

Marian Library Newsletter

Rev. Edmund J. Baumeister, S.M., Editor
University of Dayton, Dayton 9, Ohio

SOCIETY OF MARY
ARCHIVES
PROVINCE OF CINCINNATI No. 1

Vol. I

October 1944

Progress of the Marian Library

More than 500 Marian publications have already been collected, including approximately 400 books. The author list being compiled for the union catalogue of the Marian Library now includes more than 2000 entries. This list will probably be printed in the near future and made available to all who are willing to complete it by their own research in the libraries of their locality.

New Friends Help Marian Library

Most substantial among the gifts to the library during the past months has been the donation of seventy volumes of the Ave Maria magazine by Msgr. James M. Ryan of Columbus, Ohio. Except for Vol. IX and XVI the set is complete from 1907 on. Efforts are being made to complete the set from its inception in 1865. The Marian Library will be glad to hear from any one having early volumes and willing to sell or donate them.

Several new autographed copies of Marian books have been donated recently. Most notable among these is the Song of Bernadette by Franz Werfel. Among the other new author-donors to our project are Sister Mary Ellen, S.N.D., Sister Mary Aloysi, S.N.D., Sister Maura, and Soeur Paul-Emile, S.G.C. The two latter are among our first contributors from Canada.

Many personal gifts have been received during the past months, including one of \$50.00 and another of \$200.00. Among the institutional contributions worthy to be singled out are the Chaminade High Schools of Mineola and Dayton, each of which contributed \$25.00, and the Sisters of St. Joseph, Rocky River, Cleveland, with their generous contribution of \$100.00. All these gifts are most encouraging. To all these donors as well as to all the Sisters and Brothers, who have solicited gifts for the Marian Library, our sincerest thanks.

Staff Reorganizes

Because of the new school year there has been considerable turnover in the Marian Library staff. As in the past year the work is being carried forward on a volunteer basis. A faculty committee including both Marianist and non-Marianist members has offered its services for consultation and the prosecution of certain phases of the work. A lay student committee continues to function as part of the staff. Other volunteers will be welcome.

A Challenge to the Staff

During the past months the greatest difficulty encountered has been the impossibility of purchasing books from publishers because they are out of print. It has been rather disheartening to find that in all the larger orders sent to publishers, eighty percent of the titles have been returned with the label "OP" (out of print). Lovers of our Blessed Mother in various quarters have expressed their willingness to present books to our library, if they know there will be no unnecessary duplication. (Of course, when the library begins to circulate books, it will be highly desirable to have two copies of each work). At the present time plans are under way for a nation-wide organization of branch directors and assistants to help secure books and booklists. Those who are willing to cooperate, are asked to submit their names.