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NEWSLETTER RESUMES PUBLICATION

We're back again and glad to be able to tell you all about our work. Some people have wondered whether the Marian Library has been given up. No, it's far from that. The real reason for our year of silence, was that we wanted to concentrate our efforts where they would advance the work most. We emphasize here the fact that the Marian Library is still a mere project, and not a functioning library. It is a centenary project for 1950; by that time we hope to have it operating as an efficient library. Our experience in the past has been that the more publicity we had, the more extraneous work we brought upon ourselves as a result of requests of all kinds, which seriously handicapped us in the real work of developing the project. That is why we refrained from giving publicity and even declined several offers of publicity from other sources. But just what were we doing? Practically all our time went into the revision of the Booklist. Those who have followed the growth of the project, know that our first Booklist contained 2,607 entries; the Supplement raised that to 4,400. Now we have brought the total entries to 10,539. That was a gigantic task for the limited help at our disposal.

At the present time all the type is set up, and seven alphabets including the original two (Booklist and Supplement), have been cumulated into a single alphabet. It should be ready in December. Then we can really "go to town." Copies will be immediately sent to our Brothers in Austria, Italy, and Spain. The Booklist will tell them what we have and what we still need in their respective languages. If their purchases equal those from our Brothers in France, we should be able to double our holdings within a few months. Then too, with the new Booklist, we can again set to work our little army of field workers in the United States, Canada, South America, and elsewhere, for the development of our Union Catalogue. That is why we just had to delay everything else, because all our next plans depended on the publication of the new Booklist.

We now have over 2,000 volumes actually in the library, besides another thousand pamphlets and an equal number of periodicals. This may seem small compared with the Banneux and Rome libraries, which have 4,800 and 9,000 respectively, but when one considers that we are restricting ourselves to only six of the many languages included in the other libraries, as well as the fact that we have asked our Brothers in Austria, Italy, and Spain to delay purchases until the publication of our new Booklist, it is not too disappointing.

HORIZON LOOKS HOPEFUL

We are happy to say that our new Provincial Administration, under the leadership of the Very Rev. John A. Elbert, S.M., has been most encouraging in furnishing personnel assistance to forward the work of cumulating the new Booklist, as well as to initiate the huge task of cataloguing the two thousand volumes now in our possession. Next summer we expect a staff of cataloguers to bring the work to completion, so that the project can begin to function as a library as soon as possible. - Other excellent projects have been launched through our meeting of interested field workers this past summer, but our limited space obliges us to delay details until our next issue of the Newsletter.

OUTSIDE ENCOURAGEMENT SPURS ON THE WORK

It is impossible here to enumerate all the donations, large and small, that have been made to Mary's project during the past year and a half. For those who are interested in building up the Marian section of their own libraries, we list here the autographed copies of works received since our last NEWSLETTER, as they appear in our diary:

Sister M. Mildred, The Shepherdess of Souls. Considerations for the Month of May. (Pustet)

Bro. Oscar Arnold. Mongersabe an Maria. (Poems). (Kantaburg, Freiburg, Schweiz)

Bro. Cyril Robert. Blessed Mother Helps Me. (St. Ann's Hermitage, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)

Father John Dickson, "Mariology in Marianist Poetry." (Unpublished Master's thesis)

Father Peter Resch. Marianist Year. (Grail Press)

Bro. Francis Greiner. The Spiritual Way of an Apostle of Mary.

_____, editor. Roberto's Love of Mary. (Grail Press)

Sister M. Therese. I sing of a Maiden. The Mary Book of Verse. (Macmillan)

Father Goldschmidt. Live Your Consecration. May meditations for religious. (Pallotine Fathers, 5424 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee 13, Wis.)

Father Arthur Viau. The Virgin in the Holy Eucharist. (St. John's Church, La Fargeville, N.Y.)

_____. La Romance. (St. John's Church, La Fargeville, N.Y.)

Father Joseph Cacella. Wonders of Fatima. (Vatican City Religious Book Co., New York)

Father Placidus Endler. A Mother Smiles. (Myersville, Texas)

Father Nicholas O'Rafferty. Discourses on Our Lady. (Bruce)

Bro. Fred Hiehle. "A Marian Life of Father Olier." (Unpublished research study).

Benjamin Musser Florilegium Mariae. (Magnificat Press, Manchester)
 Father Raymond Hohlfeld, editor. Hymn of St. Casimir - Omni die, dic Mariae. (Maryknoll
 Junior Seminary, 20 Newton St., Brookline 46, Mass.)
 Cynthia Pearl Maus. The World's Great Madonnas. (Harper & Brothers)
 Bruce Publishing Company has continued to donate its Marian works including
 Father Francis Filas. Family for Families.
 Father Peter Resch. Autobiography of the Blessed Virgin.
 Father Joseph Lucas. Hand in Hand with Our Lady.
 Father C. Barthas. Our Lady of Light.

We were pleased to learn that Benziger Brothers has agreed to donate copies of all
 their Marian publications. They have begun by sending Father Joseph Delabays' Our Lady
 of Fatima, Queen of Peace.

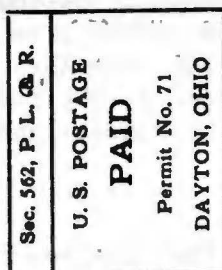
Many other donations of books have come our way, but here we can mention only
 Le Moyne College's generous donation of fifty volumes to the library. Donations in cash
 have also come to encourage the work. Here we can single out only a few, which we enu-
 merate from our diary. Chaminade High School, Dayton, \$75.00, Immaculate Conception Acad-
 emy, Ferdinand, Ind., \$20.00, Sisters of St. Francis, Glen Riddle, Pa., \$10.00, Legion of
 Mary, Cincinnati, \$25.00, Our Lady Help of Christians parish, Osborn, Ohio, \$10.00, Gene-
 vieve Hickey, \$100.00, Mrs. Clement Fischer, \$75.00, Bro. Joseph Seubert, S.M., \$25.00,
 Father Thomas Bodie, S.M., \$25.00, Bro. Eugene Friedrichs, S.M., \$100.00, Mr. & Mrs. Ed-
 ward Anderson, \$10.00, Sister Mary Dolores, O.S.U., \$10.00, Elizabeth Hanofee, \$10.00,
 Bro. Walter Roesch, S.M., \$10.00. To these and the many others who have in any way con-
 tributed to Mary's project, our sincerest thanks. May Our Blessed Mother reward them a-
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VEIL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

We could never forgive ourselves, if we failed to add the donation from Sister Ste-
 Anne, Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania. We were positively amazed when in an ordinary corres-
 pondence envelope we found a little locket—containing a "particle of the veil of the
 Blessed Virgin" accompanied by a document of authenticity signed by a member of the hier-
 archy in Italy. Sister Ste. Anne has been a benefactor of long standing. Our sincerest
 thanks.

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