

final absolution and the burial was in the Dominican plot in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

*Dominicana* extends sincere sympathy to the brothers, sister, relatives, and friends of Father Smith. *May he rest in peace.*



✠ THE REVEREND JOHN JEROME DURKIN, O.P. ✠

Father Durkin died suddenly at St. Joseph's Convent of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, Bronx, N. Y., on July 1, 1950.

Born in Brantford, Ontario, on November 30, 1869, Father Durkin was one of ten children. He was educated in St. Mary's and St. Peter's Schools in London, Ontario. After high school at London Collegiate, his aspirations toward the priesthood led him to St. Jerome's College in Kitchener, Ontario, where he completed his philosophical studies. After attending the Grand Seminary at Montreal for a time, he entered the Order of Preachers, which had already received four of his first cousins into its ranks. At St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., he received the habit in January, 1895. After simple profession on January 15, 1896, he went first to St. Joseph's Priory, then, because of ill health, to Holy Rosary Parish in Minneapolis to complete his theological studies privately.

His ordination at the hands of the Most Rev. John A. Watterson, Bishop of Columbus, Ohio, took place on March 7, 1899, in the cathedral at Columbus. First assigned to St. Peter's Parish, Memphis, Tennessee, Father Durkin in 1902 took up his work at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church in New York City. Here he remained until 1924, doing outstanding work in the advancement of the fine parochial and Sunday schools already established there.

In 1918, he was assigned to the Eastern Mission Band. From 1926 until 1930, he assisted in the parish work at Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, as well as occasionally sharing in the work of the Mission Band. The years from 1930-1938, spent at St. Dominic's in Washington, were devoted to the same type of labor. Finally, in 1938, after the strenuous task of preaching and the parish ministry, Father Durkin was given the less arduous assignment of chaplain to the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, St. Joseph's Convent, New York. Here he spent the remainder of his holy life.

At St. Vincent Ferrer's Church in New York City, on July 6,

1950, a Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. W. G. Moran, O.P.; the Rev. J. A. Nowlen, O.P., was deacon, and the Rev. P. C. Perrotta, O.P., subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Very Rev. J. J. McLarney, O.P. Many Dominican and secular priests assisted at the Mass.

On the previous day a Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated in the chapel of St. Joseph's Convent of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor by the Rev. B. G. King, O.P. The Rev. E. D. Casey, O.P., was deacon, and the Rev. W. A. Carroll, O.P., subdeacon.

At the grave, in All Souls Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. Y., the Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's, conducted the final absolution.

To the sisters, relatives, and friends of Father Durkin, *Dominicana* offers sympathy. *May he rest in peace.*