

In This Issue:

We have books to burn! In both of its obvious senses, this is particularly true of our modern age. The market is glutted with cheaply priced editions of every imaginable type of writing. And some of them should be burned rather than be allowed to fire man's lower nature.

If Bacon's adage be valid, we Americans must be men of exceptional fullness, for we read much. Yet this dilation of mind which reading effects ought to be in keeping with our state in life, and a Christian life calls for a Christian fullness. It is true that the primary demand is for a fullness of love, but if our minds do not dwell on God's truth, our hearts will not seek God in love. To fill our minds with the Word of Life: this is the direct aim of spiritual reading. This issue of *Dominicana* restates some obvious truths about reading which we may sometimes forget in our modern scramble to keep up with the best sellers.

Our first article, "Why Spiritual Reading," points up the necessity of this exercise against the background of the contemporary scene. "Planning Our Reading" recommends a general method of practicing this exercise, while a particular application of the method is given in "Reading for Dominican Spirituality." Completing the presentation is a spiritual reading program. This book list, compiled by an experienced director, is designed for religious engaged in the teaching apostolate, though generally adaptable to all who are striving to grow in the knowledge and love of God.

"Roman Jubilee," occupying the final spot in this issue, was specially written for *Dominicana* by the eminent historian Father Angelus Walz. The staff of *Dominicana* takes pride in including this work in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of our famous Pontifical Faculty in Rome.