

OBITUARY

✠ The Very Rev. Clement A. Splinter, O. P., P. G. ✠

On the sixth anniversary of Father McKenna's death, Feb. 21, 1923, St. Joseph's Province was again over-shadowed by a cloud of sorrow and bereavement. On this day Father Clement A. Splinter, another celebrated missionary of St. Joseph's Province, departed from our midst to receive his eternal reward. The end came at St. Agnes Hospital, Bronx, after a painful and lingering illness of more than six months.

Father Splinter was born at East Dubuque, Wis., on May 9, 1851. While pursuing his studies at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, he heard the voice of the Master calling him to the religious life. He obeyed and entered the novitiate at St. Rose, Ky. He made his profession on Feb. 2, 1876. Three years later, on his twenty-eighth birthday, May 9, 1879, he was raised to the dignity of the priesthood. Shortly after his ordination he went to Ireland for a much-needed rest. While there he made a special study of European novitiates. On his return he was appointed novice-master at St. Rose's Convent.

In 1885, he went to Minneapolis to begin what may well be termed his life's work, that of a missionary. His extraordinary ability and zeal is best manifested by the facts that the eminent distinction of Preacher General was bestowed upon him, that he retained the important position of Head of the Eastern Mission Band for eighteen years, and that he labored indefatigably on the missions for nearly thirty-five years. Furthermore, the present system and organization of the Mission Bands is in a large measure due to his initiative.

The deceased will long be remembered by thousands of his auditors throughout the United States and Canada as a fiery, sincere, and eloquent preacher. His brethren in religion will remember him for his admirable regularity, his great spirit of self-sacrifice and his ardent devotion to the Rosary.

The funeral services were held at St. Vincent Ferrer's on Friday, Feb. 23. A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. H. Healy, O. P., P. G., assisted by Very Rev. J. A. Hinch, O. P., P. G., and the Very Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. M. The Very Rev. M. J. Ripple, O. P., P. G., delivered a very touching eulogy, and the Most Rev. Archbishop Hayes imparted the final absolution. The remains were laid to rest in the Dominican plot in Calvary Cemetery.

—Bro. Sylvester Feltrop, O. P.