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At the General Chapter which concluded on the Feast of Saint Dominic, August 4, the Very Reverend Louis Theissling, O. P., S. T. M., ex-Provincial of the Province of Holland, was elected Master General of the Order of Friars Preachers. The Most Reverend Father, who has thus become the seventy-seventh successor of Saint Dominic in this office, is well fitted for his new position, having filled offices of great responsibility in the Order for many years. Only recently he visited this country as Provincial Visitor. To Father Theissling Dominicana extends its heartfelt congratulations.

Dominicana announces with pleasure the election of the Very Rev. Edward G. Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. Lr., as prior of the House of Studies, Washington, D. C. Fr. Fitzgerald for the past six years was prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's Convent, New York City. A lasting testimonial to his zeal, courage and energy while superior there will be the massive Gothic edifice now in course of construction, which when completed will be one of the most beautiful of America's churches.

The Very Rev. J. R. Heffernan, O. P., for six years prior at St. Antoninus' Convent, Newark, N. J., succeeds Fr. Fitzgerald as prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's Convent. Fr. Heffernan is eminently fitted to assume the arduous task of bringing to a successful completion the new church of that parish. While at Newark his indefatigable labor and untiring zeal were richly rewarded by the erection of the basement of St. Antoninus' magnificent new church.

The successor of Fr. Heffernan as prior of St. Antoninus' is the Very Rev. J. A. Hinch, O. P., P. G. Fr. Hinch was

elected on the silver jubilee anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, June 16. Fr. Hinch had served two years of his term as prior of St. Joseph's Convent, Somerset, Ohio. Fr. Hinch is one of the Province's most successful missionaries.

The new prior of St. Joseph's Convent is Very Rev. James B. Connolly, O. P. At the time of his election, Fr. Connolly was on the missions in the Province of the Holy Name, California. Before his entrance on mission work, two years ago, he was novice master and sub-prior at St. Joseph's. Congratulations from the novices.

On May 15 St. Mary's parish, New Haven, Conn., was canonically raised to the rank of priory. The Very Rev. James Aldridge, O. P., J. C. L., pastor there since October, 1914, has been appointed the first prior.

On June 14, death called the Most Rev. Thomas A. O'Callaghan, D. D., the Dominican Bishop of Cork, Ireland. Bishop O'Callaghan was born in Cork in 1839, studied at the Minerva College, Rome, and soon after ordination to the priesthood joined the Order of Friars Preachers. He was prior for many years of St. Clement's Rome, the Convent of the Irish Dominicans. In 1884 he was created Bishop Coadjutor of Cork, and two years later was elevated to that see, which he served zealously and fearlessly for thirty years. Regarded as one of Ireland's most learned Dominicans, he was known to take the broadest view on all questions pertaining to the Church of Ireland. It was Bishop O'Callaghan who authorized the priest to give Communion to "little Nellie of God." This was long before the late Pope Pius X published the decree on early first Communion.

Less than a month before, Ireland's oldest Dominican was called to his reward, the Very Rev. James A. Dwyer, O. P. He was born at Blackpool, Cork, in 1835, entered the Order in 1852, and was ordained at Louvain in 1860. He was the author of "Dominicans of Cork City and County," and was one of the founders of the Cork Archaeological Society.

Dominicana extends its sincere congratulations to the four silver jubilarians of our Province. They are Very Rev. V. F. O'Daniel, O. P., S. T. M., of the House of Studies, Very Rev. J. A. Hinch, O. P., P. G., prior of St. Antoninus' Convent, Newark, N. J., Rev. J. R. Volz, O. P., S. T. Lr., chaplain of St. Mary's of the Springs Convent, Shepard, Ohio, and Rev. J. T. Keelty, O. P., of St. Louis Bertrand's Convent, Louisville, Ky.

The day was observed by Frs. Hinch and Volz without any public festivities. Fr. Keelty said his jubilee Mass at St. Mary's of the Springs Convent, Shepard, Ohio. The jubilarian has four sisters members of this community and all were present.

May the sun of God's grace, which has shone so warmly on the labors of their silver days in the ministry, shine from now on, with added lustre and strength so that the bountiful rewards of the past may be but harbingers of a more blessed fruitfulness in the future.

We gratefully acknowledge the kind words of praise and encouragement of our Brethren of the Canadian, English and Dutch Provinces, whose publications we now number among our exchanges. Mary Immaculate, a very interesting quarterly of the Oblate Fathers of the Southwest, has also come to us. It is devoted to the mission work in the South. Best wishes for a most abundant harvest in your endeavor for a worthy cause.

The diamond jubilee of the Most Rev. Hyacinth Cormier, O. P., who recently retired as Master General of the Order, was celebrated with greater solemnity than has been witnessed in the Eternal City for many years. His Holiness Pope Benedict XV, members of the College of Cardinals, some twenty archbishop and bishops, the Generals and Procurator Generals of the religious Orders and Congregations, the heads of Dominican Confraternities, members of the Roman nobility and representatives of the clergy, laity and professional classes joined with one another in their manifestations of love and esteem for Fr. Cormier. Pontifical High Mass was sung by the Most Rev. Archbishop Boggiani, O. P., Assessor of the Consistorial Congregation, in Cardinal Farley's titular church, St. Maria in Minerva, at the close of which, by special concession, Fr. Cormier imparted the Papal Blessing.

The Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M., R<sup>egent</sup> of the House of Studies, blessed the newly erected bronze statue of St. Francis at the Franciscan Monastery of Mt. St. Sepulchre, Brookland, D. C., on May 21.

The commencement speaker at St. Joseph's College, Bardstown, Ky., was Very Rev. T. L. Crowley, O. P., prior of St. Louis Bertrand's Convent, Louisville, Ky.

At the commencement exercises of St. Cecilia's Academy, Nashville, Tenn., a mission play which created a profound impression was presented by the students. The play was written by one of the Sisters and is based upon the missionary labors of St. Dominic. The title is "There Was Light." The scenic effect, the manner of production and the play itself won well-merited praise from both secular and religious press.

The Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., Prior Provincial, has former a new association named "The Society to Help Poor and Worthy Boys to the Priesthood." Any one wishing leaflets of information may send to St. Vincent Ferrer's Convent, 869 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

The members of the Seventh Regiment, of New York State's National Guard, before they left for the Mexican border attended a military Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church on June 25. The Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. J. R. Heffernan, O. P., prior, and the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., Prior Provincial, preached. His theme was "Catholic Patriotism." Fr. Provincial complimented the militiamen for their bravery in going to the front, congratulated them for the manner in which they had prepared themselves by receiving the Body and Blood of their Supreme Leader, Jesus Christ, to Whom he urged them ever to be loyal and reverent. On the roster of the Seventh Regiment are members of St. Vincent Ferrer's Catholic Club, Senior and Junior Holy Name Societies and Dominican Lyceum.

On May 25, at Darlington, Wis., Mrs. James J. McDermott passed to her reward. She was the mother of Brother Martin McDermott, O. P., of the House

of Studies, and Sister M. Josephine, O. S. D., of the Sinsinawa Congregation. May her soul rest in peace.

We also chronicle the death which took place on July 8 at Saint Dominic's Priory, Benicia, California, of Brother James Fahey, O. P. This venerable religious was the oldest Dominican in the United States, and had worn the habit of the Friars Preachers for over half a century. May he rest in peace.

During the months of July and August classes in sacred eloquence were conducted for the benefit of the novices at their Summer House, Ocean City, Md., Prof. Charlemagne Koehler of Detroit, Mich., being in charge.

During the absence of the Very Rev. Provincials Meagher and McMahon, who are attending the General Chapter in Fribourg, the Province of St. Joseph is being governed by the Very Rev. J. R. Heffernan, O. P., and that of the Most Holy Name by the Very Rev. C. V. Lamb, O. P.

From "Revue Dominicaine," the official publication of the Canadian Province, we learn that Father Plessis, O. P., one time preacher at Notre Dame, Montreal, has been decorated with "Le Croix de Guerre" in recognition of his courageous services in the French army hospitals.

