

## IN MEMORIAM

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VERY REVEREND HUGH FRANCIS LILLY, O. P.



Very Rev. Hugh F. Lilly, O. P., P. G.

IT is with feelings of deepest regret occasioned by the keen sense of a great loss, as well as with a certain consolation in recounting a life so enriched with noble deeds, that we pay this short tribute of respect to the memory of our late brother in religion: the Very Rev. Hugh Francis Lilly, O. P., who died December 3, 1914, at St. Anthony's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

Born in Enniskillen, Ireland, January 17, 1841, he almost completed the seventy-fourth year of his life, the greater part of which was spent in close imitation of his beloved Master "going about doing good." In the death of Father Lilly the world loses a gentleman of the truest culture,

the Church a pious and zealous priest, and the Order of St. Dominic a most loyal and devoted son.

At the age of fifteen the future Dominican, together with other members of the family, left his native land and settled in Memphis, Tenn. In 1862 he entered the Dominican novitiate at Somerset, Ohio, and in April of the following year made his religious profession. On March 15, 1869, he was raised to the dignity of the priesthood and soon afterwards entered upon the long apostolic life which was destined to be so fruitful. It did not take long for his superiors to recognize in the young priest unmistakable signs of true zeal and marked executive ability. Accordingly we find him, three years later, made Prior of St. Rose Convent, Kentucky. From this time together with assignments to the Convents of St. Dominic, Washington, D. C., and Holy Rosary, Minneapolis, Minn., Father Lilly held the following offices: 1877, Prior St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio (two terms); 1883, Prior St. Vincent Ferrer's Convent, New York; 1887, Superior Dominican House, Columbus, Ohio; 1894, Superior St. Mary's, New Haven, Conn.; 1900, appointed Superior St. Peter's, Memphis, Tenn., but the many years filled with hard labor had begun to weigh heavily upon this man of God who like the great

Apostle, Paul, was most "willing to spend and be spent for Jesus Christ," and he asked to be relieved of this new burden. Thus we see him time after time selected to fill positions of honor and trust so long as health and strength permitted their faithful discharge. On April 20, 1913, Father Lilly had the rare and consoling privilege of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his religious profession.

Despite the many absorbing cares attendant upon his office as superior, Father Lilly was ever alert to further the interests of the Order, and so devoted much time to writing, lecturing and missionary labors, all which won for him, in 1881, the well merited title of Preacher General. This title was conferred by no less a personage than the Most Rev. Joseph M. Larroca, then Master General of the Order. The honored priest belonged to a religious family. The late Very Rev. M. D. Lilly, O. P., was his brother, while Sister Frances Lilly, formerly Mother Superioress at St. Mary's of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio, is his sister. Father Lilly's remains now repose with those of his brethren in Calvary Cemetery, New York. In pace requiescat.

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#### VERY REVEREND SALVATOR EMMANUEL ANASTASI, O. P., P. G.

**D**URING the past year came the sad tidings announcing the death of the distinguished Dominican missionary, Very Rev. Salvator Emmanuel Anastasi, O. P., P. G. Taken in the prime of vigorous manhood, with apparently many years before him in the great field of missionary endeavor which appealed so strongly to his ardent generous soul, the death of Father Anastasi came as a great shock, and as an inestimable loss to the Church whose interests he had ever at heart, and to the Dominican Order whose spirit and purpose he so ably promoted.

Father Anastasi was born in the Island of Malta, August 27, 1871. When **Very Rev. Emmanuel Anastasi, O. P., P. G.** seventeen years old he entered the Dominican novitiate, and on the 22 of September, 1894, was ordained priest. Gifted intellectually he was at first selected to devote his future life to teaching but so strongly did he plead to be given the opportunity to preach that his superiors finally consented. Nature was



most generous in her gifts to him as an orator, and by taking advantage of the opportunities given him, through special training, to perfect this great art, he began his priestly career well equipped in all those qualities that go to make the successful preacher.

During the first years of his apostolate he labored in the little Catholic Island of his birth where he graced the pulpits often occupied by men of vast experience. Attracted by the apostolic zeal and eloquence of the young preacher, Archbishop Fruhwirth, then Master General of the Order, ordered him to enter upon an apostolic career at Civita Vecchia and its neighboring towns. Later he was sent to Rome where for five years he devoted himself to ministerial duties and preaching.

In 1903 Father Anastasi came to this country and his first work was among the Italians. His efforts were crowned with every success, and there is scarcely an Italian church or chapel in the Eastern States but has heard the eloquent Dominican many times. Such progress, however, could not long be confined to any one people or territory, but like the ardent generous soul which gave it birth, it must expand and diffuse itself. Consequently the Provincial deciding that such marked ability should embrace a wider field assigned the young missionary to preach to the English-speaking Catholics whose language he had mastered well. He took up the new task assigned him with that same energetic zeal which characterized his earlier career. But just when the prospects for further success seemed brightest his health failed him. This marked the beginning of the end, for despite his apparent recovery from an operation he suddenly became enfeebled and succumbed to an attack of heart failure. Father Anastasi died at St. Mary's Hospital, Orange, N. J., May 19, and was buried from St. Catherine's Church, East Sixty-ninth Street, New York. In pace requiescat. —**Brother Augustine, O. P.**

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#### BROTHER ANTHONY HICKEY, O. P.

**W**ITH the death of Brother Anthony Hickey, St. Rose's Convent, Kentucky, lost a member of incalculable worth and the Fathers of St. Joseph's Province, a lay-brother, whose rare affability won for him the hearts of all he met.

Having been honorably discharged from the ranks of Sherman's army at the close of the Civil War, the young Thomas Hickey found himself undecided as to his future life. He had participated in the horrors of war; had witnessed the terrible death of many a comrade on the field of battle, and now in his leisure time, these recollections filled him with uncertainty. It soon became apparent to him, however, that the ways of man were not to be his ways, and filled with a spirit of thankfulness to the great God Who brought him unscathed through that terrible conflict, he came humbly to the Dominican Convent, at St. Rose, Kentucky, begging to be admitted in the capacity of a lay-brother.

Within the convent walls, clothed in the habit of St. Dominic, Brother Anthony soon manifested talents of a high order, which led to the suggestion that he prepare himself for the great dignity of the priesthood. But such was not the intention of the young religious. In

his estimation those hands stained with the blood of fellow countrymen were not worthy to hold the Innocent Lamb of Calvary. With characteristic humility he refused the dignity offered, and accordingly applied himself with greater zeal to the vocation of a lay-brother.

So great indeed was his zeal and activity that his superiors appointed him Procurator of the convent, an office unusual for a lay-brother. In order to make this unprecedented exception, it was necessary to seek the approbation of the Most Reverend Master General. Being thus honored, Brother Anthony, as was his wont, strove to live up to the confidence his superiors had placed in him. Accordingly, of his own initiative, he undertook the study of agricultural methods in order to thus better the productiveness of St. Rose's farm. These studies were attended with so great success that very soon he was acknowledged to be the most scientific farmer of central Kentucky and his farm the pioneer school of economic farming for the sturdy Kentuckian tillers of the soil.

If, however, we were to consider Brother Anthony only from the standpoint of his active life, we would be doing his memory a grave injustice. He was in a most eminent degree a man of religion. No matter how great or distracting were the obligations of his active life, he always found time for his religious duties and the exact observance of his rule. He had left the world to sanctify his soul, and this was the uppermost thought of his whole religious life. The poor, and especially the colored poor, were objects of his tender solicitude.

Such is ever a true Dominican and such was Brother Anthony Hickey. In his own humble way, he was a wonderful embodiment of the active and contemplative life. He spent his days in favor with God and man, and is now, we hope, enjoying the rewards of his years of labor.

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#### BROTHER BERNARD McGAHAN

**L**OSSES seldom come alone. For last year death called a second religious in the person of Brother McGahan. This well-known Tertiary came to St. Joseph's Convent about 1879, and the earnestness with which he applied himself in subsequent years to the things of God proved that he had but one desire in life; to labor in secret for the Father, Who seeing shall repay a hundredfold in this life, and reward with unending crown in eternity.

—Brother Pius, O. P.