a place available to young men. There is nothing so sad as to meet a young man who thinks he has a vocation to the priesthood and has not the opportunity of finding out if it is a true vocation or not. I have met many of these young men in my time. The

tragic thing about them is that they seem unable to settle down to life in the world, because they are conscious that they are not of it. Here perhaps, is the solution to their problems. The Prior of St. Mary's College, Aberystwyth is always willing to answer enquiries by letter or by interview.

### VOCATIONAL EXHIBITION

There is to be a Vocational Exhibition at Olympia in London, from July 5th to the 12th. Our Stall is No. 14 and we hope that many of our London friends will pay us a visit during the week.

We are working very hard to make our Stand as attractive as possible. We hope to distribute large numbers of pictures and literature on the Carmelite Missions in England, Wales & Rhodesia. We will gladly send you a ticket for free entry to the Exhibition if you will write to us.

Last year, a similar Exhibition in Glasgow attracted over a quarter of a million people and it was a wonderful advertisement for the Missionary activities of the Church. This year there is to be a public Ordination of Priests.

### FATIMA

Subscriptions towards the new international centre of Scapular devotion at Fatima are coming in slowly.

The building will provide a rest centre for pilgrims, with the special motive of spreading devotion to the Brown Scapular.

The great difficulty in Fatima is lack of water. Every economy must be made in the use of it. Tanks are made on roofs to catch rain water, which is then piped down to a tank in the cellar where it is stored. No doubt, Our Lady will solve that problem in Her own time.

When large crowds of people congregate in one place water is an absolute necessity and the crowds at Fatima have provided a special headache for the Government and for the Church. The problem is even more urgent for the sick. They must have somewhere to rest, and often they require medical attention and nursing.

This new Carmelite Centre at Fatima is the result of many appeals to us to do something about the matter. We are doing what we can through the help of our friends.

### BOXES

Our collection boxes are doing very well. Anyone can ask us for a collection box and we will be glad to send one. Our boxes find their way into the most unexpected places; but that is not to say that they can be used indiscreetly. To push one under the nose of the local parish priest without warning, may possibly give him a heart attack and put him out of temper for quite a while. You see, not every priest has learned by experience a **simple truth**. It is this. The more that people give to the Missions the more they will give to the priests at home. The art of giving is improved by practice. I know one parish priest who is sincerely devoted to the missions, and I asked him once if his people's generosity to the Church had any effect on his own collections. "No" he said, "my people are wonderful people. They know that I will ask for what I need myself and there is no true Catholic unless it be the one who understands the needs of the Church all over the world. To be a Catholic is to be Universal."

Agree with this.

### THE WHEELBARROW

There is always a policeman on duty at the gates of a Naval Dockyard, and he can search for uncustomed goods on those who come out. There was a large construction job going on in this particular dockyard and twice a week a workman came out wheeling a wheelbarrow in which was a bag of straw and a shovel. The policeman used to look at the bag of straw, put it back and motion the man on. This went on for quite a while. In the mornings, the man used to pass in with his bag of straw. One day the policeman asked him, "Why the bag of straw." The answer was, "I don't like sitting on a hard seat."

Now, it so happened, that there was a case of smuggling on a large scale in court some time later, and this policeman was a witness for the prosecution. Among the defendants he saw his friend of the wheelbarrow. He said to him jokingly, "Aren't you the chap with the wheelbarrow?" The answer was, "Yes." "And, what were you pinching?" The reply was, "wheelbarrows"!

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A Public Dinner started at 7 o'clock, and the speeches went on at full blast. Eventually, it came to the last speaker to rise. He got up slowly, looked around, and said that he had expected a flood of oratory at a gathering of this kind but hardly in oceanic quantities. Nevertheless, he had come prepared with two speeches, one short, and the other long. He proposed to deliver both. The short one was "Thank-you"—and the long one, "Thank-you, very much."

### CRICKET

The Cricket Season is upon us. Compose yourselves into a mood of deep gravity. Just listen to what happened to the Scotsman who spoke with seeming irreverence of the great game. It is in a letter to the "Daily Telegraph"

"Sir,

Cricket is not just a game—it is a supreme art—England's unique and gracious gift to the world, and gives to those who understand it the same exquisite joys as music.

Not everyone appreciates it. It calls for a long discipline of initiation even to watch it. The Scots are no good at it. They prefer other and less intellectual pursuits. But let them not be either angry or envious—they have their cabers and their curling irons and there is no compulsion on them to stay in the Shires.

Yours faithfully,

R.W.C."

And, of course they have their bagpipes. Moreover, a certain Mr. Bryon is reminded that County Cricket is a ritual—not an entertainment.

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OUR COMING NOVENAS

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

June 4th—12th

OUR LADY OF Mt. CARMEL

July 8th—16th

ST. ANNE & OUR LADY

July 18th—26th

ST. PHILOMENA

Aug. 3rd—11th

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### THE LANDLORD OF AN INN

The perfect Landlord should have the geniality of George Robey.

The tact of a diplomat

The hope of a company promoter.

The benevolence of a charitable institution.

The eloquence of a cabinet minister.

The legal knowledge of a lawyer.

The general knowledge of a Sports Editor.

The smile of a film star.

The skin of a rhinoceros.

And if he can say "Time Gentlemen please" in a fruity voice that combines, firmness, regret, condolence, hope for the future and thankfulness for past mercies together with the suggestion that "it hurts him to say it, more than you to hear it"—then you are set for success as a Retailer of Beers, Wines and Spirits for consumption on the premises.

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One of the famous characteristic *obiter dicta* of Father Vincent McNabb came when somebody asked him what it was like being confessor to nuns, and he replied it was like being nibbled to death by ducks.

Welcome and/or Heave-Ho

If any Pilgrim Monk came from distant parts, with wish as guest to dwell in the Monastery; and will be content with the customs he find in the place; and perchance does not by his lavishness disturb the Monastery, but is simply content with what he finds, he shall be received for as long a time as he desires.

If he find fault with anything or expose it unreasonably, with humility and charity, the Abbot shall discuss it prudently, lest perchance God had sent him for this very thing.

But, if he had been found gossipy and contumacious, in the time of his sojourn as guest, not only ought he not to be joined to the Body of the Monastery, but also it shall be said to him honestly that he must depart.

P.S.—If he does not go, let two stout Monks, in the name of God explain the matter to him.

From the rule of St. Benedict.

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The Pastor of an impoverished parish in the hills wrote often to his bishop for aid until the bishop demanded an end to such appeals. For a time there was no correspondence, and then one day the bishop received a letter saying "This is a report, not an appeal. I have no pants."

TRUCE

Came the day of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of the County Tyrone couple, but the man of the house started out to do his work in the fields as usual.

"Hi, John," his wife called out, "don't you know what day this is?"

"Aye, indeed I do," said John smoothly.

"Well, how are we goin' to celebrate it?" persisted his wife.

John paused for a few moments. "Troth, I don't know, Maggie," he said finally, scratching his head in puzzlement. "How about a two minutes' silence?"

ON CHASING ONE'S HAT

There are few moments in man's life when he experiences so much ludicrous distress or meets with so little charitable commiseration as when he is chasing his hat. A vast deal of coolness and a high degree of judgement are necessary in catching a hat. A man must not be too precipitate, or he runs over it. He must hurry, or he will lose it. The best way is to keep gently up with it, trying, if possible, to get in front of it as if to head it off. Then, at a favourable opportunity, he will make a rapid dive, seize it by the crown, stick it firmly back on his head, smiling pleasantly at everybody as if it were a very good joke.

BURSES.

		<i>Already acknowledged.</i>		<i>Increase.</i>
The St. Jude Burse No. 2	...	£405 18 10	now	£442 6 8
Holy Child of Prague Burse	...	311 13 3		319 12 9
The Holy Face Burse	...	97 10 8		97 13 2
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Burse		146 4 6		148 19 6
Little Flower Burse	... ..	47 3 6		53 2 6
St. Anne Burse	... ..	4 16 0		7 11 0
St. Anthony Burse	... ..	5 1 6		8 19 0
St. Martha Burse	... ..	851 7 6		852 0 6
Sacred Heart Burse	... ..	313 17 6		316 7 6

Many thanks!

Our Lady keep you! Yours in Carmel.

M. E. Lynch  
O.Carm.