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Scholastics Help

The Dujarie Mission Society—what is it?

The Dujarie Mission Society, commonly known as the D.M.S., is one of the several extra-curricular organizations in the house, by which the Scholastic Brothers at Notre Dame prepare themselves for their future work. This particular society has a rather long history dating back to 1921 when it was started at the suggestion of Father Michael Mathis C.S.C., then editor of the *Bengalese* magazine, to support and aid mission work in Bengal. Its main objective was and still is to develop a zealous missionary spirit among the Scholastic Brothers. Also in its purpose was the development of mission vocations and the extension of spiritual and material aid to our Brothers already in mission fields.

The mission spirit is developed chiefly through reading about the great missionaries and hearing talks from our returning missionaries. Materially it aids the missions through its major project of selling Christmas cards each year and by sorting and selling used postage stamps throughout the year. Although the returns from these projects are relatively small, they are somewhat enlarged by donations and most certainly enriched by the prayers and sacrifices of the Scholastics in carrying out this work.

Another factor in the activities of the D.M.S. is to bolster the spirit of the Brothers on the missions by keeping them informed of the news from the "home front". It is of course a two-sided correspondence and the Scholastics learn much about mission life first hand.

The highlights of the year are the feasts of the Little Flower and St. Francis Xavier, October 3 and December 3 respectively. It would be greatly appreciated if our readers would join in our prayers and sacrifices throughout the year and especially on these two feasts to help gain the favor of God for our missions.

Reitz Memorial band placed second in a marching contest conducted for high schools in Evansville, Indiana.

October 9, 1955, Brother Norman Head and the Brothers at the Gibault School in Terre Haute entertained Brother Ambrose Nowak, the principal of Reitz Memorial, and 60 Knights of Columbus from the Evansville Council.

Merry Christmas



Last year snow gently covered the outdoor crib erected near Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Indiana, by the Brothers. May you have a white Christmas, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Vocation Office Established

Vincent Hall has been selected for the home office of the vocational director of the Southwest. Brother Bartel Rufe, a former assistant director of vocations at Dujarie Scholasticate, Notre Dame University, has been asked to begin the work of finding and aiding vocations to the Congregation for its apostolate of teaching and molding youth, especially in the Southwestern United States. Brother will be doing much traveling around that area of our country, from Florida to California inclusive. The experience which he received in his excellent work in and around the great Northwest will stand him in good stead. Brother finds the Southern hospitality all that it is claimed to be and makes special mention of the kindness of the Bishops, Clergy and Sisters of the various parishes he has entered. They all show interest in the work of vocations that Brother Bartel has begun. Many of the pastors as well as the Bishops have expressed the desire of aiding Brother's work and show signs of enthusiasm at having the Brothers of Holy Cross operate schools in the area. Native vocations will aid the Congregation in opening in this part of our country needed schools for the youth of the South.

Brother Bartel is in residence at St. Joseph's Hall on the campus of St. Edward's. He does his correspondence and office work at Vincent Hall where he also spends his spare moments entertaining the Scholastics with his many

The Amazon Transition

I find that many Americans picture the Amazon as a big river flowing through a thick green jungle inhabited by wild beasts and snakes, and by unfriendly Indians with blowguns and poison darts, ready to shrink the head of any intruder who may be foolhardy enough to pass their way. Four years ago when I first went to my new home 500 miles up the river, I too had some similar visions of my adopted Amazon jungle. I found however, that the "Green Hell" is a most interesting place to live. I have yet to see anyone with a blowgun, and all heads have been normal size.

Make no mistake however, the Amazon basin is primitive, and the jungles still have Indians who are primitive in their manner of living. Even outside our little town of Santarem we have the beautiful birds, wild animals and large reptiles that you read about. We do hear occasionally of the case of a large snake swallowing someone's pig, or of a crocodile killing some child along the banks of a jungle stream. But these are rare occurrences. The residents of our city seldom meet such wild life, just as you rarely see the fox, mink and raccoon that inhabit the woods near your own city or town. Three times we have had a boa constrictor in our school, but I'm sure you have seen rabbits in your yard.

Many of the boys who study at our school, come from the wilds, and have to learn to adapt themselves to a more civilized way of living. At home they frequently eat the meat of the game they have killed in the forests, or of the fish they have caught in the river. Even though the family may boast of cattle, they rarely eat beef. Without refrigeration meat will spoil, and even pigs and sheep are too big for one family to eat without having some spoilage. Beef is a city dish, and the students live the life of city boys while at school, enjoying food, and sanitation conveniences that previously were denied to them. The transition isn't always easy, and it is often very difficult for boys to submit peace-

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experiences and diverse explanations of vocational guidance. His stay there will be brief however, as he will soon be on the road again heading for Louisiana, Florida, California and other fields of vocation throughout the area.

fully to the new discipline and way of life. But those parents who have had contact with better things, sense the wisdom of providing their children with a better life. Shoes are obligatory in the classroom, and the little Alfredos and Pedros who arrive, often have many painful hours getting accustomed to these feet-pinching devices of the city. Antonio, who has never had to hurry for a thing, finds it almost impossible to drop what he is doing to comply with the bells that call him to class or to evening prayers. Boys, expert with a slingshot, are surprised to find that they are expected to put their weapons away and be friends to the beautiful birds on the campus. And as to studies? What a job it is to concentrate!

Most people are Catholic, and proud of their heritage. Many, however, have not seen a priest more than twice a year in their entire life. When the padre visited the nearby chapel he never found time for instructions, for all of his time was taken up with Baptisms, Confirmations, Confessions, Communion, Marriages and visits to the sick. He hadn't time for much else. There are no parochial schools, and that is why I consider our school very important. We teach the boys the meaning and the truths of their precious Faith, and strengthen them against the inroads of Communism and other influences which undermine the religious foundations of a people.

Through the Boysville-Santarem Mission Club conducted by Mr. Gerry Becker of 179 Village Road, South Orange, New Jersey, I recently received a donation of a new water pump, which will save us many trips to the river once it is installed. Through this Club of member-friends of our Mission, our school has received much valuable assistance in the last four years. It costs only \$1.00 per month, or \$12.00 per year, and each month someone wins \$50.00. We need more members. Mr. Becker will readily accept your membership.

—Brother Paul F. Schaefer

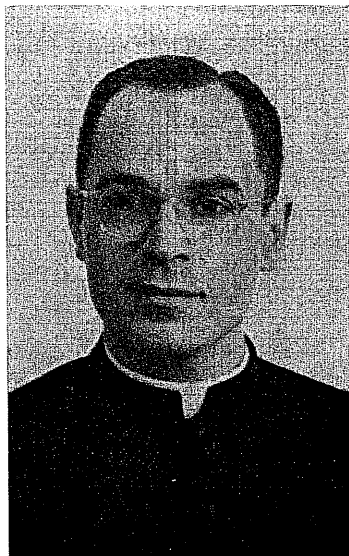
Obituary

Please pray for the souls of Rev. Thomas J. Kearney, C.S.C., Brother Armand Rainville, C.S.C., the father of Brother Genard Greene, the grandmother and an uncle of Brother James Thornton, an uncle of Brother John Davies, an uncle of Brother Francis Assisi Davis, a cousin of Brother William Parker, and a niece of Brother Elias Ryan.

Brother Romain Healy, the athletic director at Boysville, Clinton, Michigan, was elected secretary-treasurer of the League of the Lakes at the fall meeting held September 21, in Manchester, Mich.

Bon Voyage

Brother Paul Schaefer, the superior of the Brothers' mission in Brazil, came to Notre Dame early in July as a dele-



gate to the Provincial Chapter. Since then he has been devoting his spare time to giving an illustrated lecture about the Brazilian mission to various groups, and to collecting supplies that are not easily obtained in South America. Brother Paul will sail from New York on the *S. S. Mormacteel*, December 20, 1955. The New Year will be with us before he will be back in Santarem, Brazil, to resume his duties as principal of the Ginasio Dom Amando.

Milwaukee Advances

On Friday, October 14, the Milwaukee members of the Auxiliary to the Brothers of Holy Cross met at St. Charles Boys Home for their first annual card party. It proved a surprising success both socially and financially. The recreation rooms were filled with players and there was a generous supply of table and door prizes. The proceeds of the party, four hundred dollars, are for the benefit of the Brothers' Juniorate at Watertown, Wisconsin.

The officers of the Milwaukee Auxiliary are Mr. A. J. Berg, president; Mr. R. J. Linscott, vice-president; Mrs. J. P. Maley, treasurer; and Mr. W. W. Benesh, secretary.

The officers and members of the Auxiliary are grateful to their founder, Brother Eymard Salzman, and to Brother Lawrence Miller, the director of St. Charles Boys Home, for their cooperation in giving their first benefit party.

Three Hail Marys a day for Vocations.

Thanks

Among the favors that we are grateful for are contributions during the past month from: *California*, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Atall, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gates, Mr. A. Roth; *Canada*, F. G. DeSorrento; *Connecticut*, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Laydon; *District of Columbia*, Mr. J. V. Carey; *Florida*, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker; *Illinois*, Mrs. C. B. Allen, Anon, Sister M. Clarice, S.L., Mrs. F. Dudek, Miss S. Guzior, Mr. and Mrs. P. McBride; *Indiana*, Mrs. Dudzik, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gottemoller, Mrs. A. R. Hogan, B. Joachim, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jock, Mrs. Justak, Mrs. M. Justak, Mrs. S. Justak, Mrs. F. Lavalle, Mrs. C. H. Schroeder, Mrs. H. Titzer; *Iowa*, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hunter, Mr. J. P. Salz; *Kansas*, Mr. J. Otter; *Kentucky*, Mrs. Delkum; *Louisiana*, Mr. E. Ledet; *Massachusetts*, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bunting; Mr. and Mrs. J. Flood, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sullivan, Mrs. J. Wood; *Michigan*, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gans, Miss V. Czerwinski, Mr. G. Dailey, Mrs. M. J. Detamore, Mrs. Hammer, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kunna, Mrs. J. Simon; *Minnesota*, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hanzel, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. F. John, Mr. and Mrs. P. Latterell; *Montana*, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hanzel; *New Hampshire*, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sweet; *New Jersey*, Mr. and Mrs. R. Legath, Mrs. A. McHenry, Mr. H. V. Rufe; *New York*, Mrs. J. Cardillo, Mrs. R. P. Charles, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mrs. E. E. Cobb, H. C. W. G. of Q., Mr. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mitchell, Miss M. Sheedy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thornton; *Ohio*, Mrs. B. Englert, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fitz, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fox, Mr. J. Frey, Mr. N. Frey; *Oregon*, Mrs. A. Courtney; *Pennsylvania*, Mr. A. B. betu, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. D. Bumar, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lambour, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ruane; *Rhode Island*, Mr. A. Guilbault, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jacques; *Tennessee*, Mr. B. L. Driscoll; *Vermont*, Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. Towne; *Wisconsin*, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dobrogowski, Mr. and Mrs. Kuder, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Linscott, Mr. J. B. Poudrier, and Mr. H. Tiedt.

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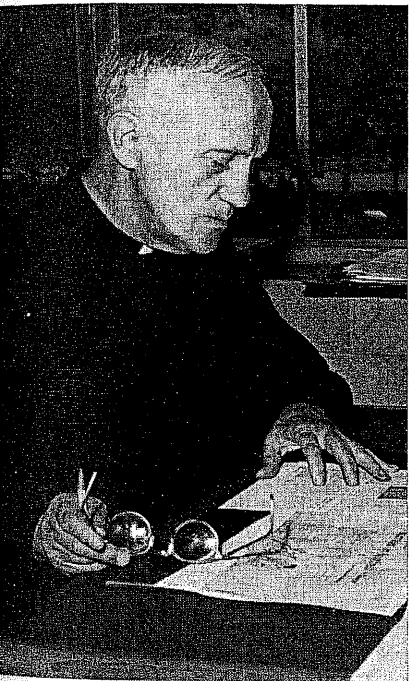
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Brother Finbarr Buckley

If it hadn't been for such a fine Irish name as Buckley, they might well have called him Book-ley and it would have been much more appropriate at that.

For Brother Finbarr Buckley, assistant superior at Columba Hall, has been fighting the "battle of books" since he first entered the Juniorate of the Brothers of Holy Cross at Watertown, Wisconsin over 40 years ago.

If you're old enough, you'll remember him at Notre Dame where he got his first real taste of book learning. He was graduated from the University in 1920 and launched a 20 year period of teaching—History and English—in 7 different cities in the US and Canada. Some oldtimers will tell you he would "move on" only after he had read all the books on the school library shelves.



But every book-lover ends up doing nothing but reading—and that's what you'll find him doing these days—as head of the proof reading department of University Publications at The Ave Maria Press.

In his spare time—yes, you've guessed—he reads books for review—for (of all things!) *Books On Trial*; and to keep his mind off his work he teaches a class in Public Speaking at the Brothers' Scholasticate at Notre Dame.

By Mail

I am enclosing \$1.00 for a vigil light for our Blessed Mother's shrine, \$1.00 for St. Joseph, and a dollar for *The Newsette*. Please take care of them for me.

Thanks. We're glad to burn on each altar a vigil light that will last a week or more. Your intentions along with

those of all our benefactors will be remembered in the Novena of Masses that will be offered in Rome during the nine days before Christmas. This Novena was mentioned in the Thanks column last month.

The November 1955 issue of *Circulation Management* in its Letters from Readers quotes a communication from Brother Lionel Light, the circulation manager of *The Ave Maria*, and adds a comment by the editor.

Brother Lionel has been invited by Mr. William Holub, the chairman of the 1956 Catholic Press Association Convention Program, to serve on a panel that will discuss Selling Through Agents at the Dallas Convention May 15-18.

Mustard Seed

You've heard of the mustard seed that, falling into good ground, grew into a tree large enough to invite the birds of the air to come and roost in its branches. Now read an up-to-date version of the same story.

At a meeting of the Holy Cross Women's Guild of Queens, Brother Maurus O'Malley, the moderator of the guild, suggested that the new Holy Cross High School in Flushing could use a half dozen upright pianos in some of the classrooms and a baby grand in the auditorium. Mrs. Albert Bajohr, one of the members of the guild, in her quest for a piano called upon a friend who is connected with the *Journal American*. He referred Mrs. Bajohr to Mr. John W. Newton who writes "Kings and Queens", a column in the *Journal American*. A day or two later, Mr. Newton devoted about the first twenty lines of his column to an appeal for pianos for the Brothers. Before a week passed Mr. Newton reported in "Kings and Queens" that 33 piano owners had gotten in tune with the Holy Cross High School's needs. Besides the pianos there were offerings of other useful items like an electric phonograph and a gas deep-freezer.

With a baby grand for the auditorium and more than enough upright pianos to satisfy their needs, the Brothers shared their gifts with Maryknollers and Franciscans in the Brooklyn area.

Thursday afternoon, October 27, 1955, Brother Reginald Justak served as general chairman for the South Bend Deanery Institute held in the Little Theater of St. Joseph High in South Bend.



Officers Appointed for New Brooklyn Auxiliary

Eighty charter members of the newly formed Brooklyn Women's Auxiliary of the Brothers of Holy Cross, Group No. 2, witnessed the installation of officers for the organization by Brother Maurus O'Malley, Moderator for the Club—at the first meeting held Monday evening, October 16, 1955, in the gymnasium of St. Thomas Aquinas School, Flatlands, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Installed for a one-year period are the officers seated: Mrs. Theresa Murphy, Secretary; Mrs. Lucille Bacon, Vice-President; Mrs. Harriet Ross, Treasurer; and Mrs. Evelyn Casey, President. Standing is the Board of Directors: Mrs. Agnes Grenham, Mrs. Constance Mascolo, and Mrs. Mary Weber.

In an effort to try newly born wings the Auxiliary voted to hold its first social of the year, Thursday evening, Dec. 1st, 1955, at the American Legion Hall, Flatlands. Doubts about the hall being too large changed to the question of its being able to hold the crowd, which proves that this group will become one of the most active of the Auxiliaries of the Brothers.

Proceeds of the December 1 party will go to the Juniorate of the Brothers of Holy Cross, Valatie, New York.

Brooklyn Women's Auxiliary

On Wednesday, October 26, 1955, the beautiful auditorium of the St. Francis of Assisi School, Brooklyn, New York, was filled to capacity with friends of the Brothers of Holy Cross who were attending the annual Card Party held by the Brooklyn Women's Auxiliary of the Brothers of Holy Cross, Group No. 1, for the benefit of the Juniorate at Valatie, New York.

Hundreds of prizes and specials were distributed to those attending by the

various committees selected by Mrs. Mary O'Connell, President of the Auxiliary Group 1.

Mrs. M. Le Clair and Mrs. Elsie McMahon served as Co-Chairladies of the affair. They were ably assisted by other members of the Auxiliary.

This auxiliary, the original auxiliary of the Brothers of Holy Cross, hopes to complete its major project, a new laundry, at the Juniorate, Valatie, New York.

The thanks of the Brothers of Holy Cross is extended to all the members of the Auxiliary for their wonderful effort in behalf of the postulants of the Brothers, and their intentions are kept in prayerful remembrance by the Brothers.

Brother Produces

For four years in succession Brother Eugene Weisenberger, the head of the Music Department at Cathedral High in



Indianapolis, has written and produced a school musical called Hodge Podge. This year over 150 students from Cathedral's band, orchestra, and glee club participated in the extravaganza presented in the school auditorium, November 27, 28, and 29.

Brother Eugene, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, graduated from Capitol College of Music. He taught six years previous to his entering the Brothers of Holy Cross. Brother has had experience in radio and concert work and in arranging music for choirs and vocal groups.

Last April Brother Eugene was selected Bandmaster of the Month by the National Catholic Bandmasters Association.

Be Vocation Conscious

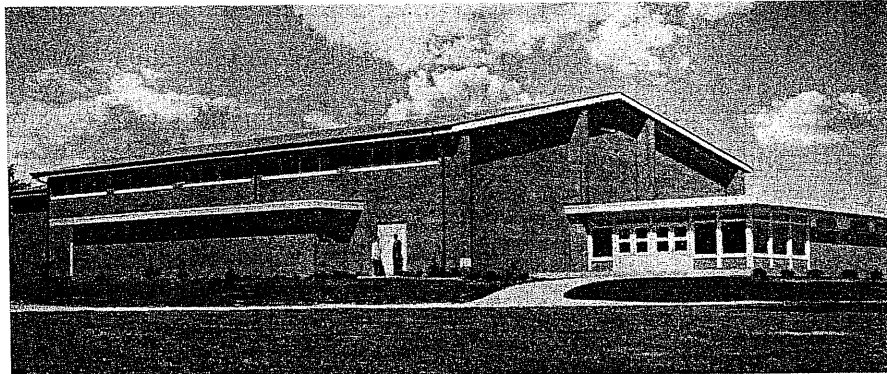
Brother Eymard Salzman, the Director of Vocations for the Brothers of Holy Cross, has arranged for several novenas of Masses to be said in Rome in honor of St. Joseph from the 11 to the 19 of each month for vocations.

Readers of *The Newsette* are invited to join these novenas by saying a daily prayer in honor of St. Joseph from the 11 to the 19 of each month.

We hope that Brother Eymard meets with many generous and vocation-conscious friends who will furnish him with stipends for these novenas of Masses.

Those interested in sending an offering may address it to Brother Eymard, C.S.C., Notre Dame, Indiana, or to the editor. Please mark such contributions for the Novena for Vocations.

Of the 900 students at the University of Notre Dame who recently completed a detailed questionnaire, 23% mentioned



THE NEW GYMNASIUM AT GILMOUR ACADEMY

For the new gymnasium at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, there was formal dedication. It was first used for the baccalaureate exercises last June. Since then it has been used by Brother Alfonso Comeau, the headmaster, to address parents and students the first day of school, and by Father Godfrey Poage, C. P., to conduct the annual student retreat and Forty Hours, October 10-12.

Funds are being raised for a new swimming pool which is to be constructed adjoining the gymnasium. What an attraction and relief from the heat a swimming pool would be for the 300 or more juveniles that attend the Day Camp conducted by the Brothers on Gilmour's campus during the summer vacation!

Also in the planning stage is a new chapel which would accommodate the entire student body and faculty. The present chapel is too small for everyone to attend services at the same time.

Any one of these units could be financed as a lasting and fitting memorial to a departed friend or relative.

that at one time or another they had considered entering the religious life as a Brother.

Two members of the 1955 class of Reitz Memorial High in Evansville are Brothers in the Novitiate at Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and another is in the Juniorate at Watertown, Wisconsin. These young men hope as Brothers of Holy Cross to share the Catholic training they have received with coming generations.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Brothers Leo Gallagher and Theodore La Tour are attending the University of Wisconsin School of Social Service in Milwaukee and doing field work at St. Charles Boys Home.

The Brothers are working for their M.A. in the social service field. The need and demand for Brothers in this field of work is growing in our community. At present, we operate four homes for boys throughout the United States.

Brothers assigned to work in schools for delinquent boys need special training. It would be a great help to the Brothers and to the boys whom they will have under their direction if more of our friends would finance this special training for a Brother.

The Ladies Auxiliary in Monroe, Mich., gave the Brothers there a pantry shower that filled their shelves with homemade jams, jellies, and preserves.

Austin, Texas

Brother Edward Lee, a senior at St. Edward University, ranked highest on the Dean's List of honor students for the spring semester. He achieved an average of 3.91 out of a possible 4.

Brother Walter Foken, associate professor of business administration and athletic director at St. Edward University has been elected president of the Big State Intercollegiate Conference. This athletic association is composed of six Texan universities.

Sept. 29, Brother Elmo Bransby, D., participated in a Faculty Seminar at Southwest Texas State Teachers College. Brother's contribution to the discussion of "Religion in Higher Education" was a paper entitled "The Nature of Religion."

The October issue of *Ecological Monographs* contains an article, "The Ecology of the Aspen Groveland in Glacier County, Montana", by Brother Donald Lynch, Ph. D., instructor in biology at St. Edward University. In his article Brother presents a method of sampling vegetation to determine which species are most representative of the plant communities in a given area and offers an explanation of the present condition of vegetation in the groveland.

Brother Francis Bond, a freshman at St. Edward University, has made the dean's list with an average of 3.24 out of a possible 4.