

THE CLOISTER CHRONICLE

ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

Another cycle in the history of Dominicana has been completed by the retirement of the editorial staff which rendered such excellent service during the past two years. Through the splendid management and untiring zeal of Brothers Dominic Dolan and Andrew Pope, its former editors, Brothers Ambrose Smith and Peter O'Brien, its business managers, and Brothers Constant Werner, Gabriel Knauff, and Norbert Georges, its departmental writers, Dominicana is now held in high esteem. In the name of the Novices and in behalf of our readers we most heartily thank the retiring members for the full measure of energy and devotion with which they have served our publication.

The personnel of Dominicana's newly appointed staff is as follows: Brothers Ambrose Smith and Peter O'Brien, editors; Brother Louis Clark, Friars' Book-shelf; Brothers Justin Kennedy and Thomas Halloran, Cloister Chronicle; the former for St. Joseph's and Foreign Provinces, the latter for Holy Name Province and Sisterhoods; Brothers Michael Barrett and Damian Goggins, business managers.

On February 24th, the St. Dominic Lyceum of the Novitiate at the House of Studies completed its fourth term. The papers assigned for that meeting dealt with Blessed Albert, The Saint; The Philosopher; The Theologian; The Scientist. On the first of March there was held an election of officers to direct the affairs of the society through its fifth term, which begins on March 15th.

We remind our readers that 1921 is the seventh centenary of St. Dominic's death. All Dominicans, the world over, will give fitting homage to our Holy Father on this great anniversary.

On January 16th, Mr. Francis Pearson was clothed in the Lay-Brothers habit by the Very Rev. Prior of the House of Studies, and will henceforth be known as Brother Anthony. On the same day, Brothers Joseph Walsh of Holy Name Province, Dominic Chenette, Benedict Hughes, James Murphy, Gregory McBride, and Anthony Pearson of St. Joseph's Province began their novitiate in the Lay-Brotherhood. A week later they were joined by Mr. Raphael Hanhauser who received the habit on Jan-

uary 24th, and will be known in religion as Brother Girard. Brother Albert O'Connor made his simple profession as a Lay-Brother on February 6th.

Scholastic exercises in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas were held at the House of Studies on March 7th. Brothers Reginald Hughes and Joachim Walsh read dissertations on "The Authority of St. Thomas," and "St. Thomas on Preaching." The principal event of the evening was the solemn theological disputation in which Brother Chrysostom Kearns was Defender, and Brother Mark Della Penta Objector; the thesis being: *Christus Est in Sacramento Eucharistiae Secundum Veritatem*. The program was varied by delightful musical numbers.

M. Josef Bonnet, organist of the grand organ of St. Eustache, Paris, gave a recital of Catholic organ music in the church of St. Dominic, Washington, D. C., on January 9th, under the auspices of the Catholic University. The recital was followed by Solemn Gregorian Vespers, sung by the University Choir under the personal direction of Dr. Abel Gabert, head of the department of Ecclesiastical Music. Bishop Shahan, Mgri. Henry, Thomas and Manzetti in company with many of the secular and religious clergy were present in the sanctuary. Father W. B. Reilly, O. P., of the House of Studies, officiated; being assisted by Father Fowler, O. P., and Father Cowan, O. P., both of St. Dominic's.

The Very Rev. Dr. Thomas Edward Shields, Ph. D., passed away on February 13th at Washington, D. C. Through the death of Dr. Shields, founder and Dean of the Sisters College, Christian education in the United States has lost one of its ablest and foremost champions.

The Dominican Foreign Mission Bureau was recently established in New York City and in the near future the Fathers of St. Joseph's Province will begin proximate preparations for their entrance into the foreign mission field. The Torch, the Tertiaries Bulletin, has been made the official organ for Foreign Mission news, and the Tertiaries themselves are expected to become the most powerful supporters of the new undertaking.

Frs. V. R. Burnell and E. A. Baxter have returned East after rendering valuable assistance to the Fathers on the California Missions.

Rev. W. R. Lawler, Head of the Western Band, assisted at the Holy Name rally in the Cathedral of the Holy Name, Chicago. Archbishop Mundelein presided and Archbishop Dowling preached. Chicago now has the largest union of the Holy Name Society in the world.

The Fathers of the Western Band recently gave three notable missions in Chicago; the first at the Mission of Our Lady of Mercy, a working boys' home; the second at Holy Cross Mission, a home for unemployed men; the third being the Chicago counterpart of the famous Bowery Mission in New York.

The Very Rev. J. A. Aldridge, O. P., S. T. M., ex-socius of the Most Rev. Master General, has been elected Prior of the Convent of the Most Holy Rosary, at Minneapolis.

The Right Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., D. D., Bishop of Duluth, has sent a check for two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars to the Dominican Foreign Mission Bureau. This begins a burse which will be known as "The Right Rev. John T. McNicholas Burse." The other money of the Foreign Mission Bureau which has been received from the members of the Third Order, will be placed under the "St. Dominic's Burse."

Father J. R. Fannan, Head of the Southern Missions, gave a number of missions in southern Mississippi during the month of January.

The Lenten schedule for missions in the East, West and South, has been completely filled. There are twenty missionaries carrying on the work for the Eastern Band.

To supply the demand for Dominican missionaries in Dayton and Cincinnati, some of the Fathers will be in those places during the entire Lenten season. These missions, which include one at St. Peter's Cathedral, Cincinnati, will be given by members of the Southern Band.

The Rev. F. V. DiMichele, O. P., has been appointed Pastor of Holy Name Church, Valhalla, N. Y., to succeed Fr. S. A. Gavin, O. P., who has resigned on account of ill health.

On January 13th, the Holy Hour of Adoration was observed in St. Vincent Ferrer's Church as an hour of thanksgiving, for the recovery of the valuable jewels stolen from there last December.

The Very Rev. J. A. Mackin, O. P., is having the historic church of St. Rose, near Springfield, Ky., repaired and improved. The exterior has been beautified by repointing the stone-work; the bell has been re-hung, and it is planned to renovate and re-furnish the interior. Very Rev. Hyacinth Foster, O. P., has succeeded Very Rev. Ambrose Dempsey as subprior of St. Rose Convent.

It is with sincere regret that we announce the deaths of Mrs. Murray, Mrs. McGovern, and Mrs. Dugan, the mothers of three members of this Province. To our bereaved brethren we extend most heartfelt sympathy.

Rt. Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., D. D., Bishop of Duluth, is conducting a campaign to raise two million dollars to establish a welfare and charity fund for his diocese.

Rev. T. M. Schwertner, O. P., S. T. L., preached the retreat to the members of the Guild of SS. Luke, Cosmas and Damian, an association of Catholic medical men, at Philadelphia.

Mr. Charlemagne Koehler, M. A., Professor of Oratory at the University of Detroit, has written a religious drama entitled "The Nazarene." For the past six summers Professor Koehler has conducted classes in oratory at the Dominican College, Ocean City, Md. We congratulate him on his recent achievement.

Rev. C. M. Thuyente, O. P., who is probably the best known and most sought-after retreat master in the United States, has gone to Europe for a much needed rest.

Rev. L. L. Farrell, O. P., has been appointed by the Provincial head of the St. Catherine of Sienna Church branch of the Association to Help Poor and Worthy Boys to the Priesthood.

Since our last issue, the following changes have taken place in the Province: Fr. A. H. Chandler to St. Joseph's, Somerset; Fr. Albert O'Brien to St. Joseph's, Somerset; Fr. E. B. Farley to Holy Rosary parish, Houston; Fr. F. A. Gaffney to Holy Name Church, Philadelphia; Fr. R. A. LaPlante to St. Patrick's parish, Columbus; Fr. W. R. Bonniwell to St. Mary's Rectory, Johnson City; and Brother Malachy Donlon to St. Louis Bertrand's Louisville.

PROVINCE OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Due to an oversight, the death of Mrs. Ellen Carroll McMahon, mother of the Very Rev. Father A. L. McMahon, O. P., S. T. M., Provincial, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, was not chronicled in the "Dominicana." May our many readers offer a pious prayer for the happy repose of her soul!

At the request of the Right Rev. Edward J. O'Dea, D. D., Bishop of Seattle, Father A. M. Skelly, O. P., answered the charges of the Protestant ministers who were assembled in the interests of the Inter-Church Movement. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the leading daily newspaper, published the controversy. So clear and convincing were the arguments advanced by Father Skelly, that at no time was there any doubt as to the receiver of the laurels. In his latest book, "The Interchurch and the Catholic Idea," Father Skelly presents the controversy to the public at large.

During a period of ten days a successful campaign for funds for a new church for St. Dominic's, San Francisco, to replace the church destroyed by earthquake in 1906, was conducted. It is hoped to begin the church this year as a memorial in honor of the seventh centenary of the death of St. Dominic.

Mr. Theodore Maynard, the noted English poet and essayist, has been on a lecture tour in America for the past year. Mr. Maynard has accepted the chair of English Literature at the Dominican College, San Rafael, Calif.

From the 16th to the 20th of March the Rev. R. A. Lewis, O. P., will conduct a retreat for the members of the Knights of Columbus in the Los Angeles Cathedral.

The mission season opened on the 2d of January when a mission was given at St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco, by the Rev. W. D. Noon, O. P., and Rev. E. A. Baxter, O. P., for two weeks; on the conclusion of this mission the same two missionaries gave a two weeks' mission in Vallejo, the first week for the women and the second week for the men; the men's mission was the largest ever held in the history of the parish; every night the sanctuary and aisles were crowded. Fathers R. A. Lewis, O. P., and Raymond Burnell, O. P., gave a mission in the Seattle Cathedral and in St. Patrick's Church, Tacoma.

The following students are studying abroad: Father Sebastian Bohan, O. P., is specializing in Canon Law at the Angelico in Rome; Father Benedict Allen, O. P., is specializing in Apologetics and History at the University of Fribourg; Father Cyprian McDonnell, O. P., is studying at St. Stephen's Biblical School in Jerusalem after a year spent at the Angelico, and Father Thomas Gabisch, O. P., is finishing his course of studies at the Angelico.

Father William McClory, O. P., is assigned to the faculty of St. Mary's College, in Oakland California. He is teaching Latin to the students who are studying there preparatory to entering the Order for the Holy Name Province.

Fathers J. D. O'Brien and W. S. McDermott, O. P., are giving the Lenten course at St. Dominic's and Holy Redeemer, San Francisco, alternating on Wednesday nights. Rev. J. G. Rourke, O. P., is the preacher at St. Vincent's, Vallejo, on Wednesday nights during Lent; the pulpit is filled by a preacher from San Francisco on Sunday nights. Rev. C. V. Lamb, O. P., is the preacher at St. Catherine's, Martinez, on Sunday nights. Rev. W. A. Netterville, O. P., is preaching at St. Dominic's, Benicia, on Wednesdays and at Holy Rosary, Antioch, on Sundays.

The two weeks mission in the Cathedral at Portland, Oregon, was preached by the Very Rev. Father E. S. Olson, O. P., S. T. L., Prior of Holy Rosary Convent in that city.

Very Rev. Father Provincial A. L. McMahon, O. P., S. T. M., arrived at the House of Studies, Washington, on March 4th from San Francisco. He sailed from New York, March 10th, for Rome where he will confer with the Master General and make a report of activities of the Province.

Holy Name Triduum in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Albany, and the Forty Hours' Devotions in St. Francis' and St. Patrick's Churches, Portland, in St. Ferdinand's, Roy, and in St. Louis', St. Louis, were preached by Fathers from Holy Rosary Convent. Retreats and conferences to the various Sisterhoods in the vicinity of Portland, Oregon, have been preached by the Fathers assigned to Holy Rosary.

FOREIGN PROVINCES

The faculty of Canon Law at the Collegio Angelico has been highly praised by "Osservatore Romano," the official organ of

the Vatican. Special mention was made of Father Noval's two books, "De Personis" and "De Delictis et Poenis," Father Blat's "De Rebus," and Father Fanfani's "De Jure Religiosorum."

Fathers Zucchi, Ratnick, Langlais, Casas, and Crotty were chosen, at the last General Chapter, for the codification of our Constitutions.

The professorial staff at the Angelico has been strengthened by the addition of Father Cuervo of the Spanish Province, and Father Sweeney of the English Province.

The Very Rev. Constant Suermondt, O. P., S. T. M., editor of the works of St. Thomas, recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his profession, Cardinals Vico, and Frühwirth, O. P., being present at the Angelico for this occasion.

The Most Rev. P. M. Caterini, O. P., S. T. M., has been appointed Vicar General of the Order, to succeed Father Leonard Lehu, O. P., S. T. M., who has been in ill health for some time.

Monsignor Lludi, the octogenarian Bishop of Assisi, recently observed the golden jubilee of his profession as a Dominican Tertiary.

It was resolved at the Eucharistic Congress held at Bergamo, to work ceaselessly for the canonization of Blessed Imelda.

Count John Grosoli, the highly gifted Italian Senator, has been received into the Third Order.

The Most Rev. Master General returned to Rome January 28, having completely recovered from the severe illness which attacked him while he was making a canonical visitation of the European Provinces.

Fr. Mariano Cordovani, Professor of Ethics at the Angelico, was invited by various Italian cities to give a series of conferences in commemoration of the sixth centenary of the immortal Dante. He has already appeared at Turin and Arezzo, and was received with great applause.

The Lenten discourses at the church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva are being delivered by Fr. Antonino Luddi, O. P., of the congregation of San Marco.

The Dominicans of the Province of Toulouse have succeeded in buying back their House of Studies, which had been in the hands of the French government since the suppression.

Monsignor Roland-Gosselin, auxiliary to His Eminence Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, has become a Dominican Tertiary.

Père Janvier, O. P., Conferencier of Notre Dame, is the first one on whom the recently created title of "Master of Preaching" has been conferred. He has been re-elected as a member of the Bureau of the International Eucharistic Congress.

The process for the beatification of Catherine Jarrige, a devout French Tertiary, has been entrusted to His Eminence Cardinal Frühwirth, O. P.

Père Mainage, O. P., has been chosen by the Catholic Institute of Paris as professor of the History of Religion.

Père H. Vincent, O. P., of the French Province, has discovered a Byzantine church near Hebron which, so far as is known, is the best preserved of the buildings of ancient Palestine.

The French Government, through the "Academie des Inscriptions," has declared St. Stephen's, the Dominican Biblical School at Jerusalem, to be "Une Ecole Archeologique Française."

Père Richard, O. P., has been congratulated by Cardinal Briletti, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Studies, for his work, "Philosophie du raisonnement dans la science d'après St. Thomas d'Aquin."

Father Dominic Fructuoso, O. P., formerly Vicar General of the Province of Portugal, has been made Bishop of Portalegre.

The Dominican College at Foochow, China, conducted by the Fathers of the Province of the Most Holy Rosary, is steadily gaining favor among the natives. It has, of late, been visited by both civil and military authorities, and the number of students has increased to two hundred.

"Luther and Lutherdom," the monumental work of Father Denifle, O. P., has been translated into Spanish by Father Manuel Fernandez, O. P., a professor at the University of Manila.

Father P. O'Sullivan, O. P., of the Irish Province, has spent twenty-five years in Lisbon, laboring there for the salvation of souls through the medium of the Catholic press.

During a solemn reunion of Dominican Tertiaries at Zwolle, Holland, the Most Rev. Master General received forty new members and eighty-five professions.

Father Preller, O. P., of the Dutch Province, an ardent promoter of Esperanto, has been appointed to write a prayer book in that language.

Father Rings, O. P., of the German Province, has just published a life of St. Dominic, the first to be written originally in German.

The Dominican Sisters of Llanz, Switzerland, who conduct hospitals and sanitariums at Zurich, Davos, and Fribourg, and who recently accepted a mission in China, have been favored by an autograph letter from the Holy Father.

The annual retreats at the well-known Irish Universities of Dublin, Galway, and Cork, were conducted by Fathers Barrett and Ryan, of the Irish Province, and the Very Rev. Bede Jarrett, O. P., S. T. L.

During the year 1920, the Irish Dominicans gave more than one hundred and thirty missions and retreats, and, at present, three of their number are teaching at the Angelico, Rome.

On January 23rd two Novices of the Irish Province were ordained priests, the ceremony taking place in the private chapel of the Roman Vicariate, at Rome.

DOMINICAN SISTERS

Congregation of St. Catherine of Sienna, Kentucky

On March 6th nine postulants received the habit of St. Dominic. The Very Rev. J. H. Foster, O. P., S. T. Lr., of St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., officiated in the absence of the Rt. Rev. Denis O'Donoghue, D. D., Bishop of Louisville. On the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, nineteen novices made profession before Mother-General Francesca, O. S. D. Father J. R. Clark, O. P., of the Southern Missionary Band, conducted the spiritual retreat in preparation for the reception and profession.

On February 22nd, a High Mass was celebrated in the convent chapel in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Sister Mary Dominic Simms. Congratulations and good wishes were received from a host of friends.

A moving picture machine has lately been installed in the St. Catherine Auditorium. Thus far there have been shown, "Canonization of Joan of Arc" and the "Eternal Light."

At Spaulding Nebraska, on February 21st, Sister Ethelreda Sullivan, O. S. D., died in the first year of her religious profession.

Congregation of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

The community and student-body of St. Mary's Dominican College were favored on January 11th with a visit from the Most Reverend Archbishop of New Orleans. His Grace celebrated Mass, after which the Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Education presented him with a purse of \$1125.00, the gift of the students to the Seminary Fund. To this Reverend Mother Prioress added the community's contribution of \$600.00.

At the studio of the Dominicans, Guisepppe Ferrata gave a Beethoven recital to the Sisterhoods of New Orleans.

Sacred Heart Community (Texas)

A new house of the Congregation has been opened at Riverside, California, and a flourishing parochial school now repays the earnest work of the Sisters at that mission.

Sisters M. Benedicta Eckenrode and M. Raphael Burke celebrated their Silver Jubilee on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Madame Brosius gave delightful harp recitals to the pupils of St. Agnes Academy, Houston, and to the Catholic students in Newman Hall of the Texas University.

Upon the memorable Silver Jubilee of the Beaumont School a spacious new convent was presented to the Sisters by the members of the parish.

Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs

A magnificent white marble cross in memory of Mother Vincentia Erskine, O. S. D., is soon to be erected on a central

mound in the cemetery of the Mother House at Shepard, Ohio. It is the gift of the Alumnae Association.

During the month of January, three postulants were clothed with the Dominican habit. The reception of the habit at this time is quite unusual but was deemed expedient on account of the ever pressing need of Sisters and the greatly increased size of the Novitiate building.

Congregation of the Holy Cross, Brooklyn

At the beginning of the scholastic year a regular Normal Department was established at the Novitiate School, Amityville, L. I.

Fifteen Sisters have completed the course in music offered by the Catholic University at the Catholic Girls Club, New York City.

Mother Caritas has been appointed Superior of the houses in Porto Rico to replace Mother Hilary whose ill-health caused her to resign.

St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, under the direction of the Sisters of this Congregation, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its foundation. It ranks among the best in the country and has the distinction of having Sisters from other Congregations studying in its laboratories.

The Community suffered a great loss in the death of Mother M. Margaret who held the office of local superioress of the Mother House. Mother M. Albertine has been elected to fill this important position.

Mount St. Dominic Community

The ceremony of solemn profession and clothing took place in Mount St. Dominic Chapel, Caldwell, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, February 13th. Three young ladies received the white robes of St. Dominic and eight Novices were professed, after having made a retreat of eight days under the direction of the Very Rev. W. J. O'Leary, O. P. The Rev. James Smith of Rutherford, N. J., preached a most inspiring sermon on this occasion.

The Senior Class of Mt. St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell, N. J., will give a Eugene Field Lecture-Recital at the new select school, Lacordaire, opened by the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell, N. J., in Upper Montclair.

St. Cecilia's Community, Tennessee

On the Feast of St. Cecilia, the Alumnae presented their Alma Mater with a \$3500 reproducing piano and records of the world's best composers of music. In addition the "Alumnae Scholarship" was started for the students of the Academy.

On the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas three young ladies received the Holy Habit of St. Dominic.

St. Catherine's Community (Portuguese)

One of the Dominican Sisters of St. Rose School, Hanford, California, presented to Rt. Rev. Charles J. Reilly, D. D., Bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska, an illuminated scroll of his Latin address to the Holy Father, which he will read on the occasion of his "ad limina" visit to Rome.

Corpus Christi Chapter of Duluth, Minn.

Three retreats have been given at the Corpus Christi House, one for the married women, one for teachers, and one for working girls. Over ninety attended this last named, which was conducted by the Rt. Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., D. D., Bishop of Duluth.

The Tertiaries of the Chapter are now in charge of six Catechism centers for children attending public schools in Duluth and give religious instruction at three missions, Morgan Park, Two Harbors and Markville. A class of lay Catechists is conducted weekly by one of the Sisters.

A Home for Working Girls was formally opened on New Year's Day; a Scout Troop for girls has been organized; also several social clubs among the women and girls of Duluth.

Mother Marie Ellerker, O. S. D., the Prioress, is now in England. She hopes to return in May to re-open the Novitiate House which has been closed during the winter.

Foreign Missionary Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll

On Feb. 15th, twenty-one of the Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic pronounced their vows at Maryknoll for the first time. They are to aid the Maryknollers in spreading Christianity among the pagans of the Field Afar. Although founded

but a short while ago this congregation now numbers seventy-two Sisters zealously working at Maryknoll, N. Y., Clark's Summit, Pa., Los Angeles, Calif., and Seattle, Washington.

Congregation of Dominican Sisters of the Third Order, Albany, N. Y.

An unprecedented honor was enjoyed by this congregation when during the past autumn His Excellency Most Rev. Archbishop Titta Trochi, Apostolic Delegate to Cuba and Porto Rico, a Tertiary of the Order of St. Dominic, offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at each of its missions.

On Feb. 13th, Rt. Rev. E. F. Gibbons, Bishop of Albany, performed the impressive ceremonies of clothing several postulants with the beautiful habit of St. Dominic. The retreat of preparation was preached by Rev. Reginald Dooley, O. P.

After an illness of five weeks, Sr. M. Alphonsus, O. S. D., passed to her eternal reward on Feb. 21, at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, N. Y. Two days later a solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated for the repose of her soul in the Dominican Convent at Albany by the Rev. W. S. Charles assisted by Rev. John Le Febvre and Rev. Cornelius Crowley.

