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BOOKLIST NEARS COMPLETION:

In the October issue we expressed the hope that the new Booklist would be available in December. We still have hopes of seeing the first copies by the end of the month though not sooner than that. Unforeseen difficulties, particularly a "coronary-heart" condition of the printer, caused considerable delay, but now the press work seems to be moving steadily forward. In a way, the delay was providential, for in the meantime further checking revealed that somehow or other at least 80 books actually on our shelves were not even listed among the 10,539 titles to be published. This impelled us to immediate action with the result that we have added them in an appendix together with the fifty odd titles that have come our way since the original deadline set last summer. This brings the grand total to 10,662 and the number of pages to exactly two hundred.

FIELD WORKERS NEEDED

As mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the Booklist will soon be ready. This is intended for the most part to be used to check Marian books in public and private libraries for our Union Catalogue. For this purpose we are anxious to have Field Workers in all parts of the country. With the system we have developed most Marian collections can be checked in a few minutes. Even the larger collections seldom require much more than an hour. The work can be carried on ideally by a group of sodalists each checking a library or two weekly or monthly. Sodality moderators or one of their officers would be in the best position to act as Field Workers. No financial outlay is involved as we are glad to supply all the materials necessary, viz., the Booklist and Record Cards. Anyone is eligible to become a Field Worker. We shall be glad to hear from those interested and to forward to them immediately a copy of our "Suggestions for Field Workers," explaining the functions of the Field Worker. If after studying these functions, they care to volunteer, we shall be glad to enlist them as Field Workers and place them on the mailing list for all special communications. We are anxious to organize our Field Workers for the coming semester.

A DEVOTED FRIEND OF MARY'S PROJECT

Last spring Miss Josephine Schmidle of Buffalo, N.Y., visited the Marian Library at the suggestion of a Dayton friend. We were happy to explain to her the project and plans for the future. Apparently the simple explanation so far surpassed anything she had expected, that it roused in her a genuine enthusiasm for the project and a desire to do something tangible to entitle her to be numbered among the hosts of others who have so generously cooperated to date. She asked whether she could write up the project to tell others of what she considered a wonderful work. That was the start. She secured copies of publicity leaflets, and the Newsletters to date, and with these she began writing her story. In the October 16 issue the Ave Maria published her 12-column article, which several competent readers have described as the best account yet published of the purpose and history of the Marian Library. The climax came in Miss Schmidle's letter to us on October 25: "I am enclosing the check for 29 00 for my article on the Marian Library. The proceeds rightly belong to Mary's project, since I promised her I'd send them." That's the spirit, that makes us feel like doing our best despite the numerous obstacles that beset our path.

AUTOGRAPHED PUBLICATIONS ACQUIRED

We gratefully acknowledge the donation of the following books, pamphlets, and articles: Father McGlynn, C.P., The Vision of Fatima (Little, Brown, & Co.)
 Father Kaiser, Our Lady of Fatima Warns the World (Our Lady of Fatima Magazine, Belleville, Illinois)
 Father John Golden, The Sincere Protestant-Why and how we honor Mary (Eagle Butte, S.D.)
 John J. Griffin, Magnificat, May, June, July, August, September, 1948. (3 articles on "Assumption of Mary, Queen of the Universe"; 2 articles on "Mary, Queen of Peace")
 Father Nagle, O.P., Lady of Fatima-Play in two acts (Declan X. McMullen Co.)
 Fulton Oursler, The Happy Grotto-A reporter's account of Lourdes (Declan X. McMullen Co.)
 Declan X. McMullen Company, in addition to the two preceding titles has donated a copy of Fulton Sheen's Jesus, Son of Mary.

OTHER GIFTS

Sister M. Mercedes, of the Little Company of Mary, donated four works published by members of her congregation: Path of Mary, Our Lady's Retreat, Spiritual Exercises of

Mary, and Loves in the Heart of Mary. Louis Bernicken of Mt. Vernon, O., donated copies of Mary-likeness, a beautiful song in honor of Mary. He also sent us for distribution a supply of circulars giving interesting details of apparitions of the Blessed Mother at Heede, Pfaffenhofen, and San Giovanni Rotundo. From Miss Agnes Bolt we received a copy of a prayer- and song-card used at services in honor of the Immaculate Heart. We recommend it to parishes desirous of having a handy card for services. It is available at \$5.50 a hundred from John A. Reger, 615 Cherry St., Toledo, Ohio. - Monsignor Joseph A. Marx of Green Bay, Wisconsin, sent an 1826 edition of the Manuale Precum in usum Sodali-tatis. - All the way from Obwalden, Switzerland, Sister Marie-Fidelis Granicher sent us a copy of Borer's Leuchtende Sterne im Dunkel der Zeit, a series of May redings under the title of a different flower for each day. Mrs. Shuart of Ramsey, New Jersey, added several unique madonnas to her previous donations. From Mr. John Griffin we received a beautiful picture of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, copies of which had been distributed as a wedding souvenir of one of his relatives. The practice seems well worth imitating, furthering as it does, devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart, at the same time that it reminds friends to pray for the newlyweds.

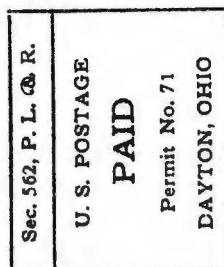
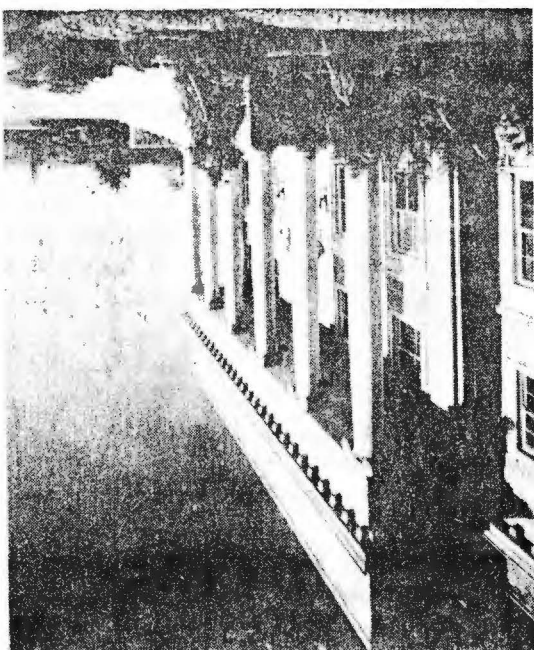
Our sincere thanks also to those who have contributed financially. Lack of space permits us to single out only the following. Bro. Eugene Friedrichs, \$16 00; James Costello, \$100.00; a donor of \$25 00 prefers to remain anonymous.

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MARY

The publication of the new Booklist will reduce our funds considerably in the near future, and since we hope to purchase as many books as possible from Europe in the next few months, we appeal at this time to all the friends of our Blessed Mother, who are able to part with even a dollar to help further Mary's project. Do your part to imitate the example of generosity set by Miss Schmide in the account given above. Can you do something to induce your sodality or other group to make a contribution to further the cause? Of those who cannot help financially we ask at least a prayerful remembrance at this holy season. - In our turn, we shall offer the sacrifice of the Mass on Christmas Day for all our benefactors. May the Christchild bless you abundantly and may His Holy Mother bring to you that peace which she brought to the humble shepherds.

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