

✠ REV. TIMOTHY L. CROWLEY, O. P. ✠

Life ceases—
A Preacher's days are done.
Christ calls—
A Poet's goal is won.
Death comes—
A Priest this world forsakes;
And God
A sainted friar makes.



ARDLY had the new year been well upon its course when the Fathers and Brothers of St. Joseph's Province were shocked by the news of the death of Father Timothy L. Crowley, O. P. The passing of this well beloved and zealous Dominican occurred in Philadelphia on Friday afternoon, January 18. A short time previous Father Crowley contracted the influenza, which later developed into pneumonia to which he fell a victim.

Father Crowley was born in Boston, Mass., on December 2, 1878. He received his primary education there and later matriculated at Boston College. After entering the Dominican Novitiate at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., where he donned the habit of his Order, he made his religious profession on November 1, 1901. His philosophical and theological studies were successfully pursued at the Dominican Houses of Study at Somerset, Ohio, and Washington, D. C. In the latter city he was ordained priest on June 20, 1906.

A year after his elevation to the priesthood Father Crowley took up the duties of a teacher in the English department at Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio. Success as a teacher was interrupted only when he was elected to the priorship of St. Louis Bertrand's Convent, Louisville, Kentucky. Returning to Columbus from the southern city he accepted the office of pastor of St. Patrick's Church. The suffrage of his fellow Dominicans again placed him in a position of trust when he was chosen prior of St. Mary's Convent at New Haven, Connecticut. Six years of unceasing effort in the care of souls in that city was followed by his appointment to the Eastern Mission Band of his Order. It was while engaged in the arduous labors of a missionary that the soul of this devoted priest was taken by its Maker.

Throughout his life Father Crowley's work was marked with a trust and confidence in God that was an absolute assurance of its success. Whether it was in the classroom, pulpit, or in the labor of the parish he ever manifested an ardent devotion to duty. Kind and generous to an heroic degree he was loved by all with whom he came in contact. Blessed with an unbounded enthusiasm his chief delight was to work amongst the young. Gifted with a poetic nature his poetry was not the least noteworthy of his many accomplishments. Father Crowley was truly an *alter Christus* or to describe him in the words of the Apostle he was "all things to all men."

A solemn Requiem Mass was sung in the Church of the Holy Name at Philadelphia, after which the body was taken to New Haven, Conn., for burial. There in St. Mary's Church where the deceased once labored so fruitfully a solemn Mass was sung on Tuesday, January 22. The eulogy was preached by the Very Rev. M. J. Ripple, O. P., P. G. The overcrowded church and the presence of more than seventy priests, both secular and religious, attest to the esteem, respect and love in which Father Crowley was held. Interment took place in the Dominican plot of St. Lawrence Cemetery.

To the relatives and friends of Father Crowley DOMINICANA in the name of the Fathers and Brothers of St. Joseph's Province, extends sincere and heartfelt sympathy. Requiescat in pace.

—Bro. Chrysostom Graham, O. P.