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A new rival in the field. A little more than a month ago we received a pleasant surprise in the form of a letter from Europe. It came from Banneux in Belgium where the Blessed Mother had appeared eight times in 1933 as the "Virgin of the Poor." Father Arendt, author of the letter, wrote that he had heard of our project through the Bruce Publishers, but our surprise came when he informed us that at Banneux too, they have been building a Marian collection. Planned already in 1935, it was officially opened in 1942, and has assembled over 2300 books (we have 900). Father Arendt is assembling books in any language and is asking for help in building up the English section, which numbers very few to date. We are limiting ourselves to only a few languages, but so far have very few in languages other than English. In true Marian spirit, Father Arendt offered to cooperate with us and help us locate books in foreign languages. We, therefore, hope that this will be a valuable source for new materials. We generally lose little time in accepting offers of help, and so we were quick to profit by this generous offer. A rapid exchange of air mail letters brought prompt results. We now have all the new titles that Father Arendt was not able to find in our Booklist, Supplement, or the two thousand additional titles we have just typed out for the printer. The incorporation of these with our own findings should yield a representative list for our revised edition. Father Arendt has already contributed several pamphlets, some of his own composition.--This is just one more example of the excellent family spirit that reigns among Mary's children, and that inspires us to give only our best to Mary's project.

New apparitions. Speaking of the apparition of Banneux reminds us of a communication we just received telling of astonishing apparitions right in the heart of Tito's bloody persecution. According to the report Mary has appeared to many classes of persons, even to professed atheists. Thousands have seen her; numerous conversions have resulted. Mary seems ever active in her conquest over the works of Satan. It is a call to prayer that supported by proper human cooperation her cause may triumph even more gloriously than in the past.

Booklist revision under way. The first proofs of the new titles for the next edition of the Booklist have begun to roll in, but it will be some time before even the typesetting of the new titles is completed. After that many corrections must be made in the earlier editions, and then there remains still the huge task of cumulating the first two editions with the hundreds of new titles in a single alphabet. We hope to have more definite news for our next issues.

Queen's Work brings new help. As a result of the October issue of the Queen's Work urging those interested in Sodality work to support the Marian Library, a number of promising contacts were made. Among those volunteering as new field workers we are pleased to list Sister M. Christine of Altoona, Pa., Sister Marcelline of Racine, Wisconsin, and Sister Teresa of Chicopee, Massachusetts. The far West adds an active field worker in John Samaha, who in turn has enlisted the collaboration of several others. From Baltimore came an offer of sixteen Sisters to check their school and community libraries for our Union Catalogue.--Worthy of special note in the past weeks is the addition of the Record Cards for Yale University, All Hallows' College (Dublin, Eire), and Marian Library of Ixopo, Natal (South Africa).

A relic for the Marian Library. In the September issue of the Scapular, under the title "I Tried to Touch It to Heaven," Mr. Haffert recounts some of his experiences on the occasion of his recent trip to Europe. He had with him a piece of brown cloth from which scapulars were to be made. Pius XII took it in his hands and blessed it. It was at the spot of the original scapular apparition to St. Simon Stock; it touched the grave of Catherine Laboure, and the relics of the Little Flower at Lisieux, and finally, it was in the hands of Sister Lucia, the seer of Fatima. In one of the concluding paragraphs Mr. Haffert writes: "There will be comparatively few Scapulars drawn from this particular piece of cloth...Therefore only a few apostles will be able to obtain a pair, as they will be awarded solely for service in spreading Our Lady's Reign." We wonder whether we deserved such a favor, but we are quite certain that, deserved or not, the relic will always be one of the most highly prized possessions of the Marian Library.

Other donations. Father Resch, one of ourmost ardent supporters from the beginning, and now Provincial of the St. Louis Province of the Society of Mary, donated an autographed copy of his latest Marian composition, Imitate Your Mother, a Grail publication.--Father Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M., favored us with an autographed copy of his scholarly study, The Blessed Virgin's Co-Redemption Vindicated. We are pleased to add to our Union Catalogue the Record Card of Father Carol's personal library, which includes over 160 Marian books, besides numerous articles on our Blessed Mother. It is the largest personal collection of which we have a record to date.

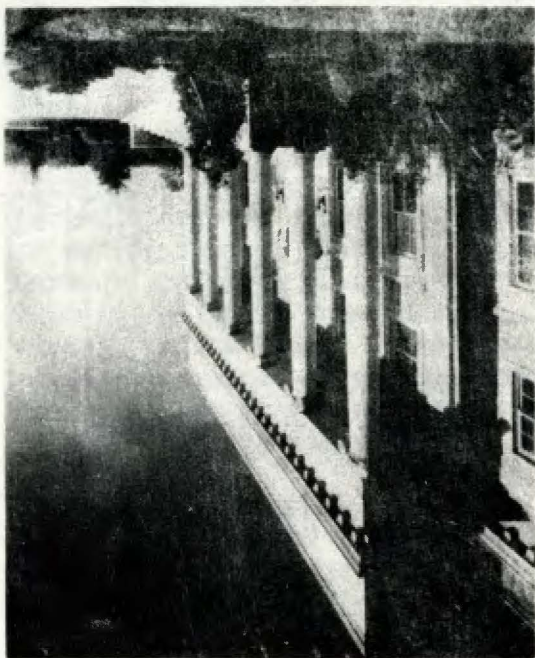
We are grateful to Mr. Edward Breen of the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Brooklyn, for several books, and especially for supplying one of the three volumes (1872) of the Ave Maria magazine which we were unable to secure elsewhere.

Our special thanks go to the Very Rev. Eugene Scherer, S.M., in Rome for the donation of Father Roschini's Vita di Maria and Mariologia (3 vols.). The latter besides bearing the autograph of Father Roschini, O.S.M., bears also an autographed message of good wishes from Peter Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, formerly Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and now Cardinal Protector of the Society of Mary.--Our special thanks also to Mr. John J. Griffin of Boston for his copy of the Ave Maria, which contains the Hail Mary in 150 languages. Mr. Griffin has contributed several dozen books in the past. We were most agreeably surprised a few weeks ago when he favored us with a few hours visit.--From Don Bosco College came several valuable additions to our collection. From Monticello, Iowa, came several interesting clippings for our files. We are very glad to receive such items of interest. May we ask, however, in the interest of research, that to such clippings be added the source and the date of publication.--Thanks again to these and all our other donors of the past months. May Mary bless them all.

Your Christmas gift to Mary. Since as previously announced, the Marian Library is carried on by the voluntary offerings of Mary's children, may we ask all our friends to make their little offering to assure the effective continuation of this work. May She who made the first Christmas possible bless all the friends of her noble project at this Christmastide.

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