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Provincial Visits Foreign Schools

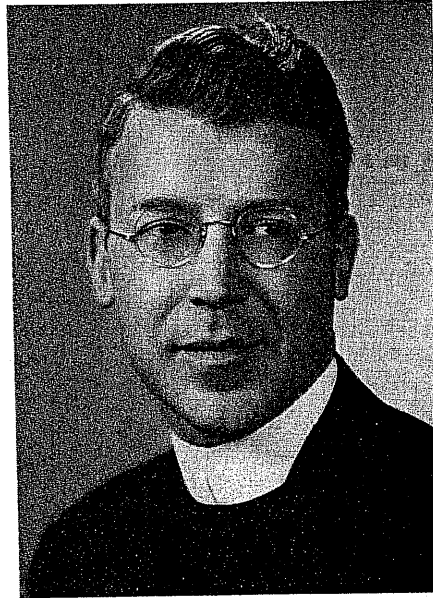
Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, C.S.C., Provincial, spent the first two weeks of January at the Notre Dame International School in Rome. Brother Ellis Greene is the director of this English-speaking school which was opened by the Brothers of Holy Cross about a year ago. Nearly all of the students are American boys whose parents are in the diplomatic service or are representing business interests in foreign countries. The program of studies is designed to prepare young men for admission to colleges in the United States. Among the Americans teaching at this school in the Eternal City are Brothers Ellis, Loyola, Edmund, Donald, Rupert, and Mr. Peter Pesoli. Several Europeans complete the faculty. The school has accommodations for fifteen boarders and about a hundred day students.

Many of the students specialize in modern languages and learn to speak several of them fluently. The first commencement exercises will be held June 23. Then three boys will receive their high school diplomas, and eight will be promoted to high school.

During the latter part of January Brother Ephrem visited the Holy Cross Missions and the Brothers' schools in East Pakistan (India). Particular consideration was given to St. Gregory's High in Dacca, and to Holy Cross High in Bandhura. Each has about 800 students but not many of them are Catholics. The enrollment consists largely of Moslems and Hindus. The twenty-two Brothers from the United States teaching in these schools are under the immediate direction of Brother Jude Costello, C.S.C., the Vice Provincial.

Brother Ephrem spent the last two weeks of April at the Ginasio Dom Amando, Santarem, Para, Brazil, a school conducted by six Brothers of Holy Cross. It is a boarding and day school with an enrollment of about 250 boys. The American Brothers are assisted by six native teachers. The Portuguese language is the teaching

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Brother Theophane Honored

Brother Theophane Schmitt, the founder and first headmaster of Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, Ohio, was honored Sunday afternoon, May 3, at a reception by both the Women's and the Men's Clubs of Gilmour Academy. It was a farewell party for Brother before his departure, May 7, for Rome.

At the last General Chapter which was held in Rome during the summer of 1950, Brother Theophane was elected the steward and treasurer of the General Administration of the Congregation of Holy Cross. New headquarters for the General Administration are being built on an eleven acre plot of land on the Via Aurelia, an old Roman road leading into the Eternal City. Brother Theophane is going to Rome to supervise construction of the new generalate. He is well qualified by training and experience for such an assignment. Many business executives in the Greater Cleveland area have been amazed at the first headmaster's ability to get a building program organized and operating on schedule.

Fire Destroys Building

The Brothers suffered a \$20,000 loss in a fire at Notre Dame High in West Haven, Conn., Monday evening, April 27. The flames broke out in the pavilion, a frame building that stood about fifty feet from the school and served as a storage place for maintenance and athletic equipment.

When the alarm sounded the Brothers were at their 7:30 devotions in the chapel. All rushed up the hill to the scene of the blaze and were among the first to get there, but it was impossible for them to save anything as the flames had spread through the building.

The heat was so intense that it seared through the windows of the school on the side facing the fire, igniting the shades in two of the classrooms. Brothers and volunteers from the neighborhood used fire extinguishers to put out these fires. Virtually every window on that side of the school was either cracked or completely broken. Damage to the school building was estimated at \$5,000.

The fire department was not able to save the pavilion or anything in it, but did succeed in preventing the fire from spreading to the neighborhood.

As soon as a local radio station broadcast the news, people rushed to see the fire. Within a few minutes all the streets in the vicinity of the school were jammed with traffic. The broadcast also inspired many Notre Dame boys to come to the school. Before the embers were cold, there was a group of students in every room, cleaning or moving furniture and mopping up the chemicals and water.

A New Haven newspaper which a few days before had published a picture of Brother Pierre directing the Notre Dame glee club, after the fire carried another picture of him in shirtsleeves supervising the boys at work. Some of the young men were barefooted; all were wielding mops.

After the excitement died down, there were several humorous incidents that became subjects of chatter. There were about ten volunteers running full speed toward the fire with a hose that was

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Perhaps You Can Help

With the opening of new houses in foreign lands, especially of mission schools, comes the important but costly problem of building up their libraries. We know that housing conditions in many of our cities are making it difficult for some people to keep their libraries. Perhaps you may be glad to help us by sending books that are usable.

If you have any books you would like to donate, we shall be delighted to get them. The parcel post rate on books in this country is rather small. Please send all such donations to *Mission Books, Community House, Notre Dame, Ind.* We will see that the books get to the libraries where they will do the most good.

Open New Foundations

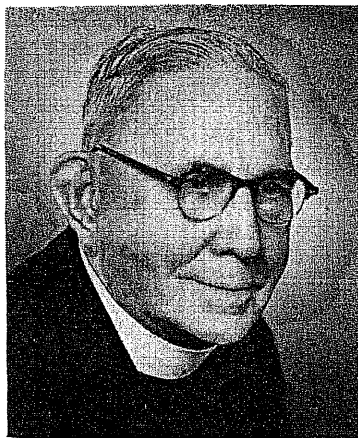
This September the Brothers of Holy Cross will open two new foundations. The first is called Rancho San Antonio, a Boys' Home in Los Angeles; the second is a new Catholic high school for boys in Akron, Ohio. It will take forty or more Brothers to staff these projects when they are fully developed. In a future issue, we hope to tell you more about these undertakings and to give you pictures of them.

Upon entering new fields, our first thought is to thank God for the fresh opportunities He gives us of serving Him. We ask you to rap daily at the gates of heaven by your prayers that God may send us the men and money necessary to carry on His work.

H C Students Take Three Firsts

Three boys from Holy Cross High in New Orleans won honors in the annual Louisiana scholarship tournament conducted at Baton Rouge. Holy Cross students won first place in Spanish I, Spanish II, and Spelling II.

Congratulations to the boys and their teachers. —Ed.



Brother Columbanus

Brother Columbanus Murphy died at Holy Cross High School in New Orleans, at noon Thursday, April 16. The following day would have been the forty-fifth anniversary of his reception of the habit as a Brother of Holy Cross.

Brother Columbanus was born in Dublin, Ireland, on January 17, 1874. He received his education at the Jesuit school in Galway and later studied classical languages at the National University of Ireland in Dublin. While living in Galway, he received his first recognition as an elocutionist by winning first prize as a student competing against the professional men of Galway.

After his schooling, Brother traveled frequently to England on business and often spoke in his own country on Irish politics. He was associated with the United Irish League, a political organization to protect the rights of poor Irish farmers. At the age of thirty-five he began to correspond with Brother Aidan, at Notre Dame, Indiana, and soon decided to join the Brothers of Holy Cross.

After the period of his religious formation, Brother Columbanus was assistant treasurer at Notre Dame for several years, then secretary and manager of the *Ave Maria* for ten years. After teaching Latin at Holy Cross in New Orleans and making a trip to his native land, Brother became a canvasser for the *Ave Maria*. In this capacity he traveled through forty of the states in the Union and made many friends for the magazine.

In 1951 Brother Columbanus returned to New Orleans, where he became a powerhouse of prayer. Although retired, he made an Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every day for worthy priestly and religious vocations.

Mary's client has died but not without focusing the attention of many on her as the Mother of God and as Our Mother.

Thanks

Our paper is scheduled to stop for the summer with this issue. During that time we hope that you'll keep our mail box from collapsing by giving Uncle Sam something to put in it. During April and the first half of May he brought us samples of steel engravings of our early presidents and a variety of checks from these eighteen states: *California*, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Guertin, Mrs. Maud S. Martin; *Illinois*, Mrs. Cecelia Allen, Mr. A. J. Bailer, Mr. L. H. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Burkhard, Mr. Joseph Gaseor, Mr. Peter Grilli, Sr., Mr. J. M. Harrington, Mr. J. C. Hayden, Mrs. W. T. Lechtenberg, Mrs. Paul McKee, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rogers; *Indiana*, Mrs. L. F. Beutter, Mrs. Stanley Brosk, Mrs. Mary Dudzik, Mrs. Mary Justak, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Keyler, Mrs. Flora Lavelle, Mrs. Ernest Nieman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Salzman, Mr. Joseph Witowski; *Iowa*, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dolan, Mr. O. I. Dolan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hunter, Mr. J. P. Salz, Mr. Frank Terlisner; *Kansas*, Mrs. T. J. Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Otter; *Louisiana*, Mr. Ernest Ledet, Mrs. E. Reggio; *Maine*, Mr. Patrick C. Walsh; *Massachusetts*, Mrs. Ellen V. Brennan, Mr. George Carey, Mr. and Mrs. William Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Flood, Mr. and Mrs. John Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Marshall, Mrs. F. G. Murphy, Mrs. J. Taraska; *Michigan*, Mr. G. O. Dailey, Miss Helen Donoghue, Mrs. A. H. Grattan, Mrs. Mary Rose Krzysiak, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacDonald, Mr. Leo Nowak, Mrs. Stella Sitar; *Nebraska*, Mrs. Stella Proskovac; *New Jersey*, Mrs. Margaret Warren; *New York*, the Nilan Family; *North Dakota*, St. Alphonsus School; *Ohio*, Mr. and Mrs. McMerriman, Mrs. Joseph Siwierka, Mrs. Warren J. Sorg; *Pennsylvania*, Mr. Alex Bebetu, Sr., Mrs. William Bransby, Mrs. Martin Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. James Kiniry; *Tennessee*, Mr. B. L. Driscoll; *Vermont*, St. Anne's Academy; *Wisconsin*, Mr. R. J. Linscott, St. Charles Mission Club, Mrs. A. C. Scherman.

Obituary

Please pray for the souls of Most Rev. Moses Kiley, D. D., Brother Columbanus Murphy, Brother Zephirin, Sister Mary Florus, Sister M. Francis James, brother of Brother Paul Malich, father of Brother Martinus Bombardier; mother of Brother Valerian McEwan, father of Brother Romuald Sahn, Sister of Brother James Worl, uncle of Brother Firmin Mandeville, father of Brother Joseph Tate, sister of Brothers Bernard and Benedict Gervais.

Ten Brothers Attend N.C.E.A.

A number of Brothers of Holy Cross attended the Fiftieth Annual National Catholic Education Association convention in Atlantic City, N. J., April 7-10. Brother William Mang, Assistant General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was chosen Vice President-General representing the Secondary School Department. Brother John Baptist, Assistant Provincial and Director of Studies of the Brothers' Province, was made a member of the Executive Committee of the Secondary School Department. Brother Kieran Ryan, Vice President of St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, attended the meetings of the Catholic Business Education Association held in conjunction with the N.C.E.A. Brother Kieran is Past President of the C.B.E.A. and was again made a member of the National Executive Board of this organization. Brother Stephen Titzer, Assistant Superior at St. Edward's University, Brother Donatus Schmitz, Principal of Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Conn., Brother Ralph Jaworsky, Principal of Monsignor Coyle High School, Taunton, Mass., Brother Maurus O'Malley, Principal of St. Francis School, Brooklyn, N. Y., Brother John William, Principal of St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio., Brother Kennan Judge, Assistant Principal, Central Catholic High School, South Bend, Ind., and Brother Salvator Esposito, Holy Cross High School, New Orleans, La., also took active part in the convention.

Brother William presided over a meeting that reviewed the development of Secondary School Department to its present important role in the National Catholic Education Association. Brother Kenner was one of six consultants concerned with a special study, "Problems in Teaching in Secondary Schools."

Blood Donor Featured

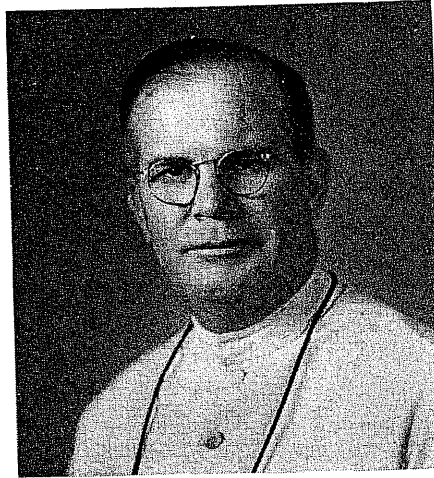
Recently the *Taunton Gazette* published an illustrated feature article about Brother Victorian, a member of the faculty at Monsignor Coyle High School in Taunton, Mass. For the thirteenth time since 1944 Brother Victorian has donated a pint of blood to the Red Cross. "Giving blood", he believes, "is complying with Our Lord's command to love thy neighbor as thyself."

Another veteran blood donor at Coyle is Brother Charles Andrew who teaches mathematics and mechanical drawing.

Twenty-one of the Brothers in the Community House at Notre Dame, Ind., volunteered to donate blood during the first week of May.

Jubilarians

This year on July 2, two Brothers will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of first profession of vows: in Dacca, Brother Jude Costello; at the Community House, Notre Dame, Brother Antoninus Schloemer, C.S.C.



Each day we pray "Send forth laborers into Thy harvest," and each year we are blessed with vocations for our foreign missions. But if ever our prayers were answered, it was in 1939, when an energetic young man first set foot on Indian soil to work in the Holy Cross Mission field.

He was twenty-four years old when he left his home, over twenty-five years ago in Fort Wayne, Ind., to follow his brother, Brother Simeon, in his religious vocation. After making his final profession of vows on July 2, 1931, he began his teaching career at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Ind. In 1935, he was appointed assistant superior of Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, Wis. Within a year, he was named superior of St. Joseph's Juniorate, Valatie, New York. Three years later, he sailed for India.

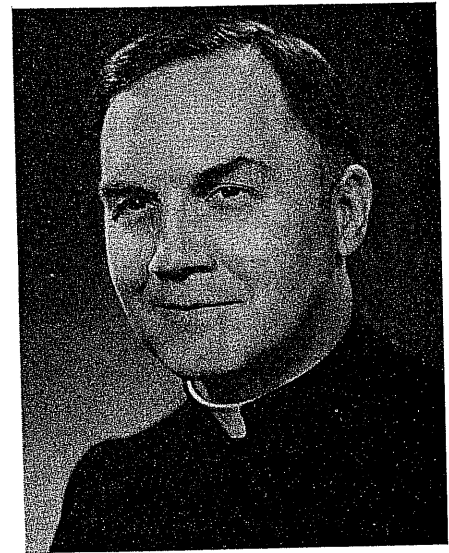
Within three months after his arrival in Bengal, he served as teacher and was appointed headmaster of St. Gregory's High School. In 1945, he was chosen first Religious Superior of the Brothers of Holy Cross in the Dacca Mission, East Pakistan. As Superior, as Headmaster, and as a member of the East Pakistan Board of Education, he has plenty to do, but that doesn't prevent an encouraging word or a friendly smile for everyone. He is equally popular with his charges, who know him in their native tongue as Pukka Manush, and with his religious subjects, who know him as Brother Jude Costello, C.S.C.

Brother has had many interesting experiences, among them being the tragic famine of 1942-43 when the

rice supplies were extremely low, and the religious and political warfare which he has witnessed on at least five occasions.

To Brother Jude, we wish many more successful years on the Missions, and we are thankful to God for this servant who has made our prayer for the Missions a reality; who has spoken His word with all truth, that all nations might know Him, "the one true God."

If ever the Community could boast of a "jack-of-all-trades", it is in the person of Brother Antoninus Schloemer, C.S.C., our second jubilarian. Brother has spent most of his religious life, in some capacity or other,



at Notre Dame. It's hard to say what work he does best, because he is proficient in all that he undertakes.

After studying for a time at the University, he was assigned to the Community House, where he was appointed head of the maintenance department, the position he holds today. Since then he has spent sometime at the Juniorate in Watertown, Wis., St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Ind., The Generalate, New York City, and St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. Whether it was carpentry work, gardening, managing the cafeteria or perfecting a study hall, Brother Antoninus could be depended upon to do his assigned work conscientiously.

Brother was born and reared in Davenport, Iowa, which might explain his knowledge of farming and gardening. If one could say he has a "green thumb," it would be because of his success in raising plants, but also because of his painting walls in that color which seems to be one of his favorites.

Those who have lived with him or worked under him recall his great pa-

tience and his even disposition. We hope he will celebrate his golden jubilee, and when he does we're certain to say the same things about him, so placid and unchanging is his personality.

Coyle Alumni Honor Cage Team

The members of the Coyle Alumni Association sponsored a banquet May 5, in honor of the school's most successful basketball team and presented each of the ten players with a championship jacket for winning first place on the hardwood among the Catholic high schools of the Bay State. Bob Cousy, the Boston Celtics' star player, entertained the four hundred guests for a half hour or more by talking about some of the chills and thrills he has experienced in playing his favorite game.

Apostolate of Charity

Brother Loyola Christoph, who has learned to speak Italian fluently, is fast becoming an apostle of charity among the poor children in Rome by distributing among them the used clothing that his friends have sent him. But Brother's circle of clients is growing faster than his source of supplies. He needs more clothing, more friends to send him discarded garments that are still usable.

Incidentally this apostolate of charity helps to save the poor from being taken in by those who question the charity of Christ and who suggest revolutionary methods of bettering conditions.

We hope that many of our readers will share in this apostolate by sending a package prepaid to Brother Loyola, C.S.C., 287 Via Aurelia, Rome, Italy. Such packages should be declared at the post office as containing "used clothing of no saleable value". If a gift is declared to be of great value, Brother will have to pay a heavy tax before it is released.

Brother Speaks

Brother Sabinus Herbert, Production Manager of the Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame, Indiana, was the guest speaker Saturday evening, April 25, at the annual dinner of the Albany Capital District Club of Printing House Craftsmen held at the Ten Eyck Hotel in Albany, N. Y. Among the 300 members at the dinner were many who were the speaker's associates in the printing business before he became a Brother of Holy Cross.

Pray daily for worthy vocations.

Seven Brothers Publish Books

Dujarie Press recently announced several new books, written by our Brothers, for Fall publication: *All On Fire*, a story of St. Gemma Galgani, by Brother Genard Greene; *Our Lady Goes To Paris*, a story of St. Catherine Labouré and the Miraculous Medal, by Brother Ernest Ryan; *Fire On The Earth*, a story of St. Vincent de Paul, by Brother John Boyle; *Saint On Horseback*, a story of St. Louis of France, by Brother Louis Gazagne; *Our Lady Comes To La Salette*, by Brother Ernest Ryan; *Hero Of The Gallows*, a story of Blessed Edmund Campion, by Brother Gerard Hagemann; *Saint of The Impossible*, a story of St. Rita, by Brother Bernardine Mosier; *David*, a story of the King of Israel, by Brother Evan Schmid; *Above The Wind's Roar*, a story of St. Francis Solano, by Brother Genard Greene, and *Saint Of The Fighting Irish*, a story of St. Patrick, by Brother Ernest Ryan.

Brother Bernard Howard, an art student at the University of Notre Dame, is the illustrator of all these volumes.

This year Dujarie Press sold more books than during any other year of its existence.

Parents Entertained At Lakewood

The mothers of the members of the first class to graduate from St. Edward's High in Lakewood, Ohio, were honored at a tea Sunday afternoon, April 19, in the school library.

Brother John William, the principal, welcomed as guests the mothers who helped St. Edward's to develop into a school of over 1100 within four years.

Brother Benedictus, moderator of the Mothers' Club, reviewed the short but eventful history of St. Edward's by projecting pictures showing the progress of the school from its beginning in September, 1949.

A program of modern and classical music was furnished by Brother John Gaffney, piano; Brother Jacob, cello; and Brother Stefan, violin.

Saturday evening, May 2, the Fathers' Club of St. Edward's sponsored the first annual Athletic Banquet in the school cafeteria honoring the varsity members of the different athletic teams: football, basketball, track, baseball, and golf.

A number of Greater Cleveland's amateur and professional sports' celebrities were present as guest speakers.

Cardinal Visits Brothers

His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, made a brief visit to Notre Dame High, Biloxi, Miss., April 22, after officiating at the consecration of the Most Rev. J. O. Bowers, first Negro bishop in the United States at St. Augustine Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Over 2500 welcomed His Eminence at the site of the new Notre Dame High School. Brother Rex, principal, opened the program with a brief history of the school's building program. He reviewed the progress made and outlined the aims for future development. Other speakers included Msgr. G. T. O'Connell, superintendent of Catholic schools for the diocese of Natchez; Mr. R. Hart Chinn, Mayor of Biloxi; and the Most Rev. R. O. Gerow, bishop of Natchez.

The Cardinal complimented the different church and school organizations that gave him such a hearty welcome to the Southland, and commended Msgr. O'Connell on the excellent work being done. He was most generous in his praise of the Brothers of Holy Cross, telling the people that they were fortunate in having secured the services of such fine Catholic teachers for the training of their sons.

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medium for all subjects, and the Brothers have become remarkably proficient in its use. Santarem is 450 miles up the Amazon River, right on the equator. The climate is always very hot and humid. According to American standards the inconveniences are many but the Brothers are very happy in their educational apostolate and Bishop Floriano has been very helpful and encouraging. Plans are being considered for the addition of an industrial school to the Ginasio. At present there are no native priests, Brothers or Sisters in the area, but there is good reason to believe that vocations will not be lacking in the schools now being conducted by Brothers and Sisters.

FIRE (from Page 1, Col. 3)

attached to no hydrant. One man used his own fire fighting equipment not on the burning pavilion but upon the basketball backboard that had caught fire in the outdoor court.

Brother Melanus, 120 pounds plus or minus, isn't reconciled to the fate of the fire. His new power lawnmower was destroyed in the conflagration. A glance at the acres of hillside lawn is enough to convince anyone that Brother needs a new power mower.