

✠ BROTHER REGINALD BERTRAND, O. P. ✠



HE community of Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, suffered the loss of one of its members on the morning of December 1, 1926, when Brother Reginald Bertrand was called to his eternal reward after the brief period of five years spent in the religious life.

The deceased was born in Boston, Mass., May 11, 1871, and in later years sang in the choir of St. Augustine's Church of that city. Educated at Boston College High School he had, at one time, intended to prepare for the priesthood but afterwards chose the more humble state of the Dominican lay-brotherhood as the means of strengthening his soul in its journey to God.

Accordingly, he began his six months postulancy in the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C. This period of probation was followed by the year of novitiate and on April 23rd, 1922, he pronounced his first simple vows to the Very Reverend E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. M., then Prior of that convent. His first assignment was to St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C. After a short time he was transferred to St. Rose Convent, Springfield, Ky. While there, he made his second simple profession into the hands of the late Very Reverend J. S. Wilburn, O. P. During his assignment at St. Rose his health began to fail and his Superiors changed his residence to Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, where he labored zealously for the good of the community until attacked by the sickness which brought on his death on December 1, 1926, after a three weeks illness in St. Anthony's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

The funeral was held from the Dominican parish church of St. Patrick, Columbus, Ohio, on December 3, 1926. The Solemn High Requiem Mass, which was attended by the faculty and the entire student body of Aquinas College, was sung by the Rev. Luke Weiland, O. P., Vice-president. He was assisted by the Revs. Cyprian Brady, O. P., and Matthew Mulvey, O. P., as deacon and subdeacon respectively. Interment was made in the community cemetery attached to the venerable Convent of St. Joseph, Somerset, Ohio. Requiescat in pace.