

THE VERY REV. ARTHUR CHARLES O'NEIL, O. P., S. T. Lr.

When it was announced that the Very Reverend A. Charles O'Neil, O. P., S. T. Lr., was elected to be the new prior of St. Mary's Convent, New Haven, Conn., it is needless to say that the news brought joy to our hearts, for we rejoiced in the honor conferred on Fr. O'Neill. And yet his departure from the House of Studies, where he has been a member of the faculty for fourteen years, was not entirely an occasion of joy; because his honor meant the loss of a professor whom we had always held in the highest esteem.

Fr. O'Neil was born in Boston August 9th, 1872. He received his preparatory education in the schools of that city, graduating from Boston English High School. His higher education was pursued at St. Charles' College, Ellicott City, Maryland. After completing his course in that nursery of priests, he made application to be received into the Dominican Order, and was accepted. He entered St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Ky., in 1897, and after the completion of his novitiate year pronounced his simple vows October 4th, 1898. After two years spent at St. Rose's, he went to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he made his solemn profession October 7th, 1901, and where he was raised to the priesthood three days later, October 10th, 1901. Soon afterwards he was sent to Rome to continue his studies at the Minerva, where in 1904 he received the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology. He returned to the United States in the same year and was made professor of Philosophy at St. Rose's. The fall of 1905 saw him a member of the first faculty at the House of Studies, Washington, D. C., where for fourteen years he has labored preparing others for their great work in the Lord's vineyard.

Fr. O'Neil enters upon his new labors with those qualities of mind and heart which make for certain success in the active ministry. Besides learning, he possesses those virtues characteristic of the true priest and so necessary in a superior—piety and zeal.

The Dominican Novices extend to Fr. O'Neil their sincerest wishes for great success in his new field of labor and they earnestly pray that God will bestow an abundance of blessings upon his work for the honor of God, the salvation of souls, and for the good of the Catholic Church in America.

—Bro. Jerome Olsen, O. P.