

## OUR CARDINAL.

The Dominican Order has, since the days of its Holy Founder, enriched Mother Church with fifteen hundred Bishops, six hundred Archbishops, eighty Cardinals, over one hundred Masters of the Sacred Palace in the Pontifical Court, twenty-three Patriarchs and four Popes. To this glorious catalogue of Saints and Prelates, our Holy Father Pope Benedict XV., (himself a Dominican Tertiary,) has added the name of His Eminence Andrew Cardinal Frürwirth.

Cardinal Frürwirth is an Austrian by birth. He made his early theological studies at St. Maximin's in Provence. The Friars Preachers of Vienna recognized the ability of their Brother Andrew, and elected him to be their Prior. This, we believe, is the first preferment shown His Eminence. He was later to serve successively as Provincial of Austria and Master General of the Order.

The influence of this worthy son of St. Dominic was not confined within the pale of convent walls. The Austrian-Hungarian government recognized in him a diplomat and an executive and honored him by a membership on the State Council of Ecclesiastical affairs. As a mark of the esteem in which this humble Dominican

is held at the Austrian court, the Prince Regent, in 1913, decorated him with the Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown.

Rome appreciated the sterling worth of Father Frürwirth and proffered him a bishopric in Corinth, which was refused. The Holy See, however, determined not to permit a light so brilliant to conceal itself beneath a bushel. On October 31, 1907, the learned friar was made titular Archbishop of Heraclia and sent as Papal Nuncio to the Court of Bavaria by Pope Pius X., which duty he still performs.

This office requires that its occupant don the habit of secular prelates. It was with much hesitancy and aching heart that the Archbishop doffed the white habit he loved so well.

Pope Benedict XV., honored not only the Nuncio to Munich, but also the Order of Friars Preachers, when on December 6th last, he elevated Archbishop Frürwirth to the membership of the Sacred College. His Eminence, due to the exigencies of the war cannot well leave his post. For this reason correspondents tell us the Red Biretta was sent from Rome to Munich in the hands of a person of royal blood, escorted by two Swiss Guards.

King Louis of Bavaria was delegated by His Holiness Benedict XV., to impose the Biretta, while Count Calacicchi was appointed to confer the Calotte or skull cap on the Cardinal-elect. The ceremony of imposing these insignia of the cardinalate took place in the court-church on Wednesday, December 22nd. The royal temple was magnificently adorned with Papal and Bavarian flags. Occupying a royal carriage drawn by four horses, King Louis repaired in state to the church. The Cardinal-Nuncio rode in a carriage immediately following His Majesty. The approach to the edifice was lined on either side by the military guards, who presented arms to the King and then to the Cardinal. The Bavarian court and the Ecclesiastical dignitaries assisted at the Solemn Mass which was closed with the "Te Deum". A royal banquet followed at which Cardinal Bettinger of Munich sat at the right and Cardinal Frürwirth at the left of the King.

The new Dominican Cardinal will reside permanently in Rome as soon as conditions will permit of his leaving Munich and upon his arrival in the Holy City, the red hat will be conferred upon him by the Pope. His Eminence Cardinal Frürwirth is the tenth ex-Master General of the Dominican Order to be enrolled in the Sacred College. In writing to our vener-

able Master General, Father Cormier who is a Frenchman, the Cardinal from Austria uses these words: "I have the joy to tell you that on the occasion of my elevation to the Cardinalate I was authorized to resume the white habit of St. Dominic". War has no power to break the bonds which unite in brotherly love the sons of St. Dominic.

His Eminence Cardinal Frürwirth takes upon his shoulders the burden of his new dignity assured of the prayers of his brethren from across the Atlantic. Ad multos annos!

*Raphael Burke, O.P.*

## AN INVITATION.

"Come to Me all you that labor and are burdened and I will refresh you." Matt. xi, 28.

Take up thy cross and follow Me,  
Up Cal'vry's rough and blood stained  
way,  
And see the grief I bore for thee  
That thou mightest bear thy cross  
each day.

If on thy way thou chance to fall  
And sharp thorns pierce thy weary feet,  
Bring Me thy wounds, thy heart and  
all,  
My Heart is balm and comfort sweet.

If thou at night from toil art wear,  
Or if My Cross has brought thee grief  
And made thee slave of constant fear,  
Oh! Come to Me and find relief.

*Ceslaus McEniry, O. P.*