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From a Booklist of a N.Y. Concern, we note 16 Marian titles of old books for purchase. Some of these books date back to 1659. To purchase them, we need \$250.00. How we would like to have them for the Marian Library! Would any of our readers help us get them?

VICTROLA RECORDS

Thanks to Brother Leo Sieben S.M., we shall receive another set of Marian records in Gregorian chant. And Miss Vera Gott gave us \$10.00 to get a complete set of Bach's MAGNIFICAT. Thank you!

WE WELCOME REQUESTS

The Marian Congress of the NY-NJ Region of the NFCCS which meets Feb. 11th at Manhattanville College has requested exhibit and distribution materials on the Marian Library. These have been forwarded. The Marian Congress of the Cincinnati Region, at St. Mary's of the Springs in Columbus will also have materials for Feb. 17th. The Catholic Women's Club of Syracuse has asked for display materials for their Book Week. Margaret Dahm of DePaul U. of Chicago, requested book lists and printed materials in order to interest students there to help the Marian Library. Many other requests for books, materials, pictures, etc. come in regularly, and we are grateful. Keep asking. We shall try to do our very best to serve you.

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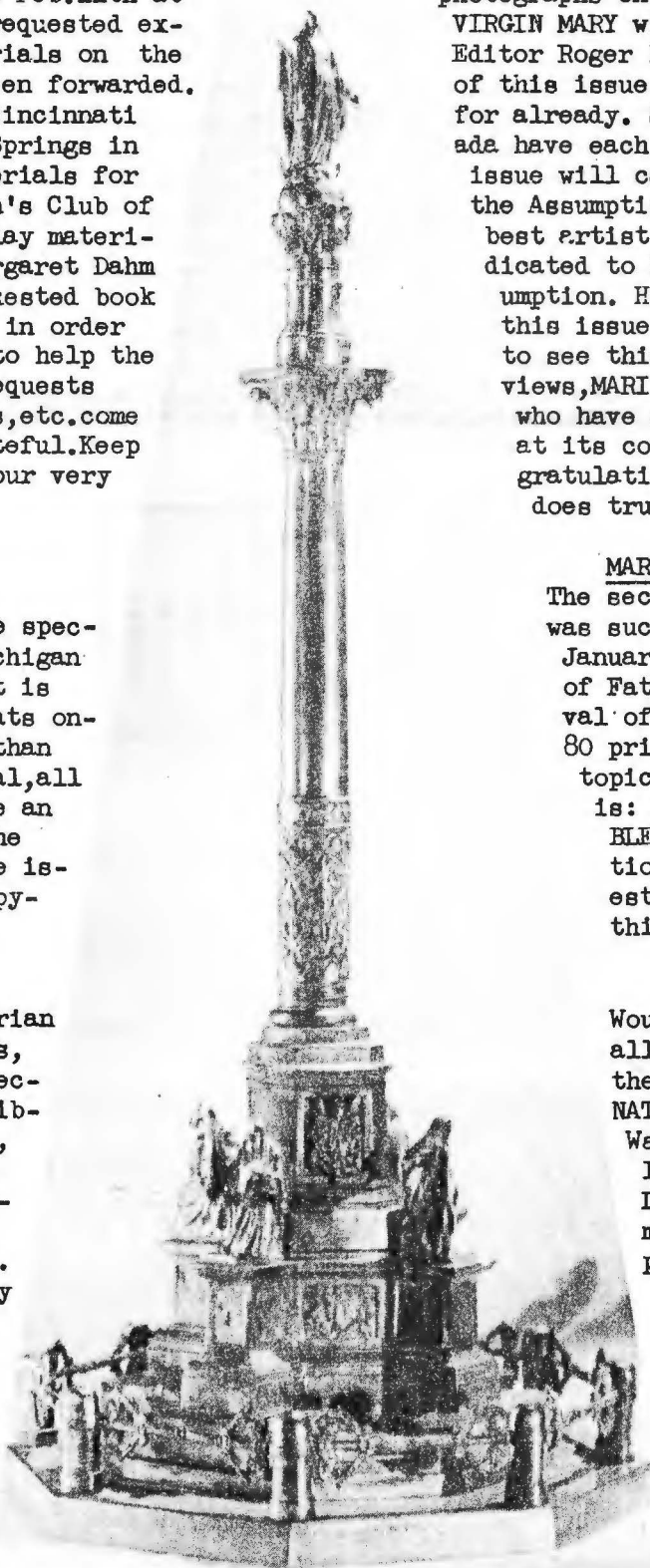
Two dollars will buy the special issue of THOMIST (487 Michigan Ave., Washington 17, D.C.). It is the January issue which treats only of the ASSUMPTION--more than 200 pages of printed material, all in English. There is likewise an excellent bibliography on the Assumption at the end of the issue. Write to them for a copy--Volume XIV Number 1.

QOAH

The new and splendid Marian magazine, Queen of All Hearts, carried an article in its December issue on the Marian Library. Thanks, Father Charest, for the space, and thanks to the very many who wrote directly to us offering their services, or requesting help. The response was indeed very gratifying.

THANKS

To VICTORIAN & FAMILY DIGEST, OUR LADY'S DIGEST & others for regular free copies of their magazines for our files & for our future Marian periodical index. We hope they and others will help us thus.



"M A R I E"

A very special 200 page edition in print and photographs on the ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be issued April 1951 by Editor Roger Brien. More than 75,000 copies of this issue have been ordered and paid for already. Several of the Bishops in Canada have each ordered 2,000 copies. This issue will carry the very best possible on the Assumption by the best authors and the best artists. The issue is especially dedicated to Pope Pius XII, Pope of the Assumption. How we would love to circulate this issue around the world! How we hope to see this most beautiful of Marian reviews, MARIE, in the English language. Any who have seen the magazine are amazed at its composition and content. Congratulations, again, Roger Brien! MARIE does truly honor MARY, the Mother.

MARIOLOGY SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The second Convention of the Society was successfully held in Worcester, January 3 & 4, under the presidency of Father J. Carol OFM, and the approval of Bishop John Wright. More than 80 priests and laymen attended. The topic for the next Convention, 1952, is: THE SPIRITUAL MATERNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Congratulations on the growth of this latest Society to honor Our Lady, in this AGE OF MARY!

1954

Would it not be most splendid if all the Marian organizations of the USA would join hands for a NATIONAL MARIAN CONGRESS? Place? Washington, at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Time? December 8, 1954. Reason? To commemorate the centenary of the proclamation of that Dogma, and to honor as a nation Our Blessed Mother. It is assuredly something worth praying and working for in this AGE of MARY.

THANKS

Again to D. Mathis of N.J. for securing \$100 gift from the Oursler Foundation of N.Y. It is deeply appreciated

Of late years, the idea of starting a Marian Library has been taken up in many places. Among the Marian Libraries already begun, the story of the one founded in Rome by the Servites is interesting. In the flowering of theological and ecclesiastical sciences of the last century, we note that Mariology tends to occupy a place of importance. This is due to the various Marian Congresses. For example, the National Marian Congress in Livorno, Italy in 1895, the International Marian Congress in Fribourg, Switzerland in 1902, and that in Rome in 1904.

It was at the World Marian Congress in Rome (1904) that the idea to found a Marian Library was proposed. It was to be in memory of the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. "Its objective was to bring together all that had been written or would be written on the Mother of God, and to give to students and devotees more opportunities and greater ease in examining the immense treasures contained in the privileges and relations of Mary with God & men.

This project, the Library of Mary, was due in great part to the Secretary General of the Congress, Father Peregrinus M. Stagni, Prior General of the Servites of Mary. To realize this initiative, Mr. A. Burri, president of the Marian Library Committee and his secretary, Raphael Bonatelli, sent in October 1903 an "Appeal to Catholics" in French and Italian. The response was excellent, so good that by the time of printing the acts of the Congress in 1905, it was possible to publish a long bibliography---- 613 works in German, Dutch, Hungarian, etc; 611 in French; 318 in Spanish; 115 in oriental languages; 42 in English. To these 2250 volumes, were added 213 albums of pictures on Marian Shrines throughout the world.

Upon the express wish of Pius X, the Library of Mary had its headquarters at the Leo XIII Pontifical College. Father Propser M. Bernardini OSM helped by religious of his order, worked to put the Library in order. For a time, the Library grew both in value and importance, but as so often happens to human things, it went into oblivion.

In the renewal of Servite Marian activities, the Marian Library held an important place. The beginnings of 1904 would be useful. Therefore, Father Gabriel Roschini, director of the review MARIANUM, approached Pope Pius XII asking that the Library begun in 1904 be confided to St. Alexis College. The idea was acceptable. In October 1946 via a letter from the Secretary of State, the books and others were confided to the Servite Fathers of St. Alexis College. The books personally given to the Library by Pius XII form a separate collection--nearly 350 works in Polish, bound in white cloth, with an image of Mary, and REGINA POLONIAE, surmounted by the Polish eagle, or pontifical coat of arms, on cover

In the Library there are numerous books on Lourdes, also a collection of Marian magazines, some Spanish collections, some Chinese books, as well as a few in Arabic, and in the languages of India.

Manuscripts, specially in Syrian, especially an interesting set of Liturgical texts with Latin in translation on devotion of the Syrians to the Immaculate Conception are to be found in the Library.

Marian Bibliographies--Clugnet's for France, Kolb's for Germany, Anaquim for Portugal, Brudnalskia-go for Poland are in the Marian Library--Pius XII in Rome. To the 3000 books on Mary, are added the 3000 in the College Library about Mary---and adding these 6,000 Marian books to the other books of the St. Alexis College Library--the total number of volumes reaches 30,000.

(Digest of Article in MARIE-Vol. IV No. 4 p98)

(Cf. Newsletters Vol. VI No. 3 & 4 for more information).

