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And we do need more, if the Marian Library is to grow to a worldwide serviceability.
Our sincere thanks to one and all who have helped us.

A MOST BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS AND FRIENDS. MAY ALL 365 DAYS OF '51 BE MARIAN!

SECOND MARIOLOGICAL CONVENTION-1951

At the Sheraton Hotel in Worcester, Mass, mariologists of the continent gather under the sponsorship of Bishop John Wright, on January 3rd and 4th. CO*REDEMPTION is the theme for the Convention. The Marian Library has sent printed materials for distribution at the Convention. May the Convention be especially blessed by Our Lady, in whose honor the Mariological Society was founded!

ARCHBISHOP KARL J. ALTER OF CINCINNATI

Dated December 13, 1950, the Most Reverend Archbishop writes: "The Library is a very interesting project and will prove valuable for students of Mariology. I offer you my congratulations and blessing."

OUR MARIAN CALENDARS FOR 1951

The Marian Library had 1500 very beautiful calendars printed for 1951. All of these have been distributed. Perhaps next year the Library will have a calendar (Marian) all its own. It too hopes to have a set or two of the BEST MARIAN CHRISTMAS CARDS for 1951. These projects, we believe, help to advance the cause of her whom we all love so much.

MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Charles Spring, of Chaminade Prep, Santa Cruz, Calif. writes: "Our Sodality would like to co-operate with you in building up the Marian Library. We plan to explore the libraries in the vicinity for books on Mary. Please send us a BOOKLIST and 200 listing cards. We hope to find many books on Mary for you." That's the spirit, Charles, and great success to you and your fellow workers!

PROCLAMATION OF THE DOGMA

Material has come to us from different sources on the proclamation of the Assumption. Booklets, programs, ticket of entrée to St. Peter's Basilica, medals, newspapers from Rome and Fribourg, pictures, etc—all these have been donated to the Library by friends. Such materials find their way into our files for future reference. Thanks to these many donors, among them Father Neubert, the Brothers in Fribourg, Switzerland, Miss Mary Leahy of Ansonia, Conn., and others.

AGAIN M A R I E, THAT MARIAN GEM

In the November-December 1950 issue of MARIE on p.97 there is a very fine article by Father Joseph Besutti O.S.M. on the PIUS XII-MARIAN LIBRARY in Rome. It is an historical article full of interesting facts. First beginnings of a Marian Library go back to 1904. This Library has 30,000 volumes, according to Father Besutti. In our next newsletter, there shall be a more complete description of this "BIBLIOTHEQUE MARIALE PIE XII", which is in Rome, under the direction of the Servite Fathers.

THE 1949-BOOKLIST OF THE MARIAN LIBRARY

1000 of the BOOKLISTS are available. Libraries, small and large, private and public, Catholic and secular should have a copy of this Booklist. If you are able to help us circulate these lists, please let us know. At this time, we are thinking of preparing a new one, brought up to date with a total of 18,000 entries. However, this new list will not be completed for some time. NOW, the Marian Library wants to see a copy of the 1949-BOOKLIST in as many libraries as possible. Few persons, even among us Catholics, realize how much has been written about Mary. This BOOKLIST will show at a glance that there is very much. Actually, we believe there are more than 200,000 different books in existence in the world about Mary, the Mother of God. Help us, then, distribute these 1949-BOOKLISTS of the Marian Library.

INTERNATIONAL MARIAN CONGRESS IN ROME

According to information from the Congress (Nov. 1950), a recommendation was made that there be A MARIAN LIBRARY in every country of the world, and that these national libraries work together, yet keeping their autonomy. By this unity of work, greater and more far-reaching results in Mariology can be attained. Duplication of effort and work could be avoided. Sharing of results would advance the cause of Mary in the 20th Century. This idea is most timely and excellent.

CALLS FOR HELP

Almost daily some request comes to the Library, and that is the way we want it, because the Library is to service those interested in the field of Mary. Some examples of contacts with us are the following: one writes for information on MARY IN THE EARLY AGES, to prepare a paper on the subject for the regional Marian Congress in March. Another says: "I will do my best in spreading devotion to Mary. I'm interested in the Marian Library and would like to become a fieldworker. Please mail me material." "I'm very fond of Marian literature and would appreciate a catalogue of all Marian publications." "May I please have information. I would appreciate knowing details as really the Marian Library is very inspiring." Keep on writing to us, for we want to help in any way we can. And we can use YOUR help, too, if you'd like to co-operate with us in this great project, THE MARIAN LIBRARY.

BOOKS FROM AUSTRIA

The oldest of the 20 excellent Marian books recently purchased in Austria is dated 1587. It is entitled DE VITA ET DE LAUDIBUS VIRGINIS MARIAE-QUINQUAGINTA MEDITATIONES. Its author is Francis Costero, S.J. It was printed in Antwerp; has 650 pages. Its publisher is Antonius Hierat, and it is written in Latin. It is the oldest book on Mary presently in the Marian Library in Dayton.

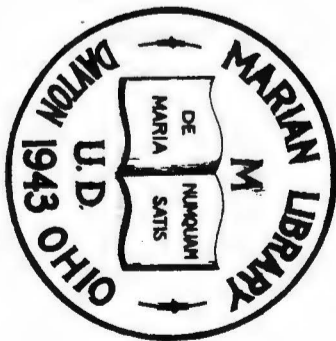
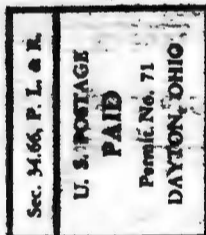
BOOKS FROM FR. ARENDT

The Marian Library has received 20 books, 10 pamphlets (all in English), and 3 very old Marian books in French from Father Arendt of Banneux, Belgium. We too have a very beautiful 14 inch statue of Our Lady of Banneux, given to us by Father Fred Mathues. Father Arendt, director of the Marian Library in Belgium writes that he wants to work out a UNION OF MARIAN LIBRARIES throughout the world, as a followup of the recommendation at the Marian Congress in Rome, in November 1950. Father's excellent idea merits serious thought and planning.

MUSEE MARIAL (PONT-MAIN, MAYENNE, FRANCE)

A letter, folder, some pictures—all from Pont-Main tell us more clearly than ever just what there is in that town of France. It is called MUSEE BIBLIOTHEQUE DES PELERINAGES (Museum-Library of Pilgrimages). It was begun in 1926. Pope Pius XI has blessed it in 1929. Today it contains thousands of documents on nearly 6000 pilgrimages of Mary in all countries. The collection is housed in six rooms. Medals, insignias, pictures (ancient), stamps, marial vignettes, portraits and relics of seers of Our Lady down through the centuries, and finally many ancient Marian books—compose this MUSEE.

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