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During the past year three Regional Meetings of the Mariological Society were held. The first of these took place on April 15 in the Washington-Baltimore Region at the Capuchin College in Washington. About 45 were present to hear Father Thomas Mulaney, O.P., read a paper on *The Personal Sanctity of the Blessed Virgin*. Father Dominic Unger, O.F.M.Cap., moderated the discussion. After a coffee break, Father Armand Robichaud, S.M., spoke on *The Role of Mary in Catholic Action*. Father John Harvey, O.S.F.S., led the discussion.

On April 30 at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, N. J., the New York-New Jersey Region held the next Regional Meeting. Father Patrick J. Gaffney, S.M.M., addressed more than 40 members on the *Doctrinal Basis of the Devotion of St. Louis de Montfort*. After the usual coffee break, the group heard *A Scriptural Study of the Sufferings of Mary* by Father James C. Turro, of the Seminary. Both papers were followed by lively discussions.

The third meeting was held at the Marian Library of the University of Dayton on May 4. Father William J. Cole, S.M., read a paper on *The Spiritual Maternity According to Father Chaminade*. There was a lively formal discussion among the thirteen members present. This year's program at Dayton has already been set up for May 2. Father Edward Kotter, of Mount St. Mary Seminary in Cincinnati, has agreed to read a paper on *Mary's Mediation as the Doctrinal Basis of the Legion of Mary*.

From all of these meetings come reports of the great interest and even enthusiasm of the participants. There is a general feeling that the regional meetings should be expanded. There is need for volunteers who are willing to prepare papers.

What is of most concern for us here, there is further need for members of the Society who will take over as Chairmen of various regions. Boston and Chicago are ready for Regional Meetings. We look forward to next year when we shall have reports on successful meetings from these places.

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*Moderator.*