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A milestone in the history of the Marian Library. Without doubt the biggest milestone in the history of the Marian Library has been passed with the publication of the Booklist of the Marian Library containing 2607 titles. It is now for sale to all interested persons at 50¢. The Booklist represents many hours of work on the part of a generous committee of volunteers, but we feel that it was well worth the trouble, since it should reduce by 90% or more the future work of both the local staff and the branch directors. With the issuance of this booklist, we are prepared to mobilize our "little army" of twenty-nine branch directors together with a still larger number of volunteer assistants.

Functions of the branch directors. We quote from the SUGGESTIONS FOR BRANCH DIRECTORS OF THE MARIAN LIBRARY: "1. The branch director should supervise the making of as complete a survey of all the Marian books in his district as possible, by having each library checked against the Marian Library Booklist. 2. Since this task would be gigantic in certain districts, the branch director should enlist as many assistants as practicable. These assistants may be Brothers, Sisters, or other interested persons. These in turn can work through their students and friends. The work may be done as a sodality project or similar undertaking, since it is an excellent means of making our Blessed Mother better known. 3. Upon the branch director devolves the duty of coordinating all this work."

Need of more volunteers. We regret that, because of unforeseen difficulties, sixteen of the forty-two branch directors mentioned in our previous Newsletter cannot continue in that capacity, but we hope to find substitutes in the near future. A few substitutes have already been enlisted. At the end of this Newsletter we have listed the present branch directors. This list does not include all the volunteers, but only the ones chosen as coordinators in their district. To each of these we are forwarding a list of the other volunteers in their district, whom they are to contact as soon as possible and whose work they are to coordinate. Thus far less than twenty states are represented among them. If our union catalogue is to be at all comprehensive, every state and every principal city should be represented. We shall appreciate hearing from other volunteers in the cities already mentioned, but more especially from cities not included in the list. We shall be glad to forward a copy of detailed directions for branch directors to all who are interested and willing to contribute an hour or two each week or month to the project. Volunteers in cities already mentioned are asked to contact the branch director listed for their city to obtain the Booklist and further directions.

Gifts to the Marian Library. We are pleased to announce the continued generosity of our friends to the Marian Library. A number of cash donations have been acknowledged personally, including a gift of \$20.00 and one of \$70.00. We take this opportunity to acknowledge two anonymous gifts of \$25.00 each from "an interested party." May our Blessed Mother reward abundantly these and all the other donors to her worthy cause.

Books and pamphlets have likewise continued to find their way to us from our many friends. We are grateful for the anonymous donation of a copy of Our Lady's Praise in Poetry; also for two copies of The Conception of Nostre Dame of Wace from William Ray Ashford, Ph.D., the author. This work is a doctor's thesis. We hope, with the completion of our project to be in a position to stimulate such research, to organize it in some effective way, and to provide the most helpful equipment to carry it on.

From Tacoma, Washington, Miss Theresa Lawrence sent us several valuable books and an autographed copy of an Ave Maria composed by her mother. From the Ursulines in New Orleans we received books, pamphlets, and leaflets on the interesting devotion to our Lady of Prompt Succor.--Even the missions are contributing in their own way to Mary's project. From the Indian Missions of St. Ignatius, Montana, the Ursulines sent us several books which we have been unable to procure elsewhere. With these they included an interesting assortment of Marian pictures for our growing art collection. To all these donors and to all those we have not been able to mention here, our sincerest thanks.

Booklist brings results. Though the Booklist is in circulation only a few weeks the returns look promising. Every report thus far, besides bringing information regarding books that we have already listed, has furnished additional titles. Worth special singling out among the first generous responses is a Benedictine Sister, who besides filling out very scrupulously several Record Cards, sent us eighteen books listed, but not yet starred in our Booklist, and nineteen other books altogether new to our list, and then offered us several volumes of the Ave Maria and the Rosary Magazine. Very indicative of her devotedness to the cause is the comment in her accompanying letter: "It burns me up that I cannot do more for your Marian Library." Another branch director asked for thirty more copies of the Booklist because "we are anxious to accomplish as much as possible before the close of school." The Sister writes that she is anxious to contact the hundreds of Sisters that assemble for the annual retreat this summer. Such spirit augurs well for the success of our project.

#### Branch Directors for the Marian Library

Colorado, Canon City: Father Francis Hornung, O.S.B., Holy Cross Abbey  
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May--Mary's Month. This is the time for all who are in a position to help the Marian Library to launch into the project with full force. The Marian Library, once it has progressed sufficiently to render the services it proposes, will be a genuine apostolic work. It will be a clearing house for all kinds of information concerning Our Blessed Mother. It will furnish reading lists, directions for locating materials for local use, for fostering Marian devotions, preparing Marian exhibits, stimulating interest in Marian art and music, etc. It will help to make Mary known and loved as Jesus wishes her to be known and loved. Teachers, sodality moderators, C.S.M.C. directors,--get your students interested in this work to honor Mary, Queen of May, Queen of Apostles!

\*\*(Insert above) Niagara Falls, N.Y.: Father John Marencovick, Mt. St. Mary's Hospital  
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