

Newsletter

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.....From time to time, people who see the Marian Library Newsletter write in and ask just what IS the Marian Library. Summarized, the following would answer them:--

A Question Box

I.. JUST WHAT IS THE MARIAN LIBRARY?

Founded: In 1943, at the University of Dayton by Father Lawrence Monheim, S.M., and directed from '44 to '49 by Father Edmund Baumeister, S.M., and now again under the direction of Father Monheim.

Purpose: To gather into this one place, on the campus of the University of Dayton, *all possible information* (printed word, art, music) on the Blessed Virgin Mary; and, thus, to establish a Marian Center, for service.

Accomplishments to Date:

1. A printed *Booklist* with 11,000 titles of Marian Books.
2. A *Union Catalogue* with 8,000 entries.
3. A *Collection* of 3,000 Marian Books.
4. *Fieldworkers* in 15 countries of the world.
5. Magazines, pamphlets, art--all dealing with Mary Immaculate.

Needs: The primary need is *more fieldworkers*; namely, those volunteers who would check their local libraries for any books on the Blessed Virgin and send these lists to us here at the Marian Library.

II. WHY HAVE A MARIAN LIBRARY OR MARIAN CENTER?

The Marian Library has been organized fundamentally to honor Mary, the Mother of Christ, in this AGE OF MARY.

Keeping in mind our motto--"*De Maria Numquam Satis*" (there can never be enough about Mary)--we aim to spread her good name, devotion to her, and works in her honor.

Europe, to our best knowledge, has two Marian Libraries--one under the Servites of Mary in Rome, which library has been favored by a large donation of books from Pope Pius XII. (Father Roshini is its founder and director); another, somewhat smaller, is in Belgium (Banneux, a place of apparition. Father Arendt, a priest of the diocese, is the founder and director at Banneux.)

Here in the United States, an attempt at a Marian Library was made in Washington, at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, under the inspiration of Monsignor B. McKenna (now of Philadelphia), but the Library was never continued. Some books were collected at that time, but they are not accessible to the public now.

In anticipation of the Centenary of the Society of Mary in America, the Marian Library in Dayton, Ohio (where the Marianists first settled in 1850), was organized. It is our hope and prayer and determination to continue this down through the years. It is presently under the direction of a priest of the Society of Mary (Father Lawrence Monheim, S.M.)

Surely all who have followed the recent mes-

sages from heaven know that this is truly the AGE OF MARY. Consequently, we feel that the establishment of this MARIAN CENTER in America has a place now, more than ever. We believe that it should have been started even long before.

The Marian Library has begun--and now, it moves on, with God's blessing, and Mary's guidance.

III. WHAT DID WE HAVE WHEN WE STARTED?

We had nothing but the intention. No books; no idea really of how it would develop, and to what degree; no materials; nor place; etc. But in the course of time, the Marian Library has found approval, blessing, and growth. It is located in a special part of the University Library building, but distinct from that Library in every way.

A formal blessing was recently (July '49) received from the Pope himself. Bishops have approved and blessed, and supported it, even to contributions. Priests have cooperated very well. Religious men and women have been our biggest helpers; lay people have taken a wonderful interest in it.

IV. WHO COMES TO THE MARIAN LIBRARY?

Very many, indeed, have come to see the Library, and to benefit from it. Many among these are missionaries, teachers, lay people, etc. One came to see, wrote a lengthy article on it, which article appeared in the *Ave Maria*, last year (Reprints, for details, are available upon request). Donations have come in the form of

books, pamphlets, manuscripts, work done in checking 700 libraries, pictures, and money. Of course, more could be done, if more were had. That is understood.

V. WHO RECEIVES OUR NEWSLETTERS?

The Marian Library Newsletter has been issued at different times since the beginning ('43). For a period, there was a postponement due to work on the Booklist and other activities. Now again, the Newsletter is issued monthly, and sent to fieldworkers, to friends, to those interested in the work. Newsletters go to all parts of the world--and the response is good. In addition to those mentioned, we send the Newsletter to the affiliates of the Society of Mary in America. (The Newsletter may be had for the asking.) About 2,000 copies are sent regularly each month to individuals.

VI. DO WE WANT MARIAN BOOKS?

Yes, we do want Marian Books. But what is more important at the present is the name, author, publishers, and date of any book dealing with Mary, along with the place where those books are, so that we can inscribe them into our Union Catalogue. In this way, we hope we can service students of Mariology, especially with books that are out-of-print, or hard to get. Our Union Catalogue then is our first and biggest activity at the Library. While we are

getting material for our Union Catalogue, we attempt to buy, receive as gifts, exchange, and request books for our shelves here at Dayton.

VII. DID YOU HEAR THE LATEST MARIAN NEWS?

In October 1949, more than 50 theologians of the Washington, D.C. area gathered to discuss the possibility of a MARIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA. The meeting resulted in the actual and immediate formation of said Society, electing Father J.B. Carol, O.F.M., as its president. Father Connell, C.S.S.R., is V. Pres.; Father Fenton of the Ecclesiastical Review is Sec'y.; and Father Moore, O.Carm., is Treasurer. The first formal meeting will be in Washington, D.C. on January 2 and 3, 1950. Congratulations to the organizers of this much-needed intellectual group! Mary Immaculate inspire them to the best and finest in the ways of Mary down through the years!

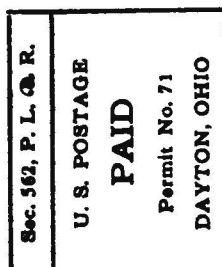
VIII. WHAT IS OUR BY-WORD?

If it's Marian, we have it

Or we'll get it,

Or we'll direct you to it!

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