

OBITUARY

✠ Brother Felix Beale, O. P. ✠

On the feast of St. Catherine of Sienna, April 30th, Brother Felix Beale, a Novice at St. Joseph's Convent, Somerset, Ohio, was called to his eternal reward. Brother Felix had gone to Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, to undergo an operation for the removal of his tonsils. During the course of the operation his heart-beat became gradually slower and slower until the attending surgeon and five brother surgeons were unable to revive him. It was appropriate that the priest at hand to administer the Last Sacraments to the youthful Dominican should be Very Reverend J. C. Brady, O. P., Prior of St. Joseph's.

The body, clothed in the white and black habit of St. Dominic, lay in state throughout the night of April 30th in the chapel of Aquinas College, where Brother Felix had been a pupil for five years. On May 1st at 9 a. m. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul at St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, by Father Brady, who afterwards accompanied the body to Washington. At St. Joseph's, Somerset, another Solemn Mass was sung for the young student. Friday, May 2nd, Brother Felix lay in state at the Dominican House of Studies, lovingly watched throughout that night by his brother Dominicans, many of whom had been his fellow-students of college days. Saturday morning at 9 a. m. Solemn Requiem Mass was offered in the chapel of the Dominican House of Studies by Father Brady. Very Reverend Ignatius Smith, O. P., gave the absolution over the body, and Reverend F. M. Zumbusch, a friend of the young Dominican, read the prayers at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, where Brother Felix was laid to rest.

Of a cheerful, kindly disposition, Brother Felix easily won his way to high esteem in the estimation of professors and students both at Aquinas College, Columbus, and Providence College, Providence, R. I., where he spent his last year of preparation for the Novitiate. His modesty and unassuming nature, added to a rare gift of delicate gentlemanliness, rendered him especially fitted for the life he had embraced.

To his mother, brothers and sisters the Novices extend sympathy in their sudden and sad bereavement.

—Bro. Richard King, O. P.