

Bertrand Connolly, O. P., and Rev. Hyacinth Chandler, O. P. The choir at the Mass and burial service was composed of the Novices. Interment was made in the community plot of St. Joseph's Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

—Bro. William Roach, O. P.

OBITUARY

REVEREND FRANCIS A. GAFFNEY, O. P.

On December 2, 1922, the soul of Father Francis Antoninus Gaffney, O. P., passed to its eternal reward. For almost a year Father Gaffney had been in ill-health but his death was not expected so suddenly. About the middle of November his condition became very serious and he was removed from St. Dominic's Convent in Washington to a hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, where fortified by the last sacraments of the Church he died.

Father Gaffney was born in Newark, New Jersey, on June 13, 1863. After receiving his early education in the parochial schools of that city and his classical training at the old Dominican Vicariate in Newark he entered the Novitiate of the Order of Preachers at Springfield, Kentucky, in 1883. After profession in 1885, he was sent to the House of Studies at St. Joseph Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he was ordained to the priesthood on April 12, 1889, by Bishop Watterson.

Father Gaffney had been assigned to many of the Dominican parishes in the Province of St. Joseph. He had served as curate in Louisville, New York City, Washington, Columbus, and Houston; he had been vicar and pastor at Memphis, Tennessee; he had been prior and pastor at Newark, New Jersey. He was well known throughout the country as a preacher and lecturer. Early in life he developed a love for the immortal work of Dante and reduced the *Divina Comedia* to the skeleton form of a chart. He has written many pieces of verse and several years ago one

of his gems was reprinted in the Literary Digest. His explanation of the ceremonies of the Mass has had a sale of over 100,000 copies. Devoted to literature himself he has always been a very loyal supporter of The Dominicana and other literary attempts by the Novices.

After a solemn High Mass of Requiem at St. Antoninus' Church, Newark, New Jersey, whither his body was brought for burial, on December 5, sung by Very Rev. W. J. O'Leary, O. P., assisted by Fathers Waldron and Spence, the burial service was chanted by over thirty Dominicans who were present in the sanctuary assisted by the diocesan clergy. The sermon was preached by Father O'Leary and the blessing at the grave was given by Father Waldron. Interment was made in the community plot of the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Newark, New Jersey. May his soul rest in peace.

—Bro. Ambrose Smith, O. P.

