The Very Reverend Joseph Bernard Hughes, O.P., P.G., of St. Antoninus’ Priory, Newark, New Jersey, died on July 10 at St. Michael’s hospital in Newark. Death came to Father Hughes only a few days after he had been honored with the title, “Preacher General,” in recognition of his outstanding labors on the Mission Bands. Despite failing health, he had continued preaching until the time of his final illness.

His funeral was held at St. Antoninus’ Church on July 12. The Very Reverend Vincent R. Burnell, O.P., celebrated the solemn Requiem Mass. The Very Reverend Charles M. Mulvey, O.P., was Deacon, and the Very Reverend Camillus A. Musselman, O.P., was Subdeacon. The Very Reverend John E. O’Hearn, O.P., preached the eulogy. Father Hughes was buried in All Souls’ cemetery, Pleasantville, New York.

One of eight children of the late Patrick J. and Adelaide Hughes, Father Hughes was born in Brooklyn, New York, April 29, 1882. Two of his brothers also entered the priesthood, one becoming a member of the Order of Preachers. He was the last surviving member of his family.

Father Hughes attended Our Lady of Mercy School in Brooklyn, and St. Francis’ Xavier Preparatory School in New York City. He also received his college education in New York. He was given the Dominican habit at St. Rose’ Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, on Christmas in 1903, and made religious profession there on December 26, 1904. He began his philosophical studies at St. Rose’ Priory, and completed his theological courses at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the priesthood in the Chapel of the Washington house on June 24, 1909.

After two years of study at the Collegio Angelico, Rome, he was awarded the Lectorate in Sacred Theology. He returned to Washington for a year, and was then assigned for two years at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. From 1914 to 1917 he taught at Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio. During the next ten years he was engaged in the parochial ministry.

Although Father Hughes gave his first mission in Kansas
City in 1917, he received no regular assignment as a missionary until 1927. From then until his death he continued on the Mission Bands, exercising his ministry with great zeal. To his many friends *Dominicana* extends sincerest sympathy.

† THE REVEREND BASIL COTE, O.P. †

The Reverend Basil Coté, O.P., of St. Anthony’s Priory, New Orleans, Louisiana, died suddenly on June 14th at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. His death was caused by coronary thrombosis.

The Very Reverend Peter O’Brien, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert’s Province, sang the Solemn Funeral Mass on June 17th at St. Anthony’s Church. The Reverend Ambrose McDermott, O.P., was deacon, and the Reverend Dominic Barthelemy, O.P., was subdeacon. The Reverend Eugene Kavanah, O.P., preached the eulogy. The Dominican Sisters of St. Mary’s Convent, New Orleans, formed the choir.

The final absolution was imparted by the Most Reverend Joseph F. Rummel, D.D., Archbishop of New Orleans. The Very Reverend Gregory Scholz, O.P., Prior of St. Anthony’s, conducted the ceremonies at the grave. Burial was in the Dominican plot in the Ponchatoula cemetery.

Born on June 1, 1885, at Lindsay, Ontario, Father Coté was one of twelve children of the late Felix and Elizabeth McNeil Coté. He attended St. Mary’s School at Lindsay, and Ottawa University in Ottawa.

Father Coté was ordained a secular priest on July 21, 1912, after completing the course of studies at the Grand Seminary in Montreal. He served at the Cathedral Church in Peterborough, Canada, until the outbreak of World War I. During the war he went to France as a chaplain with the Canadian army. Assigned to a unit of four hundred soldiers, Father Coté placed himself and his men under the protection of St. Dominic on St. Dominic’s Day in 1918. In the battle of Amiens, which occurred shortly afterwards, only Father Coté and twenty five of his men survived. Grateful for his life, he determined to enter the Dominican Order after the war.

He was vested with the Dominican habit at St. Joseph’s