

Inaugurate second year. This issue of the NEWSLETTER inaugurates the second full year of our project. We are glad to take this opportunity to report on the principal developments since the issue of last April. At that time we announced the publication of the first edition of the Marian Library Booklist, which elicited words of encouragement from friends of the project in many quarters. The publication came rather late in the school year, too late for most of the branch directors and assistants to organize their students for immediate work. A few, however, who were perhaps more fortunately situated put the Booklist to immediate use in checking the Marian sections of their libraries. Especially worthy of commendation is Sister M. Ursula, I.H.M., of Detroit, for the large number of libraries she has already had checked under her direction. At the present time she has sixty Booklists in use in different parts of the city for this purpose. We mention in passing that we shall be glad to supply branch directors and assistants with further copies of the Booklist, if they can put them to use. Other cities deserving of mention for the work they have done in this regard are Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, and St. Louis. Our seminarians at St. Meinrad's did an excellent job in supplying the Record Cards for the several libraries there together with 230 new titles, mostly in German. Other outstanding lists of new titles were contributed by Father Kortendick, S.S., of Catholic University, by Joseph Grassi of Maryknoll, and John J. Griffin of Somerville, Mass. Many others, too numerous to mention here, have done more than their share in making additions to our Booklist. And not to be passed up without special mention is our District of Columbia representative, who submitted the list of the invaluable Mariana collection of the National Shrine. In this list of approximately 500 books are included 123 titles new to our Booklist.--Our words could not express adequately the gratitude we owe for all this generous cooperation. To our Blessed Mother, for whom the work was done, we entrust the task of providing the compensation it merits.

Supplement to appear. As a result of such encouraging assistance we are happy to announce that we are now in a position to add a thousand new entries to the 2600 of the original Booklist. We hope to issue the printed Supplement sometime in November, if present plans materialize.

Union Catalogue begun. In previous issues of the NEWSLETTER we have referred to the Union Catalogue, which is to unite the catalogues of as many libraries as possible, whether they be public, institutional, or private and personal. The work of the field workers has enabled us to record almost one hundred libraries already, including, in addition to those referred to above, the Library of Congress, the Franciscan Monastery, Washington, D.C., Harvard, Notre Dame, Maryknoll, and the public libraries of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Paul (Minn.), and St. Louis.

Rosary month. October is the anniversary of the Fatima apparitions in which Our Lady urged her faithful children to join her in the recitation of the Rosary, while at the same time practicing the devotion to her Immaculate Heart. The Sodality of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary has been established in order to propagate this devotion. The only condition for membership is the daily recitation of the Rosary. All members will have their names inscribed in the Golden Book at the now-famous Fatima shrine. We have been favored with the office of Promoter, and shall be glad to receive individual or group applications for membership. Let's hear from you, if you are interested in sharing in the spiritual privileges of this Marian army of modern times.

Help wanted. This month of October is a natural occasion for renewing your devotion to Mary. The best way to manifest such devotion is by doing something for your heavenly Mother. If our plans for the Union Catalogue are to materialize, we need many more field workers to check libraries in all parts of the country. If you are in a position to devote one afternoon or evening every month or so to checking libraries for their Marian books, or if, as teacher, or Sodality moderator, you are able to direct students to do such checking, we shall be glad to hear from you. -- As soon as we

Issue the Booklist Supplement, we shall notify all Branch Directors, and ask them to organize the work. Meanwhile may we ask them to survey their territory for libraries that may be contacted when the call is issued.

Guadalupe congress. The Inter-American Marian Congress will open at Guadalupe, Mexico City, on October 6. We are awaiting its report with interest. We hope that it will provide the inspiration for a truly Marian era. Join with Mary's children in begging God's blessing upon all the delegates.

Gifts. As stated in our NEWSLETTERS of last year, the Marian Library is being supported solely by voluntary donations of Mary's children in the form of services, books, and money. To date we have no reason to doubt its continuance on that same basis. During the past weeks individual personal gifts have been received ranging from three to two hundred dollars. Among the group gifts received were \$10.00 from Mount St. John, Dayton, Ohio, \$25.00 from Trinity College, Sioux City, \$25.00 from the Detroit Mass League, and \$35.00 from Covington Catholic High---Thanks again to all these generous friends.--Has your school joined these patrons of Mary's project?

Autographed works received. We are making a definite effort to assemble autographed copies of all current Marian books. The past months have added the names of Sister Mary Denise, O.P., Sr. Mary Theodora, S.S.A., Bro Cyril Robert, F.M.S., and John N. Then. -- During the past vacation one of the student committee members had the privilege of seeing Mr. Then's collection of more than 1000 Marian pictures. Her glowing account of the visit made us a bit "envious." We hope some day to have such a collection here. -- Most recent is the autographed copy of Maisie Ward's The Splendor of the Rosary.

Books received. Hardly had our Booklist been issued last April when one of our best friends, a Benedictine Sister of Ferdinand, Indiana, shipped to the Library ~~thirty-seven new books, most of them quite rare, and all of them out of print.~~ Sister's comment in the accompanying letter is characteristic. "It burns me up that I cannot do more. I hope that in the near future I may be in a position to do much more." -- With such loyal support our project cannot fail. Our sending the Booklist to the John Daleiden Co. of Chicago, brought in response twenty-eight new books, and six pamphlets. -- Bruce publishers added to their previous donations another book with the comment: "You can have for the asking any Marian books that we publish. -- During the past months we were able to purchase the oldest book in our present collection, a Latin book of 1692. But from Mary Leahy of Ansonia, Connecticut, we received a 1712 edition of the Officium Parvum B.M.V. in two colors. From F.P.Kenkel, LL. D., of St. Louis, we received a dozen valuable books, all of the past two centuries. Three more books were received from Father Albert Murray, C.S.P., and four from Bro. Cyril Robert. Several books were likewise received from the following institutions: Mt. St. Agnes and St. James, Baltimore, Regina High School, Cincinnati, Chaminade College, D.C., Colegio San Jose, Puerto Rico. Space does not permit us to name all the individuals who have donated books. But to all of them we repeat our sincerest thanks.

European donations. Tokens of encouragement have not been limited to America. Even from Europe gifts have begun to find their way back. Pfc. T.E. Donovan sent us two Marian books from occupied Germany. Both were autographed by a German priest expressing his interest in our work. From France Sgt. Paul Swift sent us an interesting addition to our French collection. That's a start. As soon as conditions become more settled, we expect generous cooperation from our six provinces of the Society of Mary in Europe.

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