

Branch Libraries. In the earlier issues of the Newsletter, we frequently referred to Branch Directors of the Marian Library who were acting as coordinators in checking the Marian books in libraries of their district for our Union Catalogue. More recently, however, we have adopted the term Field Worker to designate these coordinators in order to avoid a possible confusion in the future development and expansion of Mary's project. Our present plans have in view real branch libraries, the directors of which will more properly be called Branch Directors. A word of explanation may clarify our purpose. As the possibilities of the project began to unfold themselves, it was obvious that some limitations had to be set, if efficient service was to be guaranteed by the limited personnel of the local staff. The library committee decided, therefore, to restrict the local collection to a few basic languages, and recommended that national centers in various parts of the states be encouraged to establish a branch of the Marian library in their own language. Our central library would then keep record of these libraries and possibly of their holdings, and thus be able to service persons interested in specific languages having a branch library. -- Last week, after attending some special sessions of the North Central Association in Chicago, we visited the Polish Roman Catholic Union Archives and Museum to discuss the possibilities of a Polish branch of the Marian Library. Mr. Haiman, the custodian, was very much interested in the project and offered to do whatever he could to assure its success. His library contains over 10,000 volumes in the Polish language including a hundred entries on the Blessed Virgin. He showed us a Polish bibliography of Mariana listing upwards of 3500 publications. Though some of these were in Latin, the list was ample evidence of Mr. Haiman's assertion that the Polish language is rich in Marian literature. Further plans will be worked out in line with the recommendations made by Mr. Haiman as well as those made by Dr. Oskar Hlelecki, with whom we had the pleasure of conferring some weeks ago on the matter. -- Before leaving this topic may we ask our readers for suggestions as to the possibility of places and persons to be contacted in view of branch libraries in other languages.

Canada cooperates. During the past month we were pleased to add to our list of co-workers the name of Bro. C. Murphy, S.M.M., a seminarian with the Montfort Fathers in Ottawa, Canada. In his first letter, Bro. Murphy apologized for not being able to help us in his present position, but assured us that he would do his share as soon as he left the seminary. If his present efforts are an index of his promise for the future, our hopes will be high. He has already sent us the Record Cards for his seminary, listing several hundred books on our Blessed Mother. These include 150 new titles mostly in French, but they will be a valuable increment to our booklist in its next edition. Besides this Bro. Murphy has contacted nine other seminaries to solicit their cooperation. With such assistance, Mary's work should have bright promise for the future. Similar help from other quarters in that area will enable us to give substantial service to research workers in Canada, when our Union Catalogue has incorporated the results of such cooperation. We are proud to enlist among our collaborators such a zealous disciple of Blessed Grignon de Montfort.

Wheels begin to turn in Europe. In a previous issue we wrote of our plans to elicit the efforts of our Brothers in Europe. The latest developments seem to indicate that Providence has taken the lead from our hands, and all we have to do is to be alert followers. During the past month, Bro. Bernard Schad, S.M., our Provincial Inspector, was appointed to the position of Inspector-General of the Society of Mary, and has taken his place with the General Administration at Nivelles, Belgium. In his new capacity, Bro. Schad will have opportunity to visit regularly the three provinces of France, as well as the provinces of Austria, Italy, and Spain. Since the origin of the Marian Library, Bro. Schad has manifested a keen interest in the project, and before leaving for his destination, he visited our library to obtain a complete picture of our present achievement and our plans for the future. He inquired especially about possibilities of cooperation in Europe and assured us that he would do all in his

power to acquaint interested persons in the project and solicit their assistance. He took with him a supply of materials to this end, and promised to give us the names of all worth-while contacts.

Perhaps even more encouraging is our recent correspondence with Father Neubert, S. M., whose headquarters are in Fribourg, Switzerland. Father Neubert is one of the outstanding authorities in Mariology today. Our Booklist already contains eleven different publications that have issued from his prolific pen. During the past week we received from him a copy of his La Reine des Militants, in the preface of which, the Archbishop of Bordeaux writes: "You have admirably served both the cause of the Blessed Virgin and that of Catholic Action." The spirit of the work is expressed in the title of the concluding chapter: "Without Mary you cannot succeed, with her, you cannot fail." Those interested in Marianizing Catholic Action will want to read it. -- This book lists three others now in preparation by Father Neubert. No wonder, then, that we are encouraged by his letter stating: "I will contact publishers and ask them to send you copies of their publications free, or, if that is not possible, at reduced rates. I will also try to secure sets of the Summa Aurea and other works, not obtainable in America." -- Father Neubert has likewise sent us valuable hints for the Marian Committee of the U. S. A. on which we are serving. Europe has had Marian congresses regularly in the past, and Father Neubert's contacts with them enable him to give us many helpful suggestions. -- The work in Europe is under way. We are sure that Mary will be proud of her collaborators "over there."

More help for Mary's project. Most of our readers are already acquainted with Father Patrick Peyton, C. S. C., the director of the Family Rosary Crusade, and his plans for a series of fifty-two radio broadcasts in which he has engaged the assistance of the best talent in Hollywood. We were quite surprised and pleased not long ago when we received a long distance from him soliciting our assistance in his project. Father Peyton was looking for certain books dealing with the history and nature of the Rosary, but unfortunately our assistance was limited because of the incompleteness of our Union Catalogue. We were able to locate for him libraries from which he could obtain some of the materials requested, but not nearly enough to satisfy his needs. If we had had the Record Cards for a few hundred more libraries, institutional and private, our assistance could have been much more significant. This is just one of many examples we might cite to show the possibilities of service for Mary's project. Mary needs your help, if her cause is to become better known. If you can spare an hour or two a month for Mary, write and ask us how you can help.

With our Field Workers. During the past weeks we have been spurred on to still greater efforts by the excellent spirit of generosity on the part of our Field Workers. For lack of space we must content ourselves with a simple enumeration of a few examples. One who prefers to be anonymous writes: "Hunting for Marian books is taking on the fascination of an Easter-egg hunt .... What a magnificent work you people have accomplished in securing 4500 titles on that one subject." Sister M. Gerard Majella, S. S. N. D., sent us the Record Card of Mount Mary College with 400 Marian titles. She asked for 150 more Record Cards to organize the checking of all the schools and convents in the province, and donated two copies of Sr. Paulina's Villancico to the library. -- Sr. Mary Charles, O. P., is organizing the alumnae of Alibortus Magnus College to check the libraries in Connecticut. -- Sister M. Therese, O.S.B., of Ferdinand, Ind., has contacted twenty-one alumnae in different cities to check libraries in their districts. She has already submitted several Record Cards for the Evansville libraries. -- Mr. Albert Hebert of New Orleans has enlisted the service of Sister Mary Charles of St. Joseph Academy, to act as Field Worker there. -- Bro. Richard Britton, S.M., of Baltimore assures us that the School Sisters of Notre Dame will contact their forty communities in that district. -- Sister Marie Cecilia, College of St. Catherine, besides contributing valuable suggestions for our proposed classification of Marian publications, has submitted Record Cards for seventeen new libraries. -- Florence McCloskey, chairman of the National Mariology Commission of the NFCCS has submitted Record Cards for seven new libraries, and given valuable publicity to the project through her commission. -- Vilma Seelaus, successor to Evelyn Liederbach in Philadelphia, after giving valuable assistance in checking a dozen or more libraries, is following Evelyn to the Carmelites. May Mary reward her generous efforts! -- Our thanks to all our kind donors of the past two months, especially to Sister Mary Jean, O. P., for the autographed copies of her Mary, My Mother, and Our Lady's Feasts, and to Sister M. Therese, of the Sisters of the Divine Savior (Milwaukee), for the autographed copies of her Now There Is Beauty and Give Joan a Sword. Thanks also to the many other friends who have continued their cooperation and encouragement in our work.

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