

be taken in accepting candidates is stressed by virtue of all three sections of this book.

Once again may we thank those who have from the beginning made these volumes possible, not least the translators. Just one very small point. Is not the plural of Superior General Superiors General? (p. 189). What is to be our next feast of learning and common sense? It is very much to be hoped that this series will continue. The existing volumes should be on the shelves of every superior, and their contents in their minds.

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ST DOMINIC: SERVANT BUT FRIEND. By Sister M. Assumpta O'Hanlon, O.P. (Herder; 15s. paper, 26s. cloth.)

This biography from Australia has the merit of placing St Dominic in his historical setting, which is given in some detail, but it is not merely an historical record. Sister Mary Assumpta has the spiritual profit of her readers at heart, and aims at inspiring them with something of her own love for the Saint.

A few assertions are unconvincing, as for instance, that 'Communism is merely Albigensianism in modern guise'; and some modern historians who suppose that St Dominic's Albigensian converts, formed by him into a religious community, were destined to 'conduct educational establishments' have all the documentary evidence against them. The Saint, evidently to secure them against molestation by the heretics, made the enclosure so much stricter than was usual before the Council of Trent, that the Nuns were known as the *inclusae*, the 'immured', and the rule given them was, 'You shall not go out, neither shall those outside enter in to you'. There are instances of other communities of Dominican nuns receiving girls for education as was customary even in the contemplative Orders at the time, but this was never the *raison d'être* of the community. It belonged to the Dominican Sisters of the Third Order conventual to inaugurate the great work of Dominican convent schools.

The head of St Dominic on the cover of the book is particularly interesting, being a well-reproduced photograph of the statue made by Professor Pini according to the findings of the scientists who examined the relics of the Saint when in war-time they were removed for safety to an underground shelter.

For a book of less than two hundred pages, fifteen shillings with paper cover and twenty-six shillings with cloth binding seems expensive, even as books go nowadays.

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