

Walker, prior of the House of Studies in Washington, assisted by the Very Rev. J. W. Owens as deacon and the Rev. H. J. McManus as subdeacon. An impressive eulogy was delivered by the Very Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, long associated with Father McShane on the teaching staff in Washington. Final absolution was given by the Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, Provincial. Interment took place in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington.

In behalf of the members of Saint Joseph's Province, DOMINICANA extends its most sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of Father McShane. May he rest in peace!

R. V.

✠ **REV. RAYMOND SEBASTIAN GILLESPIE, O.P.** ✠

Word was received on Feb. 9, 1938, of the death in war-torn China, of Father Raymond Sebastian Gillespie. The first member of the Province of Saint Joseph to be called to his eternal reward from the foreign mission fields, Father Gillespie died after a short illness in a hospital at Foochow, in the province of Fukien.

Born on June 10, 1901, at Minneapolis, Minn., the youngest of the nine children of the late James and Anna Elwood Gillespie, Father Gillespie received his elementary and secondary education in the public schools of his native city. His senior year of high school was spent at St. Thomas Academy, St. Paul, Minn. Following a year at St. Thomas College, he entered the Dominican novitiate at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, in 1919. On November 14 of the following year he made religious profession into the hands of the Very Rev. J. B. Connolly, prior at St. Joseph's. The years which followed were devoted to the study of philosophy and theology and other ecclesiastical sciences at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., and at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. Ordination to the Holy Priesthood came on June 4, 1926, at St. Dominic's Church in Washington. During the same year he received from the Catholic University of America the degree of Bachelor of Canon Law, and in 1927 he was made a Lector of Sacred Theology.

The years of Father Gillespie's active priestly ministry were almost equally divided between the land of his birth and that of his death. He was sent, in August, 1927, to Aquinas College High School in Columbus, Ohio. Here, as Professor of Lan-

guages and Mathematics, and as Prefect of Discipline, he distinguished himself by his scholarship and his unfailing Christian mildness. In 1933, and to his great joy, Father Gillespie was chosen for the Dominican foreign missions. Having in a short time made great progress in the Chinese language, Father Gillespie, in 1934, was appointed pastor of the Huteo mission where he labored zealously for his little flock.

Upon the receipt of the news of Father Gillespie's death a Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated, on February 16, in the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, in New York City. The Very Reverend T. S. McDermott, Provincial, was celebrant. The ministers, who were also classmates of the deceased, were the Very Rev. J. A. Nowlen, prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's and Rev. Edmund Rock. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. E. L. Hughes.

To the relatives and friends of Father Gillespie, DOMINICANA, in the name of the Fathers and Brothers of St. Joseph's Province, extends its sincere and heartfelt sympathy. May he rest in peace!

B. M.

MARY'S HOUR

PIUS SULLIVAN, O.P.

Where Golgotha, in shadows, rears his crest,
A Mother watches near her dying Son.
Within her heart a cumbrous sword is pressed—
She tells each glimm'ring ruby, one by one.
No word of John, nor force, could then avail
To move her from that dismal, gruesome place.
Again she suffers; this her new travail,
While pain rewrites his script across her face.
Her tremblings cease; Christ speaks with tortured voice,
"Ah, Mother . . . Mother, now, behold thy son."
O Men, in John she bears us all, rejoice!—
On Mary's fragile frame our hope is spun.
Pray, gracious gift of Christ's redeeming sighs,
Instruct us in the patience of the wise.