

FIFTY YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD

REV. HUGH JOHN LEONARD, O.P.



ON the fifteenth of February, the Fathers and Brothers of the Province rejoiced in congratulating Father John Hugh Leonard, on the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood. One who has served at the altar and ministered to souls for a span of years and who can recall many trials and tribulations, joys and sorrows, might well rejoice that all has been for the love of his Master and the salvation of souls.

Father Leonard's life has been full as well as long. Born in Ireland, May 1, 1847, he came to America while still a young man and settled in Brooklyn. The Dominican life of combined contemplation and activity appealed to him and he made profession among its members in November of 1876, to be ordained a priest, February 15, 1880. He served in many capacities in the half century since that day. Always ready to fulfill the commands of his superiors, he labored with great zeal in Louisville, Columbus, New York, Minneapolis and Newark; acting as chaplain at Ohio State Penitentiary; preaching on the missions; serving as chaplain to the Dominican Sisters at Sparkhill and Hartsdale.

For fifty years Father Leonard has endeared himself to those for whom he ministered; his regular habits of life, his sincere and unostentatious piety have been an example to all who knew him. His years of service have been an inspiration to his younger brothers in religion, and DOMINICANA takes this opportunity of extending in their name sincere congratulations.

—Jerome M. Tierney, O.P.