After a brief illness of eleven days, Father O'Brien, chaplain of Ohio State Penitentiary, died on July 9th at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. Father O'Brien was born in Emly, County Tipperary, Ireland, on January 14, 1888. He received his elementary education at Saint Albie's Seminary in Ireland. He entered the Dominican Order at Saint Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he was professed on October 11, 1909. He was ordained to the priesthood at Washington, D.C., on June 23, 1915 by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Bonzano, then the Papal Delegate.

After his ordination, Father O'Brien did parish work at Saint Rose, Springfield, Ky., St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio, Denver, Colo., Memphis, Tenn., and Jersey City, N. J.

In 1926 he was assigned to St. Patrick's, Columbus, Ohio. Shortly afterwards he was appointed chaplain of the Ohio State Penitentiary. He served in this capacity until his death.

Father O'Brien's body was brought to St. Patrick's, Columbus, from Cincinnati. It lay in state in the rectory for two days. Then it was taken to the Penitentiary chapel where the Catholic men paid tribute to their love for him. The body was then brought to St. Patrick's Church where it stayed until the funeral on the following day. After the Office of the Dead had been chanted by his fellow religious, a Solemn Requiem Mass, coram Episcopo, was celebrated by the Rev. H. L. Martin, O.P., assisted by the Rev. J. C. Dooley, O.P., as deacon, and the Rev. E. C. McEniry, O.P., as subdeacon. The eulogy was delivered by the Very Rev. J. B. Walsh, O.P., Prior of St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio. The Novices of St. Joseph's Priory sang the Mass.

The body was then conveyed to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, for burial. The Very Rev. J. B. Walsh, O.P., blessed the body and assisted at the interment in the cemetery. A large delegation of relatives and friends of the deceased priest were present at the burial.

To the mother, brother and sisters of Father O'Brien, DOMINICANA extends its most sincere condolences.

May he rest in peace.