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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL HELPERS IN MARY'S PROJECT

During the past week we were greatly encouraged by a letter from our Provincial, the Very Rev. Father John A. Elbert, S. M. Since his message is one of commendation to all who have helped make the work possible, we are pleased to reproduce it in part here. On his return from his recent visitation of the houses of the Province, he writes:

"Chief among my recent 'discoveries' was the new and complete BOOKLIST OF THE MARIAN LIBRARY. It does but take a cursory glance to assure the experienced reader of the magnitude and the almost infinite detail of work connected with this publication. However, I feel sure that it will be worth all the trouble and all the pains that you and any other helpers have put into it. My sincere congratulations on the completion of such a monumental work. You have deserved the universal thanks of all true children of Mary."

NEW BOOKLIST READY

As mentioned in Father Elbert's letter, the 1949 BOOKLIST OF THE MARIAN LIBRARY is ready for distribution. The first copy rolled off the press January 12, and since then a sufficient supply has come in so that we are prepared to meet any orders. The new publication runs to exactly 200 pages containing 10,662 items. The first seven pages give the general purpose of the project, explain the method of checking libraries for Marian books through the use of the Record Card, and illustrate the nature and functioning of the Union Catalogue, which is definitely the most unique and far-reaching contribution to date in the field of Marian research. The 1949 BOOKLIST is now available at \$1.50.

MORE FIELD WORKERS NEEDED - CHAMINADE, MINEOLA, SETS THE PACE

In our December issue we sent out the call for Field Workers and are pleased to state that a number of volunteers have already offered their services in checking libraries in their neighborhood and coordinating the work in their district. In our next issue we should like to publish the list of active Field Workers and we want to have your district represented. If you are willing to act as coordinator or assistant in your district, be sure to let us hear from you immediately. If you are able to spare an hour a week or even an hour a month for such work, send in your name. If you are the moderator of a Sodality or other Marian activity, the members of which could in some way cooperate in this work, be sure to let us have your name.

Chaminade High School, Mineola, New York, has set a fine example for all the Catholic high schools that are willing to participate in this timely project to honor their Blessed Mother. One of the students of Chaminade High writes that he and his helpers have contacted all the Catholic high schools of the Brooklyn diocese as recorded in the Catholic Directory. They are asking all these schools to check their libraries for Marian books and to forward the list to them for eventual recording in our Union Catalogue. Replies are already coming in and the student chairman, John Wilshusen, Jr., assures us that his committee will be making a substantial contribution to the entries for our Union Catalogue. Here is an example worthy of emulation. Is the high school in your district or parish doing anything to further Mary's project? Maybe your suggestion can start the ball rolling.

IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF MARY

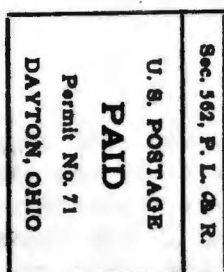
Not long ago a Dominican Father wrote us that he was doing research on devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He needed very badly one of the most authoritative sets of books on the subject and asked whether we could help him. In less than a minute's time we were able, through our Union Catalogue, to tell him that he could get the book from a library in St. Bernard, Alabama. He obtained the book and thanked us for enabling him to carry his work forward. This service was possible because someone sent us the record of that library. With the system we have developed, most libraries can be checked for Marian books in about a half hour. Even the better collections seldom take more than an hour. But your work in checking such a library may save weeks of search for some Marian scholar, if you get the record to us. Get your sodality interested today. We'll be glad to forward whatever materials you need.

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MORE BOOKS DONATED

Among the autographed books acquired during the past weeks we are happy to list:
Father Joseph Delabays' Our Lady of Fatima, Benziger Brothers.
Father Lynch's A Woman Wrapped in Silence, Macmillan
Father James Carroll's Lispings on a Litany, St. Joseph's Protectory for Homeless Boys, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sister M. Elizabeth of Maryknoll sent us a copy of Message of Fatima, containing projects and a playlet for religion classes, with suggestions for correlating with history, geography, etc. Father Francis Larkin, SS.CC., presented a large picture of the Immaculate Heart suitable for classrooms, as well as a copy of Garric's Religious of the Sacred Hearts, rich in materials on our Blessed Mother. It was interesting to note that Enthronement of the Sacred Heart contains several references to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We gratefully acknowledge here other books received from Felix Andrews, Mrs. Mary Cahill, Bro. Julius May, S. M., and from the Sisters of Xavier University, New Orleans.

OTHER GIFTS

Our sincerest thanks to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Montgomery of Louisville, Kentucky, for their generous donation of \$500.00 toward Mary's project. Also to the Baltimore Mass League for its substantial offering of \$100.00. We are very grateful likewise to the following for their donations: Mrs. Anna Koenig \$50.00; Bro. Eugene Friedrichs, \$12.00; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gesing, \$10.00; Ellen Hickey, Genevieve Hickey, James Beckman, Catherine Klevorn, Father Joseph Bruder, S. M., Sister M. Christiana, C.P.P.S., each of whom donated \$5.00. Our thanks likewise to all the others too numerous to mention, who sent in other gifts during the past months. --Our Field Workers in Austria, France, Italy, and Spain are beginning their purchases for us in their different languages. With our present funds we were able to send them \$500.00 each. If we could have doubled that, it would have been just about right for immediate possibilities in their respective markets. If you know of any individual or organization able to help Mary's cause financially, pass the word along. Can you get your sodality or parish to do its mite?