

THE CLOISTER CHRONICLE

Province of St. Joseph

Very Rev. Fr. V. F. O'Daniel, O. P., S. T. M., Historiographer of the Province and Associate Editor of the Catholic Historical Review, was elected Second Vice-President of the American Catholic Historical Association at its first meeting held recently in Cleveland.

January 2d, Very Rev. Fr. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M., preached at the funeral mass of the Rev. Patrick J. Gleeson, a boyhood friend, and one of the oldest priests in the diocese of Nashville, Tenn.

A party of Spanish Novices were the welcome guests of the House of Studies a few days before Christmas en route from Avila, Spain to Rosaryville, La. Fr. Perez, O. P., who has seen twenty years service in Tonquin, gave us an interesting talk in English on our Foreign Missions in the East.

Our kind readers' prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of the mothers of Bro. Chrysostom Kearns, Fr. Paul Curran, and Fr. Joachim Cummings. May they enjoy eternal peace.

January 14th Very Rev. Fr. Prior received the solemn profession of Bros. Lawrence Vander Heyden, Francis McCadden, and Constant Werner.

Fr. Raymond Lawler, O. P., Head of the Western Mission Band, paid us a delightful visit the second week in January.

Very Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., Prior of the House of Studies, was one of the judges of the Annual Oratorical Contest held at the Catholic University of America, February 27th, together with the Hon. Henry F. Ashurst, U. S. Senator from Arizona and the Hon. Porter H. Dale, Representative from Vermont.

On the evening of March 7th the Students of the House of Studies conducted public Scholastic Exercises in honor of Saint Thomas Aquinas. The program was as follows: I. History of the Summa, by Bro. Boniface Stratemeier, O. P.; II. Solo, by

Bro. Augustine Naselli, O. P.; III. Saint Thomas and Spiritism, by Fr. Basil Saylor, O. P.; IV. Solo, by Bro. Jordan Baeszler, O. P.; V. Solemn Disputation, "Utrum Natura Humana Fuerit Unita Verbo Dei Accidentaliter," Defender, Bro. Andrew Pope, O. P., Objector, Bro. Innocent Smith, O. P.; VI. Orchestra, Selected.

Very Rev. Fr. Provincial sailed for Europe early in February. During his absence the Very Rev. J. R. Heffernan, O. P., Prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York City, is Vicar of the Province.

The Definitors to the General Chapter, which begins the 22d of May, are the Very Rev. Fr. James Aldridge, O. P., S. T. M., Provincial of Lithuania and Socius to the Master General, and the Very Rev. Fr. E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. B., Prior of the House of Studies.

The Very Rev. J. B. Connolly, O. P., has been reelected Prior of St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio, and the Very Rev. J. D. Fowler, O. P., has been elected Prior of St. Dominic's, Washington, D. C.

Seven Fathers of St. Joseph's Province have recently celebrated notable jubilees of their ordination to the holy priesthood. On February 15th, Fr. H. J. Leonard, O. P., commemorated his fortieth anniversary; and on March 7th occurred the silver jubilee of Fathers R. J. Meaney, E. J. Farmer, F. J. Towhig, S. R. Brockbank, E. A. Wilson and J. D. Pendergast. To the reverend jubilarians the Novices extend their hearty congratulations.

Sixty years a priest is the glorious record of the venerable Fr. D. M. Saintourens, O. P., founder of the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary. October 26th he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his religious profession at the Monastery of Camden, N. J. Father Saintourens was ten years a priest before joining the Order; and is now in his eighty-sixth year. He has lived to see this branch of Dominican activity spread through France, Belgium and the United States.

Fr. Thomas a'Kempis Reilly, O. P., S. T. Lr., lately returned from Rome where he was Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Collegio Angelico, is stationed at Sacred Heart Church, Jersey City, N. J.

Fr. T. L. Crowley, O. P., has been chosen to take charge of our new foundation at Cincinnati.

Fr. Theodore Finnegan, O. P., has succeeded as Procurator of St. Joseph's, Fr. J. B. Kircher, O. P., who has been assigned to Sacred Heart Church, Jersey City.

Fr. Vincent Donovan, O. P., who succeeded Fr. Hyacinth Chandler, O. P., as instructor of English at Providence College, is at present giving a course of public lectures on Church Music. Fr. Chandler is at Houston, Texas, to regain his health.

On the first Sunday of Lent eighteen Fathers of the Eastern Mission Band were engaged in Mission work in New York City.

For the fifth consecutive year our Fathers will give retreats in Portland, Me., at the Cathedral, St. Dominic's and St. John's. On Low Sunday they will open a mission in the Monastery Church of the Passionist Fathers, Hoboken, N. J., and on the fifth Sunday after Easter at the Carmelite Church, Englewood, N. J. March 17, 18, 19, Fr. Foley, O. P., will conduct a triduum for the Augustinian Fathers at St. Mary's, Lawrence, Mass.

The Very Rev. Frs. Mackin and Connolly gave their services to the Eastern Band during Lent. Fathers Lawler and Cleary of the Western Band assisted the Fathers of the East during January, February and March.

On February 11th Fr. Thuente, O. P., organized the Holy Name Society in the new Chapel of the Preparatory Seminary, Chicago; more than 400 students were enrolled. He will be engaged in mission work till June.

Fr. Cleary, O. P., gave the mission to the men attending the Mission of the Holy Cross, Chicago.

The Spring Schedule of the Western Band shows the Fathers at work in the Archdioceses of Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; and in the Dioceses of Cheyenne, Superior, Peoria, Marquette, Belleville, Grand Island, Lincoln, Alton, Winona, Fargo, LaCrosse and Lead.

Province of the Most Holy Name

On the 16th of February Rev. E. D. Donnelly, O. P., of Vallejo, in the seventieth year of his age and the thirty-eighth of his priesthood, died at St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco, after an illness of several weeks following an operation on the spine. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Vallejo. Interment took place at Benicia, California. R. I. P.

In April Rev. W. A. Netterville, O. P., and Rev. F. B. Clyne, O. P., will go to Europe, to the Chapter of the Order, as Definitor and Socius respectively.

Rev. H. V. Smith, O. P., is conducting an English class for Spanish and Mexican servants, in St. Dominic's Hall, San Francisco. As many as forty attend these classes.

Rev. A. I. Townley, O. P., who is in charge of St. Anthony's Church Downey, California (Los Angeles Co.), is starting a Catholic Young Men's Club. A large number of the younger element from Downey, Clearwater, Bellflower, Artesia and Norwalk have taken out membership papers. A hall has been leased, and is well equipped for dances, card parties, various other kinds of entertainments and lectures. Annexed to the main hall are billiard rooms small card playing rooms and a kitchen. "Vivat, Floreat, Crescat."

Sunday evening, February 22d the service flag in St. Dominic's Church was furled with appropriate ceremony. All the ex-service men of the parish were present, accompanied also by the members of the Dominican Club and Holy Name Society. After the recitation of the Rosary, the sermon preached by Fr. Clyne, O. P., and the furling of the flag, a beautiful bronze tablet, with inscriptions of nine names of those who died in service engraved upon it, was blessed. Benediction was given after which the ceremony was concluded with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the entire assemblage. A social was later held for the men in St. Dominic's Hall, under the auspices of the Dominican Club.

Foreign Provinces

Fr. Finbar Ryan, O. P., of the Irish Province is delivering the course of Lenten sermons at Our Lady of Lourdes, New York City.

The Very Rev. Fr. Gabriel Horn, O. P., S. T. M., Associate Editor of the Leonine Edition of St. Thomas (member of St. Joseph's Province), has again been made Prior of the Collegio Angelico by the Most Rev. Master General.

The Very Rev. Fr. Sadoc Szabo, O. P., S. T. M., Regent of the Collegio Angelico, recently published "Die Auktorität des hl. Thomas"; and Père A. D. Sertillanges, O. P., Professor at the Catholic Institute of Paris, "L'amour Chrétien."

The house of Geuther at Paris announces the appearance of the second part of the "Mission archéologique on Arabie" by the Rev. Frs. Jaussen, O. P., and Savignac, O. P., professors at the Biblical School of Jerusalem.

Two works are now in the press, "L'Evangile selon S. Luc" Père Lagrange, O. P., and "L'Apocalypse" by Père Bernard Allo, O. P., Professor of Sacred Scripture at the University of Friburgh. J. Gabalda of Paris is the publisher.

Fr. Michael Browne, O. P., S. T. Lr., of the Irish Province has been called to Rome by our Most Rev. Master General as Professor of Philosophy at the Collegio Angelico.

On December 30th, 1919, the Most Rev. Master General appointed Fr. Vincent Carcedo, O. P., Archivist General of the Order.

October 27th, 1919, Fr. Dominic Pasqualigo, O. P., S. T. M., Commissary General of the Holy Office and Consultor of the Consistorial Congregation, died in Rome. The Holy See has appointed as successor Fr. John Lottini, O. P., S. T. M., with Fr. Louis Ferretti, O. P., S. T. M., First Socius.

January 23, 24, 25, were days of rejoicing at the Minerva, Rome, when the Order of Preachers invited the faithful to celebrate the glories of Bl. Isnard of Vicenza, whose public cult the Holy See has recently confirmed. Dominicana hopes to give its readers a sketch of his wonderful life in the next issue.

The Order has suffered a loss in the death of Fr. Bartholomew Oank, O. P., a native of Tonquin at the age of ninety. While a young man he was in the service of Blessed Diaz Sanjuro, O. P., who was martyred for the Faith. Fr. Oank was exiled for two years; ordained in 1865, and became a Dominican in 1873.

Three new professors have been assigned to the University of Fribourg: the Very Rev. Fr. Rhoner, O. P., Professor of Philosophy in the place of Fr. Michael, O. P., recently deceased; the Very Rev. Claverie, O. P., in the place of Fr. Montagne, O. P., Professor of Philosophy and Moderator of the "Revue Thomiste" and the Very Rev. Fr. Häfele, O. P., in the place of the celebrated Fr. Weiss, O. P.

Out of the two hundred religious in the German Province one hundred and twenty-one were called to arms, of these forty-three received decorations for bravery. Among the forty-six candidates for the novitiate from the Apostolic College forty-one received honors.

Our Fathers have recently opened a school in Cuba, the "Academia Catholica Scientiarum," under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas.

The Very Rev. Fr. Vincent Falzon, O. P., S. T. M. has been chosen by the bishop of Gozo in the Province of Malta, Rector of the Diocesan Seminary and Professor of Moral Theology.

His Grace the Archbishop of Lima has realized his long cherished plan to begin work on a magnificent basilica dedicated to the Patroness of America, Saint Rose. It will cost at least three million pesos.

The Order of Preachers has at present two cardinals, one apostolic nuncio, five archbishops, and seventeen bishops. Save the Order of Saint Francis which has greater numbers, there is not a religious order today having so many dignitaries among the hierarchy.

The Chinese Mission Society of Omaha, Nebraska, has been intrusted by the Holy See with a large and populous mission in the Province of Hupeh, Central China. Hunyang, its headquarters with Hankow and Wu-Chang at the junction of the Yangtse and Han Rivers is the commercial capital of Central China. A

railroad will open up a huge wealthy district to the world. The mission covers several thousands square miles with an estimate of four million souls. There are a number of non-Catholic high schools and a university there. Before the present year ends the Chinese Mission Society hopes to have about forty missionaries from Ireland and the United States.

Dominican Sisters

Congregation of Saint Mary of the Springs

The Community of St. Mary of the Springs suffered the loss of Mother Vincentia Erskine since our previous number went to press. She departed this life on December 17th last, after a fruitful career of over forty-six years as a Dominican Sister. Her amiable soul won for her general esteem, and respect. She filled every important office in the community, and was four times chosen Mother-General, but when the fourth time elected, she asked to be freed from the responsibilities of this office on account of her advanced years, and the Holy See acceded to her wish. R. I. P.

Congregation of the Holy Rosary

Ground was broken recently by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rempe for Rosary College, a Catholic institution for women, to be erected in River Forest, near Chicago, at a cost of \$1,000,000. The college will be conducted by the Dominican Sisters, who, at the invitation of Archbishop Mundelein, are transferring Saint Clara College from Sinsinawa, Wis., to River Forest, and changing its name to Rosary College. The site comprises thirty acres. The buildings will be of Gothic architecture and will include administration building, liberal arts hall, gymnasium, science hall, and music auditorium. It is expected that the first classes will be held in the new buildings in the October of 1921.

Congregation of the Holy Name (California)

The Sisters of the Dominican College, San Rafael, recently purchased an estate of fifty acres adjacent to the Convent, making with Meadowlands, a park of seventy-five acres. The property is highly cultivated and has a superb natural setting. This acquisition insures ample room for carrying out the extensive

plans for departmental buildings, necessitated by the rapid growth of the College.

Sister Mary Alphonse McCoy recently died at St. Catherine's Convent, Benicia. Her long life as a Dominican covered a period of over fifty years. Services and Mass were held in the Convent chapel for the repose of her soul. She was interred in the Dominican cemetery, Benicia. R. I. P.

Corpus Christi Chapter

"Corpus Christi House had a first nebulous beginning," says Miss Elleker, O.S.D., "when upon the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 1908, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Brindle, Bishop of Nottingham, invited a Dominican Tertiary into his diocese, and authorized her to attempt the formation of a band of Dominican Tertiaries dedicated in a special manner to the Blessed Sacrament, who would work among Catholics, good, bad or indifferent, and amongst those outside the fold of the Church, in any way which offered itself." The little band has grown considerably and has done wonderful work in England for the salvation of souls and for the reunion of Christendom. In order to begin a like work in the United States with hopes of as much success as in England, the Rt. Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., Bishop of Duluth, Minn., has invited Miss Elleker, O. S. D., and three of her workers to begin a foundation in his diocese. The pioneer band expects to arrive about Easter to commence their work. May they "proceed prosperously and reign."