

conclusion which was due to narrowmindedness on my part. In response to your kind offer, allow me to say that I shall be greatly pleased to accept the same. And I promise to read carefully everything the books contain."

In the meantime they were fast approaching the station which was Fleming's destination. They exchanged cards and, after a few minutes, separated.

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Two years had elapsed since the events related above. During this time, Mr. Fleming had heard nothing from his friend of the Pullman car. One day however during the summer when he was enjoying his vacation at home, the door bell rang and a visitor was announced who proved to be Doctor Ormsby. After exchanging greetings, Ormsby said: "Mister

Fleming, I owe you a deep debt of gratitude. The books which you so kindly sent me were received and were the objects of a most careful perusal. After reading these books, I heard there was to be a mission conducted in a town in the vicinity of my home city and I resolved to attend the exercises. I did this with the result that at the close of the same, I underwent the necessary instructions preparatory to my entrance to the Church. After a short time I was baptized, my First Communion and Confirmation following soon after. I have experienced the greatest happiness ever since. One thing more, Mister Fleming, should you not have noticed it, allow me to call your attention to the button which I wear on the lapel of my coat. Do you recognize it?"

*Boniface Stratemeier, O. P.*

## WITHIN THE CLOISTER.

Important events which take place within the Dominican cloister will be recorded here in each issue. They will not be confined to our own Province alone, but include the great things that our Brothers of other climes and cloisters are doing. The influence of the cloister, however, is not limited by convent walls. It is charitable and progressive. Consequently events of general Dominican interest will also be given

welcome. In a word, anything that may interest every member of the great Dominican family—Fathers, Sisters and Tertiaries—will have a home "Within The Cloister."

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Father V. F. O'Daniel, O. P., Historian of St. Joseph's Province, is carrying on a pioneer and monumental work that is of great interest to every lover of St. Dominic in the United States. As the

first number of the "DOMINICANA" goes to press the April number of *The Catholic Historical Review* comes to hand. In it is contained the second article on The Right Rev. Richard Luke Concanen, O. P., the First Bishop of New York." These two masterly articles form the last word on the history of this Bishop. The contention commonly believed hitherto—that the appointment of Bishop Concanen to the See of New York was due to Irish ecclesiastical influence at Rome—is completely disproved. Father O'Daniel's contribution to the first number of the *Catholic Historical Review*, "The Rev. John Ceslas Fenwick, O. P.," won the highest comment for its historical merit, at the hands of one of the greatest living authorities on American Catholic history.

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Tertiaries will welcome the announcement of Father H. I. Smith, O. P., National Director of the Third Order of St. Dominic, that a Bulletin devoted exclusively to the interest of Tertiaries will make its initial appearance in May. The Bulletin will contain information of special import concerning the celebration of the 700th anniversary of the founding of the Order.

Father Smith brings to his new office a record of indefatigable zeal and generous devotion to every

labor undertaken. His energetic leadership should accomplish great things for the Third Order in the United States. It is confidently expected that our highest hopes will be fully realized.

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In commemoration of the Seventh Centenary a magnificent statue of St. Dominic will be unveiled at the House of Studies, in the early part of May.

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December 30, 1915, there died at Rome a Dominican Lay Brother, Damian Palma. After his profession in August, 1882, he was assigned to attend the Very Rev. Marcolino Cocognani, then Procurator General of the Order. When Father Cormier became Procurator General he retained Fra Damian to assist him. Later when he was made Master General, the humble lay brother became his attendant and for twenty-one years he cared for the General's health. When in November last he was stricken with a fatal illness, Fra Damian's only desire to recover was that he might continue to serve his old Master. He died as he had lived, a holy man of God. Among the letters of condolence which came to the Master General was one from His Holiness, Benedict XV. promising affectionately to remember Fra Damian's soul in his prayers.