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Foreign Mission Society Announces New Policy

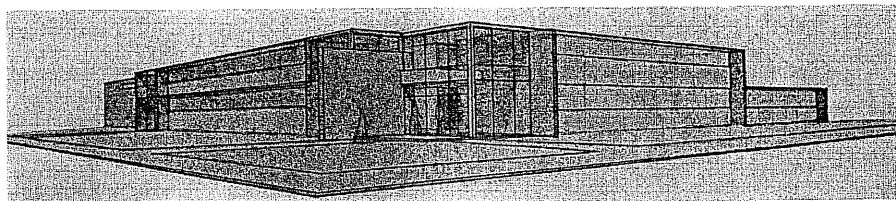
A change of policy with regard to the kinds of stamps sought for resale has recently been inaugurated by the Dujarie Foreign Mission Society. In past years, with the necessary help of its many friends—Sisters, interested laymen, and Brothers teaching in various schools in the United States—the Society has been able to offer material support to the missionaries of the Congregation. One of the sources of revenue for this work is the money realized from the sale of cancelled stamps. Until recently, the practice has been to handle cancelled stamps of any valuation. However, experience has shown that the resale value of common stamps under four cents is not sufficient to warrant their collection. Accordingly, the Society announced it would like all its friends—old and new—to collect and send in stamps of these kinds:

- All foreign stamps
- Large U.S. Commemoratives
- U.S. NATO stamps
- All U.S. stamps over 3c
- Precancelled stamps of any valuation.

Precancelled stamps can be recognized in that they are cancelled with a double bar and the name of the city and state on the stamp between the bars. Stamp-receipts individually machine-printed for packages have no resale value; nor do stamps printed directly on envelopes and government post cards.

In removing stamps from envelopes, care must be exercised so that the edges of the stamps are not in any way damaged, for imperfect stamps of this sort lose their value. Accordingly, when they are removed, a small margin of paper should be left around each side of the stamps.

Now that spring housecleaning time is approaching, a number of old and forgotten envelopes may well turn up. Examine them for possible value for the missions. Envelopes bearing stamps forty or more years old are a rare find and should be sent in intact, without removing the stamps. When you have



Architects' sketch of Library for St. Edward's University

Brothers Build in Texas

Construction of a new \$200,000 library building at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, will start this month, Brother Elmo Bransby, president of St. Edward's, has announced.

The library will be the second in a series of new buildings in St. Edward's long-range expansion program. The first was the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium built of yellow brick and tile in 1949-50.

Plans call for the completion of construction of the library before the beginning of the spring semester next year. The two-story building has been designed by the architectural firm of Valdez and Williams of Dallas and San Antonio.

In addition to reading rooms and stack space, the library will include the offices of the dean of men, the registrar, the academic deans of the colleges of commerce, arts, and science, the ex-students'

association, and publications.

Classrooms will be on both floors. Two on the second floor will be convertible into an assembly hall. In the library proper, there will be two large reading rooms, librarian's offices, work rooms, and stack space for more than 80,000 volumes.

The two-story L-shaped building, modernistic and functional in style, will be of yellow brick and tile with a glassed-in foyer and long glass windows on each side. It will be constructed north of the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

Brother Romard Barthel, who holds a doctor's degree in physics from Texas University, has written for several scientific publications. This month he has an article in the *American Journal of Physics* discussing the possible adaptation of the receding ultrasonic interferometer to the calibration of precision screws.

collected a small package, address it to Dujarie Foreign Mission Society, Notre Dame, Indiana, using commemorative stamps, if possible, for the postage. Your friends, especially those in business offices, may be glad to save stamps to add to the collection you can gather from your own mail. By saving these stamps and sending them in, you will be helping our missionaries to save souls.

Author Visits Gilmour

On March 3, Mr. Frank Sheed, lecturer, publisher, and author, addressed the student body at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, on *What is an Education?* This is the third year that Mr. Sheed has been engaged to speak to the Gilmour men.

Brooklyn Auxiliary Grows

Brother Maurus O'Malley reports that the Brooklyn Women's Auxiliary for the Brothers of Holy Cross has grown to about a hundred members.

On Palm Sunday the women made a pilgrimage to Valatie, N. Y., to hang curtains which they had made for the Juniorate.

Usually the first part of every meeting is spent discussing the latest issue of this little newspaper.

(No wonder the editor is having sweet dreams, dreams of other cities having similar auxiliaries for the Brothers. Frequent and generous checks from Brooklyn have helped to keep the newspaper out of the red.—Ed.)

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Come, Follow Me

How simple Our Lord's invitation is to those whom He has chosen to be His disciples. It seems to be nothing more than a chance remark. A third person who had overheard it wouldn't even think it worth repeating. Nevertheless, Our Lord used these few words, "Come, Follow Me", to invite one of His Apostles to a life of sacrifice. Our third person looking on wouldn't have seen any sacrifice. The young man called had nothing but a smelly net and it needed mending badly. Our Lord seldom selects supermen to be His chosen ones. Most of the saints have been very common people, common people like the rest of us. Our Lord still invites ordinary youngsters to be His disciples. He has work for them. Has He work for you? or will you remain the third person looking on?

Are Students Vocation Conscious?

Brother Hyacinth, Vocation Director at Valatie, reports that the number of "first enquiries" is increasing each month. Brothers at Valatie and in other schools are offering daily an hour of their work for these prospective candidates that more of them may respond to grace.

Three of the schools in the East have organized Brother André Clubs, to which boys are invited frequently to discuss vocations and other problems.

The monthly novena for vocations has been very favorably received. Many of the Brothers are making several novenas simultaneously, using the numbered cards as a reminder.

In our schools interest in religious vocations is such that many boys are becoming aware of the needs of our Community and are willing to make the sacrifice our way of life demands. Brothers in these schools are doing apostolic work, fostering vocations.

Brother Hyacinth will attend three

workshops on vocations, two in the Archdiocese of New York and one in Scranton. The Vocation Directors in the Archdiocese of New York have so organized their work that through frequent meetings and the pooling of ideas greater results may be attained.

Through two years' work in the vocation field, Brother Hyacinth has become convinced of one thing—the high regard clergy and laity have for the Brothers of Holy Cross. We are welcome everywhere, and our work as educators seems genuinely appreciated.

The Valatie class for the novitiate for next August looks promising. Members of the Community are asked to pray for the perseverance of these candidates, and also for the success of our Vocation Directors.

Brother Serves

On March 19, Brother Kilian, with Priests and laymen of the Albany area, waited on the poor at the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Albany, N. Y. This custom of having the clergy and laymen serve a meal to the poor on the Feast of St. Joseph is observed in all the houses of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

For Brother Kilian, this was a novel and pleasant experience, putting on an apron and waiting on the poor. The first old woman he waited on was totally blind, and as he set the plate of food before her he wondered why she gave no sign of recognition. Her companion across the table hurried to explain and to help the blind woman begin her meal.

Apparently neither age nor adversity has robbed these old people of their sense of humor. As Brother passed around the tables, pouring coffee, one very elderly woman, hesitating a moment, finally offered her cup and in a piping voice asked, "Is there a stick in it?"

Spencer Tracy Congratulates

In Indianapolis one of M.G.M.'s representatives attended Cathedral High School's presentation of "Father of the Bride." A day or two later, Spencer Tracy sent a telegram from Hollywood congratulating Brother Edgar, the director of the comedy, and his cast upon their magnificent performance. Mr. Tracy played the lead in the movie version that came out a year or so ago.

At Catholic Central in Monroe, Mich., several crews of men are at work on the second story of the building, finishing the interior and partitioning it off into classrooms.

Thanks

March began and ended well, but Uncle Sam seemed to intercept everything during the middle of the month. For remembering us as well as their income taxes, we're grateful to: *Ind.*—Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Berendsen, Mr. John J. Corcoran, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gottemoller, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hein, Mr. Henry Salzman, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schubmehl, Mrs. Mat Steinmetz, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Will; *Ill.*—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dudek, Mr. and Mrs. I. Grzeskowiak, Mary C. Ryan; *Mass.*—Mrs. John F. Bozek, Sr., Mrs. Wm. E. Bunting, Sr., Mrs. Thomas Lahiff; *Mich.*—Mrs. William Owens; *N. Y.*—The Brooklyn Women's Auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mulryan; *Ohio*—Mrs. E. Behmer, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Clarke, Mrs. John Englert, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fitz, Mr. William Foken, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber, Mrs. Cora Humphreys, Mrs. Seraphine A. Mang; *Pa.*—Mr. Alex Kaniecki, Mrs. Ann O'Hara, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Purzycki; *S. Dak.*—Mr. and Mrs. James Dougherty; *Wis.*—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dobrogowski, Mr. John G. Dunn, Mr. Theophil Kowalski, and Mr. Hugh Tiedt.

The Bronx Is Busy

The Brothers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the Bronx lead an active life.

Recently Brother Francis O'Donnell represented Monsignor Voight, the Catholic Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York, at a dinner for school principals and guidance counselors. The dinner was held in the Theodore Roosevelt High School in the Bronx.

Brothers Francis O'Donnell and Robert Fontaine attended the Educational Institute for Archdiocesan Teachers presided over by His Eminence, Cardinal Spellman, at the Cardinal Hayes High School.

Under the coaching of the Brothers, Mount Carmel has impressed rival schools with its "powerhouse" basketball teams. In C.Y.O. circles, Brothers Ralph Legath, John Hart, and Robert Fontaine have coached their respective teams to winning first place in Bronx County competition.

In keeping with the wishes of the Holy Father, Mount Carmel has organized the Blessed Dominic Savio Club to serve the spiritual and recreational needs of its members. At the beginning of the year the club was honored by having its moderator, Brother Robert Fontaine, awarded the Moderator of the Month Medal. It bears the image of St. Don Bosco on one side and of Blessed Dominic Savio on the other.

Holy Cross Praised

The Louisiana Committee on Secondary Schools and Colleges with headquarters at Lafayette, La., praised Holy Cross High School in New Orleans for making a study of the educational and vocational needs of its students, for the use it makes of community resources in its curriculum, and for its excellent library service. It also heartily endorsed the program of standardized tests which is being used to measure the educational development of each pupil, and the new building which will furnish up-to-date classroom facilities.

The library at Holy Cross High School in New Orleans has added over 200 books and many pamphlets to its shelves during the past semester. The library also has magazines in all fields presenting topics of current interest to Holy Cross students.

The English department at Holy Cross High School recently conducted an old time spelling bee for the freshmen and sophomore classes. The winner of the first place, a sophomore, will be awarded a gold medal on Recognition Day. The boys who held second and third place will receive silver and bronze awards.

From April 9 to 12, Holy Cross students will present *Pinafore*, a comic opera in two acts. It is being co-produced by Brother Vincent de Paul Hujar, Brother Alfred Grilli, and Mr. Richard Crosby.

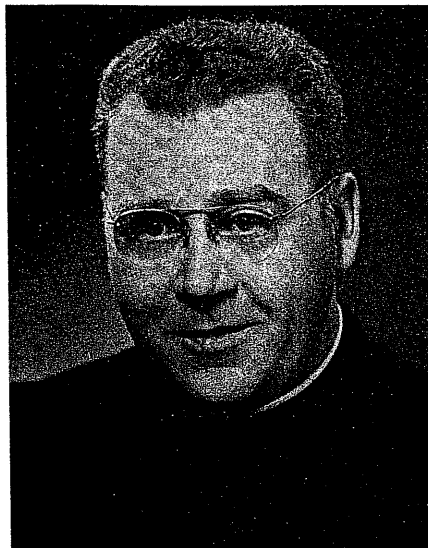
For *Pinafore* as for *The Mikado*, the music had to be rewritten for a concert band. Mr. Crosby took the piano score and rewrote the music for the band. Music of this type for a concert band can not be purchased. Brother Alfred wrote the orchestration for the various instruments from Mr. Crosby's score.

Brother Vincent de Paul has charge of the scenery and costuming. All of the costumes are designed by Brother and made for Holy Cross.

Last year *The Mikado* was so well received that a New Orleans TV station asked permission to televise a performance.

Recently Holy Cross students tried to encourage wholesome reading in the home by acting as salesmen in a Catholic magazine drive. Such drives help to acquaint people with a number of good Catholic magazines.

The Holy Cross wrestling team, coached by Brother Melchior Polowy, won its eighth consecutive Louisiana State Championship.



Brother Sabinus Herbert

Brother Sabinus Herbert, Production Manager of the Ave Maria Press at the University of Notre Dame, comes as close to being an exception to "no one is indispensable" as anyone we know.

He was accepted into the Congregation of Holy Cross after an apprenticeship in the Graphic Arts in the fourth largest printing company in the United States—the Williams Press at Albany, N. Y.

Immediately after his formation years, he was "put to work" and has for the past ten years been associated with the remarkable growth in the quality and quantity of printing the Ave Maria press' limited facilities have been pouring out.

A delightful characteristic of his is that he is not all business. He has a literary sideline; his best known effort being an article that was circulated by the *New York Post* Syndicate, "Will Irish Humor Too Decline?"

Conspicuously loyal to his home-town of Troy, N. Y., let anyone cite an instance of some great achievement in any of the world's largest cities and Brother will politely interrupt with something like, "I remember something similar that happened once in Troy, too . . . !"

Brother is a bit on the stout side, and slightly gray. Being still on the sunny side of forty, we look, with a modicum of impatience, to his accomplishments when life begins for him.

He has had another assignment for six years, Assistant Superior of the Community House.

Obituary

Please pray for the souls of an uncle of Brother Flavius Ellison, two nephews of Brother Kenan Judge, and an aunt of Brother Edward Courtney.

V. I. Debates

Debating, revived last year by Brother Franciscus has continued in 1952-53 with increased vigor at Vincentian Institute, Albany. Three holdovers from last year's squad have formed the nucleus for the Vincentian Wranglers, the name of the forensic group.

After several practice debates with Christian Brothers Academy and others, the Wranglers, with two affirmative and two negative teams participating, broke even in sixteen debates at a recent state-wide tournament at New York State College for Teachers.

In addition to other interscholastic and intramural debates, the Wranglers have planned a speaking contest for March 25 for all members who will talk on the subject: "Is the Catholic Church Modern?" Brothers Wilbert, Ferrer, and John will serve as judges.

One of the big events of any school year at Vincentian Institute, Albany, is the Spring Concert, in which all musical organizations of the school take part.

As in the past, the concert was a four-night affair in Easter week, April 6, 7, 8, and 9. The three-hour program began with the Varsity Band and "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite," directed by Brother Renatus, and after orchestra, glee club and dancing numbers, the Red Jackets, or swing band, finished the regular offerings on a blistering note with Johnny Mercer's "Tailgate Ramble." "America—Our Heritage," a special arrangement by Brother Renatus, was the Grand Finale.

The history of the Spring Concert almost parallels that of the Brothers of Holy Cross in Albany since it began shortly after the Brothers took over the Boys' Department.

An analysis made by Brother Marcian O'Donnell of the boys who have been graduated from Vincentian Institute during the past five years reveals that 239, or 49.5% of them are taking regular courses in forty-seven different colleges. Sixty-nine per cent of those attending colleges are in Catholic institutions and thirty-one per cent in secular schools. Nineteen of the young men are in seminaries or religious communities.

Vincentian Institute, long noted for its scholastic achievements, has recently added more laurels to its first place standing in Albany. With the arrival of Coach William Boehner three years ago, the trend has turned toward bigger and better athletic teams.

The spring sports, baseball and track, proved highly successful in 1952 as Lion teams came out on the winning

side of the ledger. The baseball team finished the season with an overall record of 11-3, winning 7 of its 8 league games to take first honors in the Diocesan League race. The Lion track team, undefeated in dual meets, recorded a thrilling upset of Albany High among their 5 victories against no losses.

The 1952 Blue and White football team gave the school its first undefeated season in that sport with a brilliant 6-0-1 record. Compiling a 3-0-1 account in the Diocesan League, the Lions finished on top for the third straight year, and since Coach Boehner arrived at V.I., the grid team has yet to lose a Diocesan League contest. The team also won the coveted Rutgers Trophy, awarded to the best Capital-District football team.

Completing the sports calendar to date, the 1952-53 basketball team finished its schedule with a sensational 17-1 record, and won both the Diocesan League championship and the city title. The team won its first three tilts; then suffered its only loss, to Bishop Timon High School of Buffalo; and finished strongly with 14 successive wins. The Lions, in recognition of their triumphant season, received an invitation to the Eastern States Catholic Invitational Tournament which was held March 25 to 28 in Newport, Rhode Island.—*Bill Senno, '53*

Scholastics Assist at Oriental Rite Mass

Reverend Father Theodosius, T.O.C.D., a native of South India now pursuing higher studies at Notre Dame, has offered Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite in the Dujarie Chapel several times within the past few weeks. As a helpful preliminary, Father Theodosius explained in an evening talk the various parts of the Mass as it is celebrated in his Oriental Rite, and gave some attention to its historical development. He showed that the Rite dates back to its introduction in India by St. Thomas the Apostle, though it suffered a measure of Latinization under Portuguese influence in the sixteenth century. The language of the Mass is Syriac, which was spoken by Our Lord and His disciples.

Brother Fisher Iwasko of Holy Cross in New Orleans spoke at St. Paul's College in Covington, La., on Our Brothers. This is the second consecutive year that Brother Fisher has been invited to be one of the speakers on the religious life during Vocations' Month.

This year our nation celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase.

American Legion Entertains

The American Legion of Terre Haute entertained the Boys of Gibault with a Sports Show. Movies of the 1952 World Series, "How to Fish," and several sports shorts were shown, while the Legionnaires circulated among the boys serving them with soft drinks, hot dogs, popcorn and ice cream.

The American Legion Posts of Terre Haute are great friends of Gibault School. Each year they put on several events for the boys.

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Brother William Gates is rounding out Gibault's Glee Club in preparation for appearances at several K. of C. meetings in Indiana.

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Thirteen of the boys at Gibault were confirmed March 2, by Archbishop Paul Schulte of Indianapolis. For sponsors the boys had Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Bound For Brazil

Brothers John Boyle and Leo Gilman, who have been assigned to the Santarem mission in Brazil are at 2,000 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn 34, ready to sail. While waiting for a boat, they are devoting their free time to studying the Portuguese language and collecting articles that will be useful but difficult to obtain in Brazil. Their list of "needs" varies from corrugated steel roofing to tableware. Among the supplies they already have are a Ditto machine, a couple of portable typewriters, a pedal driven sewing machine, and a quantity of canned food.

The latest report from marine headquarters is that our missionaries for Brazil will sail from New York harbor Monday afternoon, April 13.

Brother Reports on Research

Brother Columba, Superior of Dujarie Scholasticate and Associate Professor of Chemistry at the University of Notre Dame, recently made a personal report with regard to research he began some years earlier while doing post-doctoral work at the California Institute of Technology. His paper, *Infra-red Absorption Spectra of Butyl Acetylene in Various Solvents*, was presented March 19 in Los Angeles to the Division of Physical and Inorganic Chemistry of the American Chemical Society, under the sponsorship of the Atomic Energy Commission. Brother Columba has been carrying on his research at Notre Dame since his appointment to the faculty.

Among Our Authors

Brother John of the Cross, librarian at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, is the author of an article, "What Price, Book Reports?" that has been accepted for 1953 publication in the *Wilson Library Bulletin*.

The October 1952 issue of the *Catholic Educational Review* carried a similar article by Brother Franciscus entitled "The Book-Test System For Outside Reading."

Both librarians and English teachers would benefit by a perusal of these articles.

Brother Eagan Hunter of the Notre Dame faculty in Sherman Oaks, Calif., has published a ten-page mimeographed brochure, *The Term Paper Form Handbook*, which should prove helpful to students of English in the third and fourth years of high school.

Brothers Attend Convention

Several of the Brothers teaching at Sacred Heart College, the Brothers' Juniorate, in Watertown, Wis., were in Milwaukee recently for the Archdiocesan Catholic Educational Convention. Brothers Jonas and Neil attended the sessions for the science and mathematics teachers held in Divine Savior High School, while Brothers Francis Borgia and Charles Van Winkle attended the English sectional meeting at the Milwaukee Archdiocese Educational Center.

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Four of our Brothers' high schools were represented at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Midwest Secondary School Department of the National Catholic Educational Association which was held Tuesday, March 24, in the Red Lacquer Room of the Palmer House in Chicago.

Those attending the meeting were Brother Joseph Walter, principal of Holy Trinity in Chicago; Brother Isaac Jogues, principal of Reitz Memorial in Evansville, Ind.; Brother Reginald, principal of Central Catholic in South Bend; and Brother Neil of Sacred Heart College in Watertown, Wis. Brother John Baptist, a member of the Committee on Local Arrangements, had charge of publicity.

At St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach, California, Brother Theophilus is the Moderator of the California Scholarship Federation. At present the organization is sponsoring debates and oratorical contests in each of the four years of high school.