

# SAINT THÉRÈSE of LISIEUX

THE LITTLE FLOWER OF JESUS

A COMPLETE Translation of  
L'Histoire d'une Ame, with an  
account of some favours attributed  
to the intercession of Saint Thérèse

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## HER CONQUEST OF AMERICA

AMONG the lands where the Little Flower is dearly loved the United States of America hold not merely a high, but probably the highest place. From the volumes of her *Roses* one gleans something of the truth of this statement, but what the writer saw and heard during a lecture tour on the eastern seaboard proved to him that it is in nowise an exaggeration.

In the Cathedral of New York he was told by the administrator that the faithful could not be provided fast enough with candles for her shrine, and that a new altar in her honour would probably be the finest in the church. As far back as 1902 the present Superior-General of the Paulists wrote a sketch of her life, and to-day their church is one of the great American centres of devotion to the Saint. Crossing the East River to Brooklyn, there is the church of St. Peter Claver which, in addition to Sunday services in her honour, is filled to overflowing seven times on one day of each week. It is of interest that its Rector, whose labours among the coloured people she singularly blesses, was the first to say Mass at her birth-place in Alençon during his sojourn as army chaplain in that town.

From the lips of the Prioress of the Brooklyn Carmel came the following story. The humble convent and its garden, situated in the heart of the city, were surrounded by a wall, insufficiently high for a cloistered community. The nuns could not protect themselves from unwanted visitors, yet were too poor to provide a remedy. One day, however, an almost illegible letter reached them from a dying woman, stating that the Little Flower had