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SPAIN

Three very fine books just came to us from Spain, through the cooperation of Brother B. Moral of Madrid. They are all new books, and indicate the love of the Spaniards for Our Blessed Mother. The one entitled *ICONOGRAFIA Y SANTUARIOS DE LA VIRGEN EN NAVARRA* is in new volumes. Volume I has 517 pages; Volume II has 560 pages. Almost 1100 pages of print and picture on Shrines of Our Lady in ONE province of Spain! It is almost unbelievable. The third book is excellent, too--it is *LA ASSUNCION DE LA VIRGEN EN EL ARTE*. This book by Benedicto Nieto has 197 pages of print, and 269 pictures of the Assumption of Our Lady in art. Thank you Brother for sending us these excellent volumes, and may we not expect more, as they come to your attention there in Madrid?

This Picture.

It was Sister Mary St. Anne of Chestnut Hill, Pa. who gave us this "shrine" in brass. It is a replica of the statue on a pillar that was erected in marble in Rome for the 50th anniversary of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception's proclamation. This monument is to be found in front of St. Mary Major's Basilica in the Eternal City itself. Our replica from Sister is 16 inches high & artistic.

Thank you, Sister!

C.L.A. Convention

Thursday, March 29th, at 10 a.m. in the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, the Director of the Marian Library will read a paper on A MARIAN LIBRARY IN THE U.S.A. The invitation to read the paper at the Catholic Library Convention was extended by the President of the Association. I am very happy and very grateful to have this grand opportunity to tell the Librarians of the U.S. just what we have here in the Marian Library and what are our future plans.

The theme for the Convention is UNEXPLORED HORIZONS, and it seems to me now that the Marian Literature field is just that. Dates for the Convention are Mar. 26th to 31st, 1951.

Plan for Peace

FILM

The Marian Library has just purchased a film--45 minutes of sound and color on Fatima. It is to be shown to as many groups in this area as possible. Our purpose is to get the Fatima message to people before it is too late. If you live within a 60 mile radius of Dayton, ask for a showing of this beautiful film. We want people to see it. THAT is our primary purpose in purchasing it.

Miraculous Medal

From M.M. headquarters in Germantown, Pa. come 20 volumes of their fine magazine. Thanks to Father Skelly, C.M., the Director, and to his excellent staff. The Miraculous Medal apostolate is a beautiful Marian activity, so popular and so universal in the country.

Marian Congress

Both the Archbishop of Washington and the Director of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception have written answers to my letters suggesting a NATIONAL MARIAN CONGRESS for 1954. Magr. P.J.O'Connor, the Shrine Director, writes: "I heartily agree with you that there should be in the United States and at the Shrine a NATIONAL MARIAN CONGRESS in 1954. You can depend on me to do anything that I am able to further this." What a golden opportunity we have, then, for this! There is to be a Marian Congress in Cuba in September of 1954, and one in Rome in December of 1954. Ours here in the U.S. could be in May, 1954--Mary's own month.

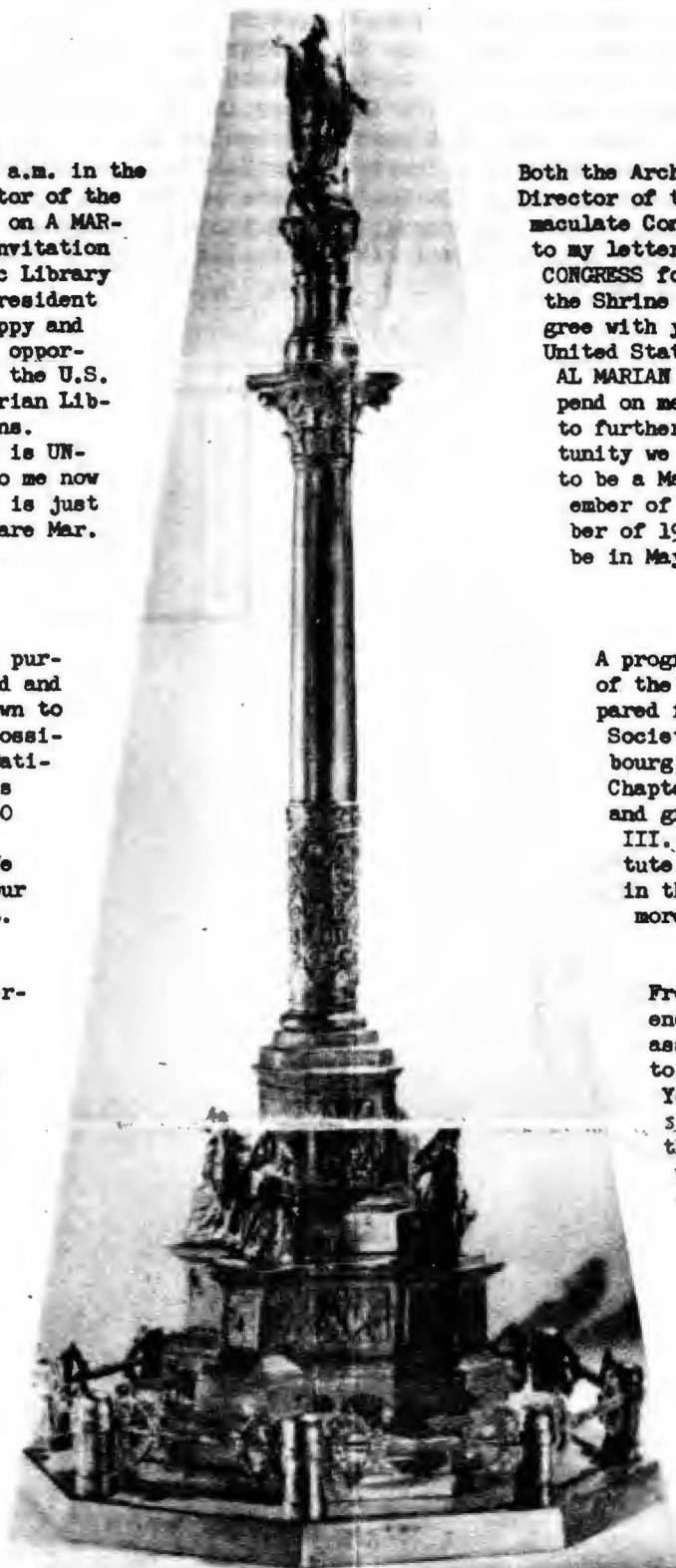
Report for S.M.

GENERAL CHAPTER

A progress report on the past 5 years of the Marian Library has been prepared for the General Chapter of the Society of Mary, to be held in Fribourg, Switzerland, August 1951. The Chapter of '46 approved the founding and growth of the Library in Statute III. My report shows that the Statute has been realized in part within the past 5 years. There is much more to be done, that we well know.

Alloy

From Alloy, W.Va. comes this most encouraging offer: "If I can be of assistance, I would be very glad to help. Perhaps I can be of help. You surely can, dear friend, and so can also who reads these lines. Write to us if you want to help in the development of this truly Marian project."



Washington, D. C.

A release from NCWC(2/12/51) reads as follows:
"Formation of a committee of three to formulate plans for the development of the Marian Library at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception has been announced. The Committee whose function it will be to select additions to the collection of volumes dealing with the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, will consist of Msgr. P.J. O'Connor, Director of the Shrine, Fr. Stanislas J. Grabowski of the faculty of Sacred Theology, and Eugene P. Willging, Director of the Mullen Library of Catholic University." Page 8 of Salve Regina (Feb. 1951) related to this same topic states: "In order to have the Marian Library developed on a systematic basis a selection committee of three is drawing up a comprehensive list of desired books. A cardinal principle of the Committee will be the preservation of a balance between works in theology, history, art and devotion. Only those books meeting the standards of the committee will be included."

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

In List Number One (no date) of Our Lady's Library of the Marist Brothers of the Schools we read the following: "Some day Our Lady's Library will be housed in a beautiful building at Marian College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Plans are being studied to design an exquisitely appropriate library to contain the collection of books, pamphlets, pictures, rosaries, etc."

"Our Lady's Library grew out of a dream, an inspiration and a hope. The Marist Brothers of the Schools, Apostles of Mary, dreamed that somehow or other they could gather into one place all books printed on the Mother of God. They hope that Catholics all over the world would be interested enough to help them build their dream into a permanent reality. Friends gave books on Our Lady in the hope that someday every Marian book would be represented in the Library."

List Number One has 468 titles.

List Number Two is on the press now.

Brother Cyril Robert F.M.S. is Director.

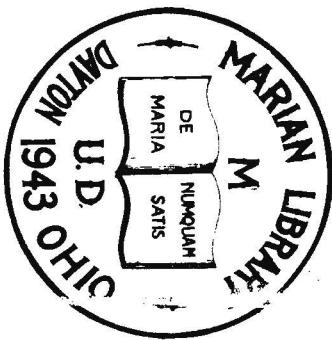
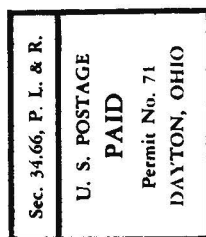
A MARIAN LIBRARY IN THE U.S.A.

In 1943, the Marian Library at the University of Dayton began. At that time, to best knowledge, there was no other Marian Library in the country, except the private collection of Father J. Carol OFM.

The Library has made great progress to the point that its greatest needs now are full time trained librarians, and greater monetary means to secure more books and to build up more services.

To date there are 3000 Marian items here in the Library. Besides, the Marian Library Union Catalogue has records on 8000 books that are in no fewer than 1000 libraries of the world--thanks to the fine interest and zeal of more than 100 fieldworkers in 15 countries. Besides these books and the Union Catalogue, the Library has decided upon a system all its own of classifying the books. It has also gathered many Marian magazines, the best in the field, in several languages. There are about 1000 different Marian pamphlets, about 500 Marian pictures not yet classified, plus sundry items like statues, paintings, relics, stamps, photographs, and Marian phonograph records.

Our plan is to continue this work with a view to realizing, if possible, a MARIANA COLLECTION, the finest of its kind in the world.



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