

**✠ Brother Raymond Ryan, O. P. ✠**

At the Dominican Convent of St. Catherine of Sienna, New York City, Brother Raymond Ryan, one of the oldest laybrothers of the Province of St. Joseph, and a cousin of the late Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan of Philadelphia, passed away early this year. The illness which terminated in Brother Raymond's death was one of long duration, and was borne with exemplary patience and resignation.

He was born in Ireland, July 22, 1846, and entered the Order of Preachers several years after he had left his native land and journeyed to America. He was vested with the laybrother's habit and spent his novitiate at St. Rose's Convent, Springfield, Ky., making profession there on his thirty-sixth birthday, 1882. The forty-four years which he passed in religion were busy and useful ones, filled with days of labor and prayer. Brother Raymond was skilled in carpentry and the precision and exactitude with which he performed every task set him caused his services to be in great demand wherever building operations were going on throughout the Province. At various times he was assigned to many different houses, among which are St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Ky., St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Mo., and St. Catherine of Sienna's Convent, New York, N. Y. He spent four years at Kansas City, from 1900 to 1904, restoring the old frame church there, which is under the administration of the Friars Preachers. In 1915 he was assigned to the convent where he died, St. Catherine of Sienna's, New York, N. Y.

There was a physical and moral sturdiness about Brother Raymond which characterized those laybrothers of Celtic stock who in their quiet, unostentatious way did noble work in assisting the Fathers of St. Joseph's Province during the years of its development. He was a steady, conscientious worker, doing his work without haste but with great neatness and finish.

The solemn requiem Mass sung at the convent where he died was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. A. Dempsey, O. P., S. T. Lr. Requiescat in pace.