

## CARMELITE ORDER NUNS TO WORK AMONG FOREIGNERS

### FIRST INCEPTION OF THIS PARTICULAR BRANCH IN ONTARIO.

Work among the foreigners is to be the outstanding feature of the ladies of the Roman Catholic Church whose headquarters will be at Ossington avenue. The Sisters who will be resident at the home are of the Carmelite Order, and they will go among the Poles, Ruthenians, Germans and Slavs of the city. A Sister who is able to speak the language of each of the foregoing will be engaged in the work, and will investigate and assist needy cases.

The Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is supposed to have been originated by Bertrand, Count of Limoges, who had become a monk in Calabria in fulfillment of a vow made on the eve of a battle, in which he was victorious. He took up his residence on Mount Carmel in 1156 with ten companions. The advance of Mohammedanism made them abandon the settlement.

The scapular, which has become a distinctive mark of the order, is said to have been revealed to Saint Simon Stock, an Englishman, by the Virgin Mary in a vision. The white cloak which they wear gave them the name of White Friars.

Innocent IV., in 1245, sanctioned the change from a hermit to a community life, and ranked them with the mendicant orders. In 1901 there were fifty-one Carmelite Fathers in the United States and Canada.

The ladies who will form the order, which is the first one to be formed in Ontario, come from Milwaukee, and the Archbishop, under whose jurisdiction they will be, is taking a great deal of interest in their work.