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WITHIN THE CLOISTER

Province of St. Joseph

During the month of January, the official documents confirming the re-election of our Very Rev. Provincial Father Raymond Meagher, were received from the Roman authorities of the Order.

Christmas greetings were received by the novices at the House of Studies, from Father Dunstan Sargent, O. P., who is now acting as chaplain in the British Army and is doing active service in the Balkans.

On February 18th a solemn theological disputation took place at the House of Studies. The subject under discussion, "Whether Sacred Science is a Matter of Argument," was ably defended by the Rev. Brother Justin McManus, O. P., the objectors on the occasion being the Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M., and the Rev. Brother Basil Saylor, O. P. The entire student body and faculty were in attendance.

Just after the commencement of the new year, the Most Reverend Master General, Father Louis Theissling, O. P., S. T. M., passed through this country en-route from the Orient to South America. He was accompanied by Father Gabriel Horn, O. P., S. T. M., who has been acting as his socius during Father Theissling's recent visitation of the Dominican Missions in the Far East.

On the first Sunday in February Father Louis Pastorelli, O. P., for the past few years connected with the faculty of Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, took up his duties as Knights of Columbus chaplain for the U. S. Marines stationed at Quantico, Virginia. For some time the Fathers from the House of Studies have been attending to the spiritual needs of this camp, awaiting the day when a permanent chaplain should be appointed.

Another Dominican navy chaplain, Father Beckley, O. P., who is serving on one of our battleships, reports great success in his labors among the sailor boys, fifty per cent of those in his care being members of the Catholic faith.

"One of the greatest manifestations of Catholicity, ever given in this country" says the New York Catholic News, "was afforded by a mission given by the Dominican Fathers to the soldiers of the U. S. National Army at Camp Upton, Yaphank, L. I." These spiritual exercises, lasting from December 16th to 21st, far exceeded the most sanguine hopes of those in charge, and it is estimated that at least 10,000 men profited by the instructions during the last three days alone. The services were conducted by Fathers Henry Healy, Raymond Lawler, Andrew Mackin, Louis Rumaggi and Raymond Burnell, all members of the Eastern Dominican Mission Band. Much credit must also be given to the Very Reverend Father Raymond Meagher, O. P., Provincial of the Order, and Father Ignatius Smith, O. P., who ably carried out the preparatory arrangements for this splendid demonstration of Catholic faith.

Recently, forty-two soldiers from Columbus, Ohio, barracks, were enrolled as members of the Third Order of St. Dominic by Father Augustine Gaffney, O. P. The touching ceremony, which took place at St. Patrick's (Dominican) Church, was the result of a sermon delivered by Father Gaffney on the spiritual advantages offered to laymen by membership in the Third Order, and may well serve as a proof that the Catholic man who is true to his country is first of all true to his God.

Father Bernard Farley, O. P., of the House of Studies, who has been acting as temporary chaplain at Fort Meyer, Va., is accomplishing great good among the men at that post. The zealous priest has been making a systematic visitation of the various barracks thus becoming personally acquainted with all the soldiers, and has had the happiness of reporting splendid attendance at Mass, confession and Holy Communion. In many cases the men endure no little inconvenience in order to fulfill these religious duties.

The month of January also witnessed the formation by our missionaries of large Holy Name Societies among the soldiers at Camps Custer, Mich., and Dix, N. J.

From January 6th to 13th Fathers Eckert, Lawler, Dugan, Rumaggi and Mackin, all of the Eastern Mission Band, conducted a mission on the "Bowery" in New York. A Dominican mission is becoming an annual feature of the famous "Bowery Mission" and is always productive of much spiritual good.

A chapter of Dominican Tertiaries connected with Holy Name Monastery, Cincinnati, Ohio, have undertaken to collect a library composed entirely of works dealing with Dominican subjects.

On February 13th, special conferences were conducted at the Dominican Sister' Convent, Dayton, Ohio, for the local Tertiary Chapter. It is needless to say that the Third Order of St. Dominic is in flourishing condition in that city.

Another group of Tertiaries living in community in the Dominican parish of St. Catherine Siena, New York City, are during wonderful work among the poor and neglected of that section of the great city. One of their number, Sister Catherine, is in charge of the workers.

Father Raymond Lawler, O. P., who has been engaged in editing a new edition of the "Crown of Mary," is at present preparing a manual for the use of soldiers and sailors.

On January 6th a solemn reception of Tertiaries took place at St. Gertrude's Church, North Edgewater, Ill. Many visiting members were present on the occasion, including the Rev. Clement M. Thuent, O. P., Director of the Holy Name Confraternity in the Middle West.

Work on the new Dominican College at Providence, R. I., is progressing rapidly, and the Fathers have every hope of opening the doors for class in the fall of this year. Father Albert Casey, O. P., S. T. Lr., is in charge of the work.

On April 7th (low Sunday) His Eminence the Archbishop Cardinal of New York, will dedicate the magnificent new Dominican Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer in that city. The structure, which is one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical edifices in the United States, has been in course of construction for some time, and when completed will cost upwards of \$800,000. Mr. Daniel S. Kinnally, for twenty years sexton of St. Vincent's parish, has personally collected \$20,000 for the building fund, a thousand dollars, as he says, for each year of his service. The Very Rev. Reginald Heffernan, O. P., is pastor of Saint Vincent's.

The Very Rev. Augustine Waldron, O. P., S. T. M., professor of dogmatic theology at the House of Studies, is spending the winter in California recuperating from a severe attack of sickness.

"The New Freeman" of St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada, recently published a splendid editorial in praise of a retreat given in that city by the head of the Eastern Mission Band, Father Henry Healy, O. P. The exercises, in spite of the severe winter weather, were attended by upwards of 1,500 Catholic men, to say nothing of the many non-Catholics drawn to the services by the eloquent and forceful discourses of the preacher.

During the second week of January the Father Bonaventure O'Connor, O. P., and Father Raphael Fannan, O. P., conducted a very successful mission for the men of the Holy Name Society at the temporary Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer, New York City.

The Rev. Father Sylvester Caton, O. P., delivered a stirring patriotic address on the occasion of the service flag-raising held at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, New York City, on the afternoon of December 2nd. The banner, which proudly displays 250 stars, speaks well for the young men of the Dominican parish, whose loyalty the eloquent preacher eulogized in such beautiful terms.

On January the 13th Mrs. Mary Kernan died at her home in Zanesville, Ohio, in the eighty-third year of her age. Deceased was the mother of Father Joseph Kernan, O. P., and the late Father Arthur Kernan, O. P., who died in 1911. The funeral services took place at the Church of St. Thomas, Zanesville, where a requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul by Father Joseph Kernan. May she rest in peace!

On the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (January 20th), the Very Rev. Prior of the House of Studies received the solemn religious profession of Brothers Andrew Pope, Albert Muller and Aquinas McDonnell, all members of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. On the same occasion Brother Ambrose Bolton was clothed with the habit of a lay-brother.

Father Thomas a'K. Reilly, O. P., S. T. Lr., formerly professor of Sacred Scripture at the House of Studies, and now acting in that capacity at the Collegio Angelico, Rome, conducted a ten days' retreat, beginning October 9th, at the Collegio Beda, in the Eternal City, for the students of the two English-speaking colleges in Rome.

At the recent Chapter of St. Joseph's Province the following religious were honored with the title of Preacher General. For the Convent of St. Joseph, Ohio, the Very Rev. Bernard Logan; for the Convent of St. Vincent Ferrer, New York City, the Very Rev. Bonaventure O'Connor; for the Convent of St. Louis Bertrand, Louisville, Ky., the Very Rev. Jordan Foley; for the Convent of St. Catherine Siena, New York City, the Very Rev. Joseph Ripple, and for the Convent of St. Mary, New Haven, Conn., the Very Rev. Henry Healy. To these Fathers, Dominicana extends its heartiest congratulations.

Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

On December 30th, the Rev. Father Damian O'Brien, O. P., rector of the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, Vallejo, California, celebrated the silver jubilee of his sacerdotal ordination. The Solemn High Mass was sung by the reverend jubilarian assisted by Fathers Basil Kenny as deacon and Antoninus Lewis as subdeacon. A quarter of a century ago these two prieses served as altar-boys at Father O'Brien's first Mass. His Grace the Most Reverend Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco, preached an eloquent sermon on the occasion; and in the afternoon the parishioners of St. Vincent's parish tendered their well-beloved pastor a reception in the auditorium of the new school building.

Nor must it be imagined that the Catholics of Vallejo were the only ones to felicitate Father O'Brien on the occasion of his jubilee, for the entire Navy Yard City, as we learn from the "Vallejo News" of December 29thh, joined hand in honoring the popular Dominican who has accomplished such an amount of good since assuming the rectorship of St. Vincent Ferrer's parish. To Father Damian O'Brien, Dominicana also offers heartfelt felicitations .

A two-weeks' mission (January 13 to 27) was conducted at the Church of St. Dominic in San Francisco, Cal., by the Reverend Fathers Dominic Noon, O. P., Antoninus Lewis, O. P., and Matthew Stanton, O. P. The last-named Father, who is in charge of the Western Mission Band of St. Joseph's Province, with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn., has been on the Pacific Coast for some time engaged in mission work.

The San Francisco Chronicle of December 30th contained a very interesting article on Jerusalem, written by the Very Rev. Father Lawrence McMahon, O. P., Prior Provincial of the Holy Name Province. Father McMahon, who spent some time as a student at the famous Dominican Biblical School in the Holy City, is well qualified to paint present-day conditions in the Holy Land, so lately brought into new prominence on account of the Great War.

Rev. Fathers Noon and Stanton, O. P., conducted a two-weeks' mission, beginning February 2d, at St. Vincent's Church, Vallejo, Cal. The first week was for the women of the parish, at the close of which a military field Mass was celebrated at the Mare Island Navy Yard. The last seven days were devoted to the spiritual needs of the men.

The same Reverend Fathers also opened a two-weeks' mission at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, California, at the close of the Vallejo exercises.

Foreign Provinces

On December 21st the death took place in the Eternal City of the Very Reverend Henry M. Desqueyrous, O. P., S. T. M., for many years Procurator General of the Dominican Order. The deceased, who was in his seventy-fourth year, belonged to the Province of Lyons, and was well known in this country, which he visited several years ago in the capacity of Visitor to the Convents of St. Joseph's and Holy Name Provinces. We await news of the obsequies for our obituary. May his soul rest in peace.

The Very Rev. Philip M. Caterini, O. P., J. C. D., Prior of the venerable Convent of the Minerva in Rome, has been appointed to succeed the late Father Desqueyrous in the office of Procurator General.

From the Canadian Province we learn that Father Reginald Ouimet, O. P., has been appointed rector of the Church of the Holy Rosary, Saint Hyacinthe, Quebec, to replace Father Raymond Hammel, O. P. Also, that the Rev. Mannes Marchant, O. P., has succeeded Father Henry Theriault, O. P., at the Church of St. John Baptist, Ottawa.

The Rev. P. Mulard, O. P., who is serving with one of the French regiments at the front, was employed incessantly in the midst of a heavy bombardment which took place on the 23d and 24th of October, in seeking out and relieving his wounded comrades. This noble Dominican, who is a man of great courage, has already been cited for his bravery.

The Lieutenant Colonel of the 6th division of French Chasseurs recently appointed the Rev. Father Delor, O. P., chaplain for the northern division of the troops under his command.

During the past year the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda nominated as coadjutor with the right of succession, to the Vicar Apostolic of Eastern Tonquin, China, the Very Rev. Francis Ruiz de Azua, O. P., of the Province of the Most Holy Rosary.

On August 8th the Sacred Congregation of Rites published the decree introducing the cause of beatification and canonization of the Venerable Servant of God, Father Louis M. Calco, O. P. On the following day, the Most Rev. Vicar General of the Order, Father Leonard Lehu, O. P., accompanied by the Dominican Postulator General, Father Louis Fanfani, O. P., were received in private audience by His Holiness Pope Benedict XV, and on this occasion took the first steps towards the introduction of the cause of beatification of the Dominican Martyrs of Tonquin.

The Very Rev. Bede Jarrett, O. P., S. T. Lr., Provincial of the English Dominicans, is expected to arrive in this country shortly.



ST. PATRICK

Hail, Erin's holy sire! What light
Surrounds thy throne this happy feast,
Whilst Irish hearts in memory bless'd,
Triumphant praises sing! Dark night
Thou banish'd far from Erin's land—
Brave Victor in a bloodless strife,
Sweet teacher of celestial life,
In faith 'gainst every might to stand.
Holy Patrick! thine aid we claim,
To spread o'er earth God's Holy Name!

—Reginald Hughes, O. P.

Dominican Sisters

St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., conducted by the Dominican Sisters from Amityville has been requisitioned by the Government as the headquarters of an advisory board for the re-examination of drafted men.

Recently the Very Rev. Aloysius Hinch, O. P., P. G., prior of the Convent of St. Antoninus, Newark, N. J., was appointed spiritual director for the Dominican Sisters at Mt. St. Dominic, Caldwell, N. J.

During the Christmas holidays, the Father Reginald Higgins, O. P., conducted a retreat for the community at Mt. St. Dominic. At the close of the exercises three Sisters pronounced their final vows and seven religious celebrated the silver jubilee of their religious profession.

On November 2nd Sister M. Cleophas, O. S. D., was called to her reward rather suddenly; and on the 27th of the same month Sister M. Damian, O. S. D. also departed this life. The latter is the first to be buried in "Gethsemane" the new cemetery opened recently on the grounds of Mt. St. Dominic. May they rest in peace.

The Dominican Sisters from Adrian, Michigan, opened three new schools during the month of September. The Bishop Quater School for Boys at Oak Park, Ill., which commenced with an enrollment of seventy pupils. On October 12th Most Reverend Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago dedicated the new building, taking occasion from the ceremonies to praise the good work of the Sisters. The other new foundations were those of St. Edmund, Oak Park, and St. Matthew in the city of Chicago.

The Sisters of St. Mary's Dominican College, New Orleans, La., report splendid progress in the Crescent City. They have also received happy news of the success of their missions in Manila.

The third annual report from the Newman Club of the University of Texas, at Austin, announces that the Dominican Sisters of Galveston, Texas, have purchased land at one corner of the Campus and plans have already been drawn for a building to be erected on the site as a hall for Catholic students attending the University. The Paulist Fathers, who conduct Newman Hall, have long been working among the Catholics at the Texas University, and are now generously cooperating with our Sisters in their new venture. Dominicana extends its best wishes for every success in the undertaking.

On December 10th, two young ladies were invested with the habit of the Dominican Order in the chapel of Mount St. Mary's, Newburgh, N. Y. They were Miss Loretta Baird of Paterson, N. J., and Miss Margaret McDermott of Pleasantville, N. Y. The former received as her name in religion Sister Mary Anna Loretto of the Immaculate Conception; the latter the name Sister Miriam Alma of the Infant Jesus. The Rev. W. J. Baird, brother of Sister Anna Loretta was the celebrant of the Mass, while the Father Aloysius Sheil, O. P., of New York City, conducted the ceremony of the clothing. Many members of the clergy, a number of Dominican Sisters and the immediate relatives and friends of the two young religious, were present at the beautiful ceremonies.

On May 10th, 1917, the Most Rev. Father General Louis Theissling, O. P., paid a visit to the Sisters of St. Dominic at Aquinas Academy, Tacoma, Washington. The Very Rev. Gabriel Horn, O. P., Very Rev. Lawrence McMahon, O. P., Provincial of Holy Name Province, and the Very Rev. Pius M. Driscoll, O. P., rector of Blessed Sacrament Church, Seattle, accompanied the distinguished visitor. After a delightful afternoon spent with the community the Very Reverend Fathers motored back to Seattle where they were the guests of the Rev. Dean McGrath of St. Patrick's Church, Tacoma.

During the past year the Sisters at Tacoma received two postulants to the habit, while seven Sisters pronounced their first vows, eight others making final profession. The Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Dea of Seattle presided at these ceremonies.

Two new parochial schools were also opened by the Sisters from Aquinas Academy, one in the city of Tacoma and the other at Centralia, Washington.

On Holy Saturday a tragic accident, resulted in the death of Sister M. Leila, O. S. D., a devoted member of the community at Tacoma. The heroic patience and resignation of the good religious made those surrounding her deathbed feel a foretaste of heaven. May she rest in peace.

Recently eighteen young ladies were clothed with the Dominican habit at St. Joseph's Academy, Adrain, Mich. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Kelly presided at the ceremonies and delivered an eloquent and instructive sermon on the religious life. The Solemn Mass was celebrated by the Rev. D. Mulcahy of Benton Harbor, assisted by Fathers J. B. Neville of Walkerville, Ont., as deacon and Father J. R. Hackett of Manchester, as subdeacon. Father G. McCarthy of Chicago, acted as master of ceremonies.

During the coming month of May, twenty-four postulants will be clothed with the white habit of the Dominican Order at Amityville, L. I., N. Y.

The Sisters of this Congregation have added a kindergarden class taught by a graduate of the Adelphi College, Brooklyn, N. Y., to the training school for novices at Amityville.

Active preparations are also under way for a second session of the Vacation School conducted at the Sisters' Summer House, St. Joseph's, Sullivan Co., N. Y.

From the Kenosha, Wis. Evening News of October 13th we learn that "Madison House" an historic landmark of that city, has been converted into a splendidly equipped hospital which was officially opened on October 15th. The new dispensary, which is dedicated to St. Catherine, is in charge of the Dominican Sisters. The Rev. Mother Catherine, O. S. D., who brought the Sisters to Kenosha to commence the good work, has for some time been in charge of a similar institution at Ontario, Oregon. In connection with St. Catherine's Hospital, the Sisters have established a training-school for nurses under the direction of the most prominent physicians of the city. Sister M. Catherine, O. S. D., formerly stationed at Hanford, Cal., has been named as superior of the new foundation. Although established but a brief time, the Sisters have every hope that their work will be most successful, as the good people of the Wisconsin city, regardless of creed, have been more than generous in the support of the undertaking. —Sub-Editor H. M. P.