

THE CLOISTER CHRONICLE

ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

At the close of his canonical visitation of the House of Studies, Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O.P., S.T.Lr., Provincial, expressed his admiration for the work of the professors, both in our house and at the Catholic University; for the work of the Novices in the pursuit of their studies and in the editing of "Dominican Saints"; and for the work of the Lay Brothers, whose fidelity and ability in the discharge of their duties play an important part in the welfare of the community.

On March 7th, Scholastic exercises in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, O., P., Patron of Catholic Schools, were held at the House of Studies. The thesis chosen for the solemn theological disputation was "Essentia Beatitudinis Formalis in Actu Intellectus Consistit"; Brother Peter O'Brien being Defender and Brother Clement Nowlen the Objector. Dissertations were read by Fr. Dominic Dolan and Brother Norbert Georges, their subjects being respectively "St. Thomas on the Sacrifice of the Mass," and "St. Thomas on Private Property." Appropriate musical numbers were rendered by the Novices.

Rev. C. M. Thuente, O. P., was a visitor at the House of Studies, Washington, during January; and the Novices recall with pleasure the delightful talks with which he favored them at that time. Father Thuente has established branches of the Marianum, a society founded by him for priests' housekeepers, in the archdioceses of Milwaukee, Chicago and New York. During the Lenten season he is to assist the members of the Southern and Western Mission Bands.

On January 17th five Lay Brothers made their profession to the Very Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. M., Prior of the House of Studies. The event was of more than passing interest in view of the fact that never before in the history of the Province had such a large number of Lay Brothers made profession at one time. Those professed were: Brothers Dominic Chenette, Benedict Hughes, Gregory McBride and James Murphy, of St. Joseph's Province; and Brother Joseph Walsh of the California Province. On the same day Mr. Charles Welsh received the Lay

Brother's habit, taking the name of Brother Pius. On January 25 and February 11, respectively, two more of their number, Brothers Gerard Hannhauser and Anthony Pearson, made their profession.

The sincere sympathy of the Novices is extended to Fr. G. B. Hassenfuss, O. P., to Fr. D. M. Galliher, O. P., and to Bro. Gerard O'Donnell, O. P., whose mothers died recently; and also to Fr. C. I. Cappellino, O. P., on the death of his father. R. I. P.

The vicariate houses of the Province have been granted the right of active participation in the election of a Provincial. They have been divided into two districts—Eastern and Western—the number of delegates to the Provincial Chapter depending on the number of members in each district.

A truly Dominican achievement was the foundation, by Very Rev. J. R. Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., Provincial, of the Association to Help Poor and Worthy Boys to the Priesthood. Its success has been gratifying and encouraging, and the results produced by it cannot but be far-reaching and beneficial. Up to, and including the present, thirty-three complete burses, twenty-four incomplete burses and two scholarships have been established, and numerous individual contributions have been received.

Rev. J. B. O'Connor, O. P., P. G., recently published "Monasticism and Civilization," which has been accorded a hearty reception; and the "Novena in honor of Mary Magdalen," a brochure by Rev. C. M. Thuente, O. P., has been well received.

The first volume of a commentary on the Epistles of St. Paul, by Rev. C. J. Callan, O. P., S. T. Lr., is to appear soon. The work, which will be very large, is a thorough study in the light of the best scholarship and latest research. Rev. J. A. McHugh, O. P., S. T. Lr., co-editor with Father Callan of the Homiletic Monthly, also has a book on "Communion" at the press.

Rev. V. C. Donovan, O. P., is director of the lecture course which is being conducted by Providence College. The first series of lectures was opened on January 13th by Rev. W. D. Noon, O. P., S. T. M., who spoke on "Dante, the Catholic." Subsequent lectures are to be given by Denis McCarthy of Boston, Michael

Williams of Washington, Father Francis Duffy of New York City, and Tom Daly of Philadelphia.

The first intercollegiate debate between Providence College and Boston College was won by the members of the Providence team, who supported the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved: That the Federal Government should control the coal industry."

St. Rose's Settlement of the Catholic Social Union, New York City, has the honor of being first among the many Catholic social settlements of America. It was founded in 1897, at the request of Cardinal Farley, and during the present year will celebrate the silver jubilee of its useful career.

On January 8th an inspiring celebration, under the auspices of the National Headquarters of the Holy Name Society, was held in the Hippodrome, New York City, to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the canonical establishment of the Holy Name Society in the United States.

For the past nine years, a mission has been given annually by the Dominican Fathers for the men of the Bowery district, New York City. This year's mission, which began on January 15th, and closed on January 22nd, was conducted by Fathers Sheil, Eckert, O'Neill, Maher and Dugan. In addition to the regular chapel and two temporary ones in the mission building, it was necessary to use the Church of the Nativity, nearby, in order to accommodate the large number of those making the mission. Services were conducted simultaneously in these four places.

On February 26th Rev. H. I. Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr., addressed the Chapter of Tertiaries at St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York City. On this occasion, 125 members were professed and 75 new members received. The zeal and untiring efforts of Rev. W. G. Moran, O. P., its Director, have made this chapter the largest and one of the most active in the entire country.

While in New York during January Rev. C. M. Thuente, O. P., gave a retreat to the members of the Third Order at the Church of St. Catherine of Sienna; at which time many new

members were received, and a large number made their profession. Rev. L. L. Farrell, O. P., is the Director of this already flourishing and steadily growing Chapter.

Members of the Western Mission Band conducted diocesan retreats in Marquette, Michigan; Great Falls, Montana; Bismarck, North Dakota, and Green Bay, Wisconsin. They have also given missions and retreats in the dioceses of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Dubuque, St. Louis, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Green Bay, Great Falls, Duluth, Omaha, Grand Island, Lincoln, Winona, Kansas City, Belleville, LaCrosse, Fargo and New York.

Rev. W. R. Lawler, O. P., preached in the Cathedral of Chicago at the seventh centenary celebration of the establishment of the Third Order of St. Francis. He also conducted a triduum for Holy Name men at the Church of the Visitation, Chicago, early in January.

Rev. D. A. Wynn, O. P., conducted a retreat for the boys at Fr. Quille's Working Boys' Home, Chicago.

Fathers Lawler, Conlon, Hegarty, Thamm and Kienberger attended the consecration of Bishop Hoban in Holy Name Cathedral, **Chicago**.

The Tertiaries of St. Dominic's Chapter, Chicago, tendered a hearty reception to the Dominican Fathers upon their arrival in that city to take charge of the parish recently entrusted to them. On February 28th, a program of welcome, comprising addresses, readings, and vocal and instrumental selections, was arranged and presented by the Tertiaries; and in addition to the regular program a liberal donation was made to the Fathers. The address of welcome was made by the Rev. T. A. Canty, D. D., spiritual director of St. Dominic's Chapter; and the gratitude of the newly-arrived Fathers was expressed by the Rev. D. A. Casey, O. P. Great credit is due both to the officers and members of St. Dominic's Chapter for their kindness, their earnest endeavors and their generosity.

The centenary of the consecration of Rt. Rev. E. D. Fenwick, O. P., first Bishop of Cincinnati, was observed at the Fenwick Club, Cincinnati, from January 8 to 15; Archbishop Moeller taking a prominent part. Following the Solemn Pontifical

Mass celebrated on January 15, the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., recounted for his audience the life and labors of Cincinnati's first Ordinary.

The following is a list of some of the assignments made by the Very Reverend Provincial since the beginning of the New Year: Rev. T. J. Treacy, O. P., New Haven; Rev. H. J. Schroeder, O. P., Hawthorne; Rev. J. B. Hughes, O. P., Newark; Rev. Albert O'Brien, O. P., Memphis; Rev. J. B. Dawkins, O. P., New York City; Rev. E. A. Martin, O. P., Columbus; Rev. J. B. O'Connor, O. P., New Haven; Rev. J. A. Byrnes, O. P., Jersey City; Rev. E. J. Cummings, O. P., Louisville; Rev. J. R. Dooley, O. P., Minneapolis; Rev. H. J. McManus, O. P., Sparkill; Rev. E. L. Spence, O. P., Newark; Rev. F. J. Twohig, O. P., Columbus; Rev. W. R. Mahoney, O. P., Philadelphia; Rev. L. U. Cull, O. P., Providence College; Rev. Q. F. Beckley, O. P., Johnson City; Rev. M. J. Kennedy, O. P., Springfield, Ky.; Rev. W. R. Bonniwell, O. P., Kansas City; Rev. E. J. Donovan, O. P., Aquinas College; Rev. S. A. Gavin, O. P., Memphis; Rev. Cyril Coudeyre, O. P., Summit.

HOLY NAME PROVINCE

The following assignments have been made by the Very Reverend Provincial, Father A. L. McMahon, O. P., S. T. M.: Rev. J. D. O'Brien, O. P., Prior of Benicia; Rev. A. I. Townley, O. P., Prior of Portland; Rev. E. S. Olsen, O. P., S. T. Lr., Pastor of Martinez; Rev. J. S. Rice, O. P., S. T. Lr., Pastor of Vallejo; Rev. J. G. Rourke, O. P., Pastor of Crockett; and Rev. W. A. Netterville, O. P., Pastor of Antioch.

FOREIGN PROVINCES

In the apse of St. Peter's, Rome, there are statues of all the canonized founders of Religious Orders, and among these that of St. Dominic holds the first place on the Gospel side. Shortly before his death Pope Benedict XV, who was a most devout Tertiary, ordered that the pedestal of this statue be overhauled and embellished.

The venerable Andrew Franchi, O. P., Bishop of Pistoia, who lived during the latter part of the fourteenth century, was beatified on November 15.

On November 17 Fr. Vosté, O. P., was awarded the title of Doctor of Biblical Sciences, by the Biblical Commission. Fr. Vosté, was at one time a student at St. Stephen's, the Dominican Biblical school at Jerusalem.

Msgr. Scapardini, O. P., at one time Nuncio to Argentina, has been made Bishop of Vigevano.

The canonical process for the beatification of Catherine Paluzzi, a devout tertiary of the seventeenth century and foundress of a flourishing Dominican Monastery, has been introduced; and the cause of Anne de Monteagudo, a South American tertiary, has been resumed.

Fr. Cordovani, O. P., a member of the professorial staff at the Angelico, Rome, has been appointed to the chair of Theology in Italy's first Catholic University, which was opened at Milan, in December. The institution is known as the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart.

During the progress of the Eucharistic Congress at Rome, in May, a Dominican pilgrimage to the Eternal City will be made and a solemn Rosary Congress will be convened.

In accordance with a desire expressed in many General Chapters, the rule of the secular tertiaries of St. Dominic is now being revised.

A life-size statue of Père Lacordaire, O. P., Conferencier at Notre Dame for many years, is being erected at Recy-sur-Ource, France.

Beginning with January, 1922, the French Dominicans are starting their twentieth magazine, to be entitled "Les Missions Dominicaines." It is an illustrated monthly of thirty-two pages, devoted to the foreign missions.

Père D. Constant, O. P., the well-known Dominican author, recently completed his latest work, "St. Dominic in France." In this work every place that St. Dominic ever visited has been pointed out with the greatest minuteness.

The French Military Medal was recently conferred on Fr. James Eisenmenger, O. P., director of L'Anne Dominicaine; on

Fr. Raphael Bernard, O. P.; and, posthumously, on Bro. Hugh Burfin, O. P., a professed Novice who was killed in action.

The venerable Dominican tertiary Cardinal de Cabrières, Bishop of Montpellier, passed away on December 21 at the advanced age of ninety-two.

Prince Charles of Löwenstein, one of the founders of the Centrist Party in Germany, entered the Dominican Order in 1907 at the age of seventy-three, and was granted a comparatively long and undoubtedly useful career as a Friar Preacher. He died at Düsseldorf last November in his eighty-seventh year, it being the fourteenth of his religious life. He was known in religion as Fr. Raymond.

DOMINICAN SISTERS

St. Mary of the Springs (Shepard, Ohio)

On January 24th, the habit was given to Miss Mary Mahon of New York City; Miss Helen Shields of East Pittsburgh, Pa., and Miss Helen Miles of Jacksonville, Florida.

Forty Hours Devotion was opened on the morning of February 3rd. At the closing ceremonies Bishop Hartley of Columbus officiated.

Two instructive literary events were recently enjoyed by the faculty and student body. Dr. Thomas O'Hagan of the University of Toronto lectured on "Dante and His Times" and the Shakespearean reader, Mr. Paulding, favored us with "Cymbeline."

Sister Martina Gaffney, O. S. D., died of pneumonia, February 9th. She had been a religious for thirty-eight years.

Congregation of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

A new building containing laboratories, dormitories, commercial rooms, and offices has been erected.

The Bishop of Lafayette has invited the community to take charge of one of the largest mission schools in Southwest Louisiana.

A special feature of the program attending the reception of the LL. D. by Marshal Foch at Loyola University, was the singing of "France" by one of the Dominican pupils. "France" was composed for the occasion by Lt. Commander Cummings, U. S. N., and at his request orchestrated by one of the Sisters.

The Very Rev. W. Martin, O. P., Vicar-Provincial of the Holy Rosary Province, and Rev. H. Corbato, O. P., were recent guests of the community; Father Corbato has been laboring on the missions at Foochow, China, for the past eight years.

Corpus Christi Chapter (Duluth, Minn.)

The first Chapter of lay Tertiaries in the city has been formed in Duluth Heights. This was one of the first missions undertaken by the Sisters, and it has just completed the building of its own church, St. Joseph's.

The number of children under religious instruction is now approximately 700.

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, three Sisters were invested with the habit of St. Dominic by Bishop McNicholas, O. P. February 2nd, the Rev. P. O'Riordan, T. O. P., chaplain, gave the white habit to two postulants. Five more Sisters are expected to arrive from England within the next month.

Community of St. Catherine of Sienna (Kentucky)

On February 14th, an interesting lecture was given in the auditorium of St. Catherine's Academy, Springfield, by Denis McCarthy, poet and lecturer.

Sister Veracunda died on December 16th after an illness of but a few hours. Her death-stroke came during a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

Plans for the approaching Centennial Celebration are well under way. It is proposed to begin the celebration at St. Rose Priory where Sister Angela Sansbury received the habit April 7, 1822. Other tentative plans are, Clergy day, May 31; Memorial services, June 1st; Religious day, June 4th; and Alumnae and Friends day, June 6th.

On March 6th, six young ladies will receive the habit. March 7th, nine novices will make their first vows. The ten days' retreat preparatory to the ceremonies will be conducted by Father O'Hearn, O. P., of the Southern Missionary Band of St. Joseph Province.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary (Cincinnati)

Ground is being broken for a new group of three buildings to be erected for the Holy Name monastery, Walnut Hills. The cost will be about \$30,000.

Congregation of the Holy Cross (Brooklyn)

Fifteen postulants are preparing themselves to receive the habit of St. Dominic on April 17th.

Many nuns from divers parts of the country and from many different Orders are pursuing courses of study in St. Catherine's Hospital laboratories and X-ray departments.

Father C. M. Thuente, O. P., visited the Novitiate at Amityville and favored the Novices with a most interesting talk on Albert the Great. Reminiscent of his trip to Europe, Father Thuente described the last resting-place of Blessed Albert in the crypt of the modest Dominican church not far from the great Cathedral of Cologne.

St. Cecilia's Community (Nashville, Tenn.)

On the feast of Holy Innocents, Miss Margaret Soode of Nashville, an alumnus of 1915, entered the Novitiate.

The Children of Mary have succeeded in raising funds for the adoption of two Dominican catechists in the Far East.

The eminent Shakespearean reader, Mr. Griffith, visited St. Cecilia's on February 1st, reading the "Comedy of Errors" and "Henry the Eighth"; also a resumé of the Chronicle plays and selected characterizations of Henry the Fifth, Henry the Eighth, Cardinal Wolsey and Queen Catherine.

St. Joseph's Convent (Adrian, Mich.)

Seventeen young ladies received the habit on January 12th, from the hands of His Lordship, the Bishop of Detroit. The

Rev. D. A. Wynn, O. P., celebrated Solemn High Mass for the occasion.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary (Summit, N. J.)

Ten thousand copies of the "Rosary Pilgrim," the official organ of the Rosary Pilgrimage League, are now in circulation.

Before Mrs. Anne Butler, mother of the Rev. Alban Butler, author of the "Lives of the Saints," died, she composed an exemplary letter containing admonitions and advice to guide the children she was leaving behind. Such a masterpiece is this letter, that copies of it have been widely disseminated in the various countries of Europe in addition to its general circulation in England. The Rosary Shrine has prepared 5000 copies in pamphlet form for distribution in this country.

The Rosary Confraternity which was established at Maryknoll on November 11th, already has enrolled 800 members.

Convent of the Sacred Heart (Galveston, Texas)

Mother Pauline Gannon, superioress, died on November 24th. Mother Pauline was born in Newark, N. J., in 1864, and entered the Novitiate in Galveston in 1885. Her first religious profession was made on February 2nd, 1888. In 1891 she was made superioress. Besides the several academies and schools which were established under her direction, Newman Hall, Austin, a residence for Catholic girls, students of the Texas University, was the fruit of her zeal in behalf of education. A Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Christopher E. Byrne, D. D., Bishop of Galveston. The eulogy was delivered and the final absolution given by the Very Rev. J. M. Kirwin, V. G.