

WITH THE MISSIONARIES

THE reports of the missionaries extending from September 1, to November 1, 1916, presage that when the mission season shall have been completed, it will have witnessed the banner year in Dominican missionary endeavor.

The missions given by the Eastern band during this period resulted in an attendance of over 40,000. Even more approached the Sacrament of Penance, while the total recounting of those who partook of the "Hidden Manna" was 107,014. One of the big results from preaching Catholic truth was the conversion of one hundred and twenty-three souls from the darksome paths of error into the light of faith. 1,382 were enrolled in the Holy Name Society, while two new societies were established. The register of the Rosary Confraternity has been increased by 1,542.

At two of the missions in the Bronx, New York, double services were required; Frs. Foley and Reilly being on one and Frs. Scholz and Burnell on the other. Missions were conducted in the Cathedrals of Fall River and Burlington, Vt. Of the latter, the Burlington "Free Press" under date of September 19, 1915, gives the following item: "The huge success of the mission which closed Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral, may be appreciated now that it can be looked at as a whole in retrospect. It was the most fruitful and laborious mission ever held at the local Catholic See. Frs. Healy, Heagen and Lawler, were able preachers and their sermons made a lasting impression on many a hearer. The Dominican Order, is an Order of preachers, and some of the most brilliant and convincing preachers of the Church belong to it."

Fr. P. A. Maher has been assigned to the band, thus making the eighth appointment to the Eastern missions un-

der the present Provincial; the other seven missionaries assigned by Fr. Meagher being: Frs. Heagen, Reilly, Burnell, Lawler, Noon, Logan and Scholz. Frs. Burnell and Maher have been transferred from St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York City, and Fr. Scholz from Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, to Hawthorne, N. Y.

Very Rev. W. D. Noon, O. P., S. T. M., has left for California where he will work on the missions in the Holy Name Province. Very Rev. Stanislaus Olsen, O. P., S. T. Lr., prior of the Holy Rosary Priory, Portland, Ore., is temporarily assisting the Eastern missionaries with a view of studying their methods. Rev. J. R. Lewis, O. P., of St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco, Cal., has been assigned to duty on the Eastern missions.

Some twenty missions are accredited to the Western band; seven being preached in the Province of Illinois. One of the special features of the work during the past months was the mission given by Frs. Fannan and Eckert to the colored people of St. Monica's Church, Chicago. A successful retreat was preached to the professors and students of St. Paul's Seminary, by Fr. O'Neill. The first mission in the newly erected Cathedral of St. Louis, was given by Frs. Stanton, Cleary and O'Neill.

Fr. Clement M. Thuate, O. P., has retired as director of the Western band. He has been a tireless worker in the apostolate and an effective retreatmaster. Fr. Thuate is to devote his attention in the future to retreat and Holy Name work. During the month of September three retreats were preached by him to the diocesan clergy of Baltimore, Grand Rapids and Brooklyn; while in October a retreat was given to the Second Order nuns at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery, Detroit.

Fr. Matthew Stanton, O. P., has been appointed as superior of the Western missions. A faithful laborer for many years on the Eastern band, he has furthered Dominican missionary activity by the charming simplicity of his eloquence.

From the statistics of the Southern band headed by Fr. M. J. Ripple, O. P., for the year ending Nov. 1, 1916, the following data is gleaned—missions 87, retreats to religious 21, tridua and retreats to Holy Name Societies and Knights of Columbus 11. The missionary labors of the Fathers brought them into eleven States of the Union, ranging from Michigan to Louisiana. Over 63,000 assisted at the exercises and frequented the Sacraments.

The Fathers through lack of missionaries have been forced to decline many missions for the coming Lenten season. As it is, the Dominican missionary band is the largest of all, that are sent out by the various religious Orders. The reader is urgently requested to pray that "the Heavenly Householder may send laborers into His vineyard, to gather the clusters of the vineyard of the earth; because the grapes thereof are ripe."

Numerically considered, the harvest of the golden year of centenary has been immense, but mere numbers are not to be reckoned with when it is a question of vital, spiritual statistics writ on the Book of Life. Surely the Divine Harvester is pleased with the splendid sheaves gathered into the heavenly granary.

List of Missions and Retreats

Diocesan Clergy, Grand Rapids, Mich.

August 28th to September 9th (two retreats), Fr. Thuente.

Wausaukee, Wisconsin.

September 10th to 17th, Frs. Eckert and Larpenteur.

Grand Forks, North Dakota.

September 10th to 17th, Frs. O'Neill and Hagerty.

Clergy Retreat, Baltimore, Md.

September 11th to 16th, Fr. Thuente.

St. Monica's Church, Chicago.

September 17th to 30th, Frs. Fannan and Eckert.

Retreat at St. Paul's Seminary, Minn.

September 18th to 23rd, Fr. O'Neill.

Clergy Retreats, Brooklyn, N. Y.

September 11th to 16th, Fr. D. J. Kennedy.

September 18th to 30th (two retreats), Fr. Thuente.

Apple River, Illinois.

September 24th to October 1st, Fr. Larpenteur.

St. John's Church, Peoria, Ill.

September 24th to October 8th, Frs. Hagerty and O'Neill.

Second Order Nuns, Detroit, Mich. (retreat).

October 1st to 6th, Fr. Thuente.

St. Brendan's Church, Chicago.

October 1st to 15th, Frs. Fannan and Eckert.

St. Columba's Church, St. Paul, Minn.

October 8th to 15th, Frs. Thuente and Hagerty.

Mallard, Iowa.

October 8th to 15th, Fr. Larpenteur.

Our Lady of Victory Church, Chicago.

October 15th to 29th, Frs. Thuente and Larpenteur.

St. Louis Cathedral, St. Louis, Mo.

October 15th to 29th, Frs. Stanton, Cleary and O'Neill.

Beardsly, Minn.

October 22d to 29th, Fr. Eckert.

Belvidere, Ill.

October 22d to November 5th, Frs. Fannan and Hagerty.

St. Mary's Church, New Hampton, Iowa.

October 29th to November 5th, Frs. Thuente and Larpenteur.

Lansing, Iowa.

November 5th to 12th, Frs. Thuente and Larpenteur.

Hibbing, Minn.

November 5th to 12th, Frs. Eckert and O'Neill.

Sherill, Iowa.

November 12th to 19th, Frs. Thuente and Larpenteur.

Benson, Minn.

November 12th to 19th, Frs. Eckert and O'Neill.

St. Mary's Church, Joliet, Ill.

November 12th to 24th, Frs. Fannan and Hagerty.

Van Horne, Iowa.

November 19th to 26th, Fr. Thuente.

Grand Rapids, Wis.

November 26th to December 5th, Frs. Eckert and O'Neill.

—Ferrer Kienberger, O. P.