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Province of St. Joseph

On October 13th the Capitular Fathers of the Province of St. Joseph met at the House of Studies and elected as Prior Provincial the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr.

A similar election, held at the Convent of St. Dominic, 2390 Bush St., San Francisco, Cal., on September 8th, resulted in the election of the Very Rev. Lawrence McMahon, O. P., S. T. M., for the same office in the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

The happy choice of the Capitulars is ample proof of the esteem in which Fathers Meagher and McMahon are held by their brethren, for at the time of re-election both superiors were incumbents of the office of Prior Provincial in their respective Provinces. *Dominicana* extends congratulations.

On the same occasion, the Chapter at the House of Studies also chose the following Provincial Definitors: The Very Rev. Fathers D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M., Aloysius Hinch, O. P., P. G., Antoninus Heenan, O. P. and Ignatius Conlon, O. P.

The Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr., was elected Socius to the Father Provincial; while the Very Rev. Fathers Fitzgerald and Aldridge will represent the Province of St. Joseph at the next Triennial Chapter.

On Monday, September 18th, in the chapel of the House of Studies, the Rt. Rev. Rector of the Catholic University of America ordained to the priesthood the Rev. Fathers Clement M. Donovan, O. P., and Cornelius McCarthy, O. P., both of our community. On the following Sunday, Father Donovan sang his first Solemn Mass in the Old Cathedral, Buffalo, N. Y., Father McCarthy, in the Church of St. Charles, Woonsocket, R. I.

We also take pleasure in recording the sacerdotal ordination of the Rev. John-Baptist Reeves, O. P., which took place at the Dominican Priory, Hawkesyard, England, September 22d. The young priest is a

particular friend of Dominicana, having rendered us valuable assistance during his editorship of the quarterly review published by our English brethren.

On September 22d the historic Convent of St. Rose, near Springfield, Ky., was reopened after an interim of twelve years, as a House of Studies for the students of St. Joseph Province. On that day, twenty young religious from the simple novitiate at Somerset, Ohio, and three from Immaculate Conception Convent, Washington, D. C., arrived to commence their philosophical studies.

The venerable old priory, a very cradle of Dominican life in the United States, has been entirely remodeled in order to accommodate the increased community. Much credit is due to the Very Rev. Prior, Father Fidelis Christmas, O. P. for his zeal and energy in carrying out the work.

The good people of Springfield, as well as the Dominican Sisters in the nearby Convent of St. Catherine, are overjoyed at the return of the novices, and our correspondent at St. Rose assures us that all his expectations of Southern hospitality were amply fulfilled in the welcome tendered our Brothers upon their return to "The Old Kentucky Home."

Father Hyacinth Foster, O. P., S. T. Lr., has been appointed Master of Novices and has the direction of classes in Sacred Scripture and Fundamental Theology. Other members of the faculty are as follows: The Rev. Ambrose Dempsey, O. P., S. T. Lr., Professor of Philosophy; the Rev. Raymond Volz, O. P., S. T. Lr., Professor of Ecclesiastical and Philosophical History; the Rev. Reginald Kennedy, O. P., Professor of English, and the Rev. Benedict Dawkins, O. P., Instructor in Plain-Chant. Father Jerome Treacy, O. P., is acting as Procurator for the community.

On the feast of the Most Holy Rosary, October 7, five clerics pronounced their solemn religious vows at the House of Studies. The Very Rev. Prior, Father Gregory Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. Lr., conducted the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Stephen McDermott, O. P., S. T. Lr., Sub-Master of Novices. Following are the names of the young men who thus dedicated themselves forever to God's service in the Order of Preachers: The Rev. Brothers Leo Davis, O. P., Salem, Mass.; Bonaventure M. Neitzey, O. P., Washington, D. C.; Edward Hughes, O. P., Boston, Mass.; Alfred Sibila, O. P., Cleveland, Ohio, and Thomas M. Gabisch, O. P., Butte, Mont.

On the same occasion Brother Francis Connolly, O. P., began his year of novitiate as a lay-brother of the Order.

A similar ceremony was witnessed again on October 28th when Bro. Louis Healy, O. P., pronounced his simple religious vows, and Mr. James Spaulding (in religion Bro. Paul) was clothed with the habit of a lay-brother.

The feast of St. Francis Assisi, October 4th, was celebrated with much solemnity at the Franciscan Monastery, Brookland, D. C. The speaker on the occasion was the Very Rev. Dr. Turner of the Catholic University of America, who delivered an eloquent address on the virtues of the "Poor Man of Assisi." In accordance with an old and beautiful custom, whereby the Friars Preachers celebrate the festive Mass of St. Francis, and the Friars Minor that of St. Dominic, the ministers on the present occasion were as follows: Celebrant, the Very Rev. Gregory Fitzgerald, O. P., Prior of the House of Studies; deacon, the Rev. Joachim Cummings, O. P.; sub-deacon, the Rev. Brother Benedict M. Allen, O. P.; acolytes, Bros. Boniface Stratemeier, O. P., and Aquinas



The First Christmas

McDonnell, O. P.; thurifer, Bro. Edmund Rogers, O. P., and crucifer, Bro. Xavier Dolan, O. P. His Eminence the Archbishop-Cardinal of Baltimore, the Rt. Rev. Rector of the Catholic University and many members of the secular and regular clergy, were present at the festivities.

On the evening of the same day, the Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr., Prior of the Convent of St. Catherine of Sienna, delivered a panegyric on St. Francis in the Church of Our Lady of Pity, New York City. After the sermon a reception and profession of Franciscan Tertiaries took place.

Father Francis Beckley, O. P., U. S. N., is now on duty with the Atlantic fleet, and is serving as chaplain of a battleship.

During the past few months the Dominican Fathers from the House of Studies have been attending to the spiritual needs of the U. S. Marines in training at Quantico and Belvoir, Va.

During the month of October the Very Rev. Father Prior of the House of Studies conducted a successful retreat at the Church of St. Patrick, Washington, D. C. Similar exercises at Immaculate Conception Church in the same city were directed by the Rev. Thomas M. Schwertner, O. P., S. T. Lr.

While the novices were en-route to the recently re-opened Studium at Springfield, Kentucky, they were entertained by the Fathers at Louisville, and spent a delightful day sight-seeing in Kentucky's metropolis.

A unique wedding took place lately in New York City, when Mr. Frank A. O'Hare, superintendant of construction of the new church of the Friars Preachers, was united in marriage to Miss Caroline McGuire. The ceremony was performed in the rough, unfinished edifice, after which the bridal party adjourned to the nearby temporary church where a nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Reginald Heffernan, O. P. Because of the fact that the building is not yet blessed, and indeed will not be complete for several months, special permission for a marriage within its walls had to be obtained from His Eminence Cardinal Farley.

With sincere regret we record the departure from the House of Studies of the Rev. Ambrose Dempsey, O. P., S. T. Lr., who for a number of years has successfully filled the office of Master of Novices. Dominicana is especially indebted to Father Dempsey, whose solicitous care guided our little publication through the uncertain days of "first beginnings." In the name of the Novitiate we extend to our former superior best wishes for success in his new post of duty at the House of Philosophy in Kentucky.

On October 26th Father William Owens, O. P., S. T. Lr., assumed the position left vacant by Father Dempsey's departure. Our new superior is not unknown to the novices, since he has been teaching some time in the House of Studies. Before coming to Washington, Father Owens was a member of the faculty at the Foreign Mission Seminary, Ossining, N. Y.

On the same occasion, the Rev. Richard Walker, O. P., was appointed to assist Father Owens, in place of the Rev. Stephen McDermott, O. P., S. T. Lr., who has also retired from the Novitiate.

The Rev. Clement M. Thuente, O. P., Director of the Western Bureau of the Holy Name Society, reports the splendid growth of that Confraternity in the territory under his care. Not long ago, while erecting the Society in the parish church at Randolph, Wis., two Protestant gentlemen became so enthusiastic over the new organization that they expressed a desire to become members. When informed that this would be impossible since they were not of the faith, and consequently unable to profit by the great spiritual advantages of the Confraternity, both at once wished to become Catholics. One of these good men was a simple farm hand, the other from a very prominent family of Randolph.

On October 21st Father Thuente also organized a strong branch of the same Society in the Cathedral at LaCrosse, Wis. On this occasion, men from all over the diocese participated in the ceremonies.

During the week beginning September 9th Father Henry Healy, O. P., head of the Eastern Mission Band, conducted a mission for enlisted soldiers and sailors at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pa. At the close of the exercises the Rt. Rev. Bishop McCort confirmed many of the men, and complimented them all for their attendance and the splendid example they had shown.

By the end of the fall season, Dominican missionaries of the Eastern Band will have conducted missions in the following churches of the Augustinian Fathers: Lawrence, Mass.; N. Andover, Mass.; Troy, N. Y.; Mechanicsville, N. Y., and Still Water, N. Y. In the first named place, some idea of the immense crowds in attendance may be gained, when we say that the Fathers, during the women's week alone, administered Holy Communion to over 15,000 people.

Owing to the kind patronage of the Rt. Rev. Matthew Harkins, the third consecutive Dominican mission was conducted by our Fathers in his Cathedral Church at Providence, R. I. The exercises, which lasted from November 11th until December 2d, were very well attended and productive of much spiritual good.

Shortly before the feast of the Immaculate Conception, two Fathers from the Eastern Band conducted a retreat for women in the Cathedral at Portland, Me.

Similar exercises in the Cathedral at Philadelphia, Pa., were directed by Father Jordan Foley, O. P., from December 2d to 9th.

As a result of Dominican missions recently given in the same city the reverend pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy is instructing a class of nineteen non-Catholics for reception into the true faith.

The Rev. Father Kane, pastor of Holy Rosary parish, New York City, recently appointed head of the Diocesan Apostolate, has shown his appreciation for the work of our missionaries by inviting them to conduct his first mission.

Although recently Fathers Dugan, Fannan, Eckert, Rumaggi and O'Hern have been added to the Eastern Band, the number of missionaries is still far too small for the demands made upon them. The Lenten schedule for 1918 has been filled for many months and numerous other requests for missions and retreats have been refused on account of the already overfilled lists.

The annual retreat at the House of Studies, which commenced this year on September 7th, was conducted by the Rev. Jordan Foley, O. P., of the Eastern Mission Band.

Similar exercises for the Fathers of the two New York convents took place at the Convent of St. Vincent Ferrer in that city, during the third week of November. The retreat master on this occasion was the Rev. Clement M. Thuente, O. P., Director of the Western Branches of the Holy Name Confraternity.

The Rev. Antoninus Wynn, O. P., of the Western Band, recently established a flourishing Chapter of Dominican Tertiaries in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Rev. Richard Clark, O. P., formerly Novice Master at the House of Studies and recently a member of the Southern Mission Band, has been appointed Sub-Prior of the Convent of St. Rose, Springfield, Ky.

The Rev. Gregory Scholz, O. P., formerly of the Eastern Mission Band, has assumed the pastorate of Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, Pa., succeeding the Rev. Antoninus Heenan, O. P., recently elected Prior of St. Louis Bertrand Convent, Louisville, Ky.

In the October issue of "The Holy Name Journal," under the caption "The Holy Name Society and War Work" Father Ignatius Smith, O. P., National Director of the Society, gives some interesting facts concerning the latest developments of this great spiritual organization. Besides what is suggested by the caption, the official announcement of the Society's affiliation with the Catholic Federation and the reason for this action are noted. In the November issue of the same publication is another absorbing article by Fr. Smith dealing with "The Church on the Firing Line." This latter is a virile statement of the position and difficulties of the Church in the war. We urge our readers to procure these two numbers.

During the first week of November, Fr. Smith conducted a retreat at the Baltimore Cathedral. And at an inter-denominational meeting held in Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Monday evening, November 12, to discuss the importance of religion in education, Fr. Smith stated the standpoint of the Church in this most important matter. The State, Protestant and Jewish viewpoints were also discussed.

The novices wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all who have helped to make Dominicana what it has been during the past year. We promised in the March issue to march forward. We feel that we have made some progress. We are anxious to continue our efforts. Thus we ask a renewal of the generous support so willingly given in the past. We ask also your assistance in spreading the influence of Dominicana.

We must not forget to thank Fr. Thomas M. Schwertner, O. P., Censor of Dominicana, who has always been most willing to help us in every way. And to the management of The Rosary Press, Somerset, Ohio, we are indebted for many valuable suggestions and much

We are very grateful to Fr. T. L. Crowley, O. P., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio, for the use of cuts of Dominican Saints and Patrons of which he has the copyright; also for many other favors accorded us, the latest being in connection with the article of Fr. Kelly's jubilee.

There remains for us the very pleasant duty of thanking specially our Provincial, Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr. It is to Fr. Meagher's expansive generosity and fatherly interest in the novices that we owe the existence of our little publication. Indeed, his has been the sustaining hand of *Dominicana*, since its initial issue. We are making every effort to establish *Dominicana* on such a solid foundation that the novitiate publication of the future will surpass in every way his fondest hopes and expectations.

Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

A lively reminder of loyalty to Church and State was noticed in Vallejo, California, a few weeks ago when a large contingent of British bluejackets from H. M. S. *Orbita*, just arrived at Mare Island Navy Yard, marched into the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer to be present at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Very Rev. Lawrence McMahon, O. P., S. T. M., Prior Provincial of the Order on the Pacific Coast, is arranging with the authorities at Mare Island Navy Yard for the installation of a permanent Dominican chaplain. The thousands of new marines and sailors at the Navy Yard offer another field for the activity and zeal of the Friars Preachers.

The many friends of the Very Rev. Stephen Rice, O. P., S. T. Lr., Prior of St. Dominic Convent in San Francisco, Cal., will be pleased to learn that he has thoroughly recovered from his recent serious illness.

The Rev. Bertrand Clyne, O. P., recently conducted a most successful fair at Martinez, Cal. The proceeds are to be devoted to repairing the Church of St. Catherine Siena in that city.

A two weeks' fair was held lately in the parish of St. Dominic, San Francisco, Cal., in order to raise funds towards the new church about to be erected there. Incomplete returns show that the receipts will be far above the amount expected. Much credit for this is due to the Rev. Thomas Lewis, O. P., S. T. Lr.

The Very Rev. Reginald Newell, O. P., S. T. Lr., P. G., is contributing a series of sermons to the *Homiletic Review*. There will be fifty-two discourses in all—one for each Sunday of the year.

A feature of the Rosary Sunday celebration in California, which is indicative of the West's progressive spirit, was the procession at Vallejo, California. The entire congregation, headed by the school children and the seven parish societies, marched in the streets, circling the entire church block. The fifteen mysteries of the Rosary were recited during the procession. The institution of this praiseworthy custom at Vallejo is due to the efforts of the Rev. Pastor, Father Damian O'Brien, O. P. The ministers for the solemn Mass on this occasion were as follows: Celebrant, the Rev. Damian O'Brien, O. P., deacon, the Rev. Basil Kenney, O. P., and sub-deacon, the Rev. Bro. Bartholomew Reilly, O. P. On this occasion an eloquent sermon was delivered by the Rev. Augustine Netterville, O. P.

In accordance with the wishes of His Grace, Archbishop Hanna, the boys of St. Vincent Ferrer's School, Vallejo, Cal., have been organized as a unit of the Catholic Boy Scouts. An officer from the Mare Island Navy Yard is the drill-master of the unit.

A fair recently held at the Dominican church, Vallejo, Cal., is a convincing evidence of Catholic generosity on the one hand and pastoral zeal on the other. The Rev. Damian O'Brien, O. P., who is in charge of the parish, announces that the complete returns from the fair show a net profit of over \$9000, probably the most successful event of its kind ever held in the Far West.

On October 10th Mrs. Anne Hollman died at her home in Vallejo, Cal. The deceased, who lived for many years in the "Navy Yard City," was an aunt of the Rev. Bro. Bartholomew Reilly, O. P., of the House of Studies. The funeral services, held from the Dominican Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, were attended by a large gathering of people. At the close of the requiem Mass the Reverend Pastor, Father O'Brien, O. P., delivered a touching sermon on the virtues of the good woman who had just passed to her reward. To Bro. Bartholomew, Dominicana extends its sincerest sympathies. May she rest in peace.

The feast of the Most Holy Rosary was celebrated with the usual solemnity by the Dominican Fathers in San Francisco, Cal. The celebrant of the Solemn Mass was the Very Rev. Lawrence McMahon, O. P., S. T. M., while an eloquent sermon was delivered by the Very Rev. Reginald Newell, O. P., P. G. A large procession made up of the various confraternities connected with the parish of St. Dominic, marched around the church block chanting the Rosary.

Foreign Provinces

A report from New Orleans informs us that the Dominican Fathers of that city recently entertained two bands of young missionaries of the Order. One of these was on its way to the House of Studies at Ponchatoula, La.; the other, en route for Manila, P. I., where the young men are to complete their studies before setting out for the missions of the Far East.

The Fathers of the English Province are planning a course of lectures for non-Catholics, to be delivered in public halls in the large cities of the United Kingdom. These instructions are to be followed by regular missions in near-by parish churches. It is the desire of the missionaries to obtain a motor-chapel in order to facilitate this good work.

The Rev. Aelred Whitacre, O. P., S. T. Lr., who lectured last year in London, England, on the "Prima Pars" of the "Summa of St. Thomas," has decided to continue the course this winter. The papers, which were read in Casston Hall, were attentively followed by a small but appreciative audience composed chiefly of non-Catholics. It is hoped that the numbers may be increased now that the gifted speaker is to treat the more interesting and practical ethical questions of the "Secunda Pars."

With great pleasure we learn that our brethren in the English Novitiate at Hawkesyard have recently purchased a printing-press and will resume the publication of their excellent quarterly review, which was stopped some time ago owing to disturbed conditions in England.

Brother Ferdinand Valentine, O. P., is to edit the Review, in place of the Rev. John-Baptist Reeves, O. P., recently ordained to the priesthood.

We are also in receipt of a finely-executed memorial plaque printed by the Novices of the English Province to commemorate the setting up of their printing-press in Hawkesyard Priory.

The closing exercises of a retreat recently conducted by the Dominican Fathers at Lorrha, Tipperary, Ireland, were held in the ruins of the Friars Preachers' Convent, which was founded in 1269 by Walter Earl of Ulster, and occupied by the Dominicans for over five hundred years.

Very recently the Rev. Father Constant Doyon, O. P., Captain-Chaplain of the Twenty-second Canadian-French Battalion, was decorated by the French President with the Cross of the Legion of Honor. At the same time another Friar Preacher, Father Jacquin, was especially commended for bravery displayed while rescuing his companions from a shell-stormed building in which they were imprisoned.

Father Fulgentius Bordet, O. P., a member of the Dominican Province of Lyons, and now in the hospital corps of the One Hundred and Thirtieth French Infantry, was also cited for conspicuous bravery displayed on the battlefield.

Still another member of the same Province, Father Leon Raymond, O. P., has received the coveted medal of the Legion of Honor and has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

A directing committee—composed of M. Rene Bazin of the French Academy, Father Janvier, the famous Dominican orator of Notre Dame, Father Leonce de Grandmaison, director of "Les Etudes," and Canon Bodin—has been appointed to facilitate the editing of a new French Catholic Journal, the first number of which will appear next January. The object of this publication is to spread throughout the world a better knowledge of Catholic life.

The Rev. Gaston Level, O. P., of the French Province, has secured permission from the French consul to teach languages at Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio. Father Level returned only a few months ago from active service in the trenches.

The Rev. Alphonse Ginot, another French Dominican, is sojourning at Eagle Park, N. Y., endeavoring to recuperate his health.

The Rev. Victor LaFlor, of Chile, has joined the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus in California, for the purpose of devoting his linguistic talents to the welfare of the Latin races on the Pacific Coast.

Dominican Sisters

On July 23d Sister Miriam Masterson, O. S. D., was elected Mother General of the Dominican Sisters at Shepard, Ohio. The new Superior, whose long and varied experience in parochial school work renders her most capable of governing the large community placed under her charge, is a worthy successor to Mother Vincentia Erskine, O. S. D., who for four consecutive terms has guided the destinies of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary's of the Springs.

On the feast of St. Dominic (August 4th) six Sisters of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Dominican) celebrated the silver jubilee of their religious profession at Mt. Saint Dominic, Caldwell, N. J.

At a reception held at Caldwell on the feast of St. Augustine, nine young ladies were clothed with the Dominican habit and eight novices, having completed the year of probation, were admitted to profession.

Two retreats were given this summer at Mt. Saint Dominic. The first was conducted by the Rev. Thomas a'K. Reilly, O. P., S. T. Lr.; the second by the Rev. James Andrew Mackin, O. P. The Rev. Raymond Lawler, O. P., also conducted a retreat at Akron, Ohio, for members of the same Congregation who are laboring in the Western convents of the Order.

Two religious of the Caldwell Congregation are studying this year at the Sisters' College in Brookland, D. C.

The Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Brooklyn, N. Y., have opened a new school at Rockville Center, Long Island. From here the Sisters will take charge of the Sunday-school at Freeport.

The Summer School work inaugurated by the same Congregation at St. Joseph Convent, Sullivan County, N. Y., is being continued by a series of lectures conducted at three centers—Holy Cross Convent, Brooklyn, St. Agnes Academy, College Point, and Nazareth Trade School, Farmingdale.

Two religious of the Holy Cross Congregation, formerly stationed at the Cathedral School, San Juan, have assumed charge of the school of San Francisco in the same city.

In all houses of this congregation a triduum in honor of Saint Rose of Lima was conducted during the three days preceding her feast. To commemorate the tercentenary of this great American saint, a beautiful statue was erected in the Novitiate.

"From Ratisbon Cloisters," a short history of the Congregation by Christine Sevier, with an introduction by the Rev. Walter Elliot, C. S. P., will appear during the Christmas holidays. The author is well known in Catholic circles, having been managing editor of the *New Century* of Washington for many years.

On September 25th the College of the Dominican Sisters, New Orleans, La., opened with an unusually large attendance. The sermon at the Solemn Mass of the Holy Ghost was delivered by the Rev. M. Walshe, S. J., President of Loyola University.

On May 25th eighteen young ladies were clothed in the Dominican habit, in the convent chapel, Mission San Jose, California. Archbishop Edward J. Hanna of San Francisco, presided at the ceremonies and delivered an inspiring address to the young religious and their many relatives and friends who were present at the ceremony.

During the month of August fourteen Sisters of the same Congregation pronounced their final vows, and eight postulants were admitted to the term of probation.

Sister M., Dominica, O. S. D., who has been attending the Sisters' College, Washington, D. C., has returned to California and is now teaching in the High School Department of Immaculate Conception Academy, San Francisco.

Mothers M. Seraphina and M. Dolorosa left San Francisco on September 23d, en route for Washington, D. C., to make arrangements for a permanent House of Studies at the Sisters' College.

On November 25th five Sisters celebrated the silver jubilee of their religious profession at Holy Cross Convent, Brooklyn, N. Y.

In August a very spiritual and practical retreat was conducted at St. Dominic Convent, Blauvelt, N. Y., by the Rev. Raymond Burnell, O. P. A few days later, a second was opened by the well-known missionary of the Eastern Band, Father Bonaventure O'Connor, O. P. At its close, a reception to the religious habit took place and nineteen novices pronounced their religious vows. This is the second clothing of this year for the Blauvelt community, for in April eight postulants also donned the white scapular of the Dominican religious.

With the opening of the schools in September, nine new teachers were sent out from the Normal School of this Congregation. The aim of this department which the Sisters have established in their Novitiate, is to give the prospective teacher a thorough course in the theory and practice of teaching, and an opportunity to view and discuss the best method of school management.

Miss Fannie Usher, one of the most talented actresses on the vaudeville stage, was received into the Third Order of St. Dominic recently. Miss Usher is a convert to the Faith, having been received into the Church by the Rev. Henry Healy, O. P. She was baptized and made her first Holy Communion at the Dominican Academy, East Sixty-eighth Street, New York City.

On the feast of St. Dominic (August 4th) six young ladies received the Dominican habit and nineteen novices were admitted to profession at the Convent of St. Catherine of Siena, St. Catherine, Kentucky. The Rt. Rev. Denis O'Donaghue, Bishop of Louisville, presided at the ceremony.

On October 1st the Sisters of St. Catherine opened a handsome new building, containing an auditorium and ten additional class rooms, at their Academy of the Holy Rosary, Louisville, Ky.

During the past year seventeen novices were admitted to profession, and seventeen received the religious habit at the Novitiate of the Dominican Sisters, Sparkill, N. Y. Four of the new religious are graduates, Class of 1915, of St. Mark's High School, St. Louis, Mo., which is conducted by the religious of this community.

Summer institutes in pedagogy were conducted by Doctor Marique, of Columbia University, at the Mother House in New York and the Novitiate at Sparkill. In spite of the very warm weather all the classes were well attended.

Thirty-eight Sisters from the same Congregation are also taking advanced course in music, preparatory to receiving their teachers' certificates.

In April the Very Rev. Master General of the Friars Preachers, Father Louis Theissling, who was passing through this country on his way to South America, paid a short visit to the Sisters at Sparkill. He was accompanied by the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph. Before departing, Father Theissling presented each of the religious with a silver medal in memory of his visit.

Sub-Editor H. P.