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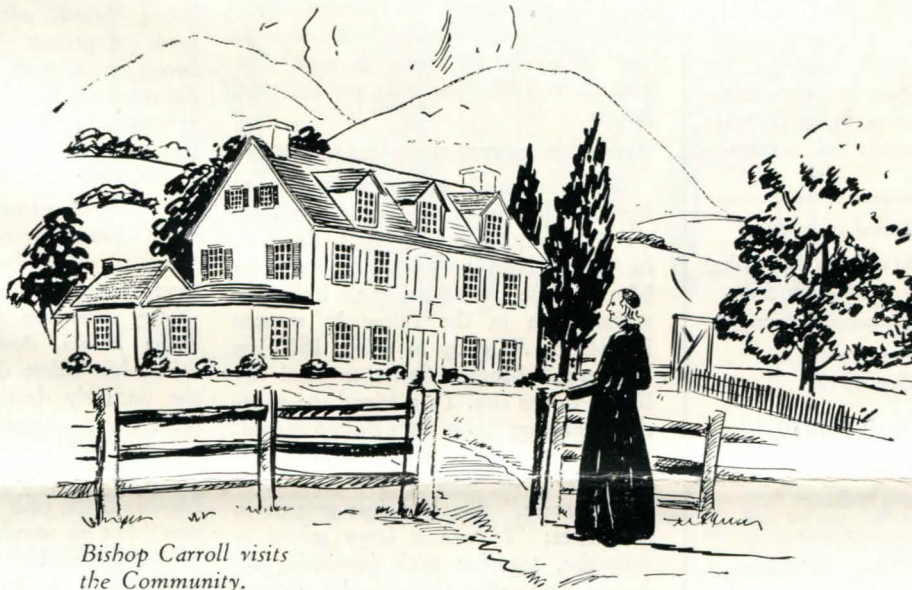
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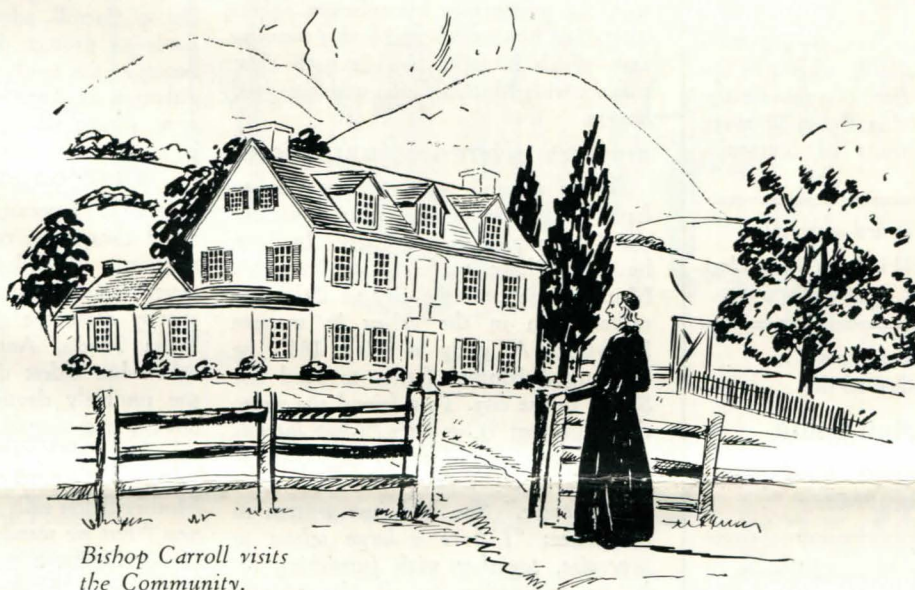
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under God of Mother Seton's coming to Baltimore to start the work which led to the formation of the religious family, Father DuBourg was regarded as the co-founder of the Sisters and, therefore, his leaving was the cause of great sorrow. Bishop Carroll being well aware of this fact appointed Father David to take over the duties of the beloved Father DuBourg. But the second superior, Father David, was not destined to remain long as superior for in 1811, hardly a year after he was appointed, this saintly Sulpician was called to take up his duties and share the trials and tribulations of his close friend, Father Flaget, who was named the Bishop of the newly created Diocese of Bardstown in Kentucky.

It was then that Bishop Carroll, as if grieved at the interruption of his spiritual care for the Sisters, decided to take to himself the office of their superior. These duties he discharged with his customary fidelity for about a year and then the pressure of his episcopal labors compelled him to relinquish this pleasing task which brought him in such close contact with Mother Seton and her good Sisters.

SISTERS INVITED TO BALTIMORE

Bishop Carroll was very anxious to have Mother Seton establish a house for the Community in Baltimore. In fact, he would have preferred to have the Motherhouse near the city of Baltimore rather than in the valley in western Maryland. As early as May, 1810, he had urged Mother Seton to send her Sisters to the city. To a friend she wrote the following: "Our holy Bishop intends to transfer some of us to Baltimore in order that we may render the same service there." She had just written in her letter: "I have a large school to supervise, together with furnishing religious instruction to all the country about. Everyone has recourse to the Sisters of Charity, who are devoted day and night to the sick and the ignorant. Our dear Bishop (Carroll) is so much in love with our Community that he regards us as the most cherished portion of his flock. This is my consolation in every difficulty and obstacle."

MATERNAL OBLIGATIONS

One of the most important questions that confronted Mother Seton during the early years of her life as the head of the Community in Emmitsburg was the problem of the proper care of her children. In the solution of this difficulty she

relied for advice almost entirely upon the prudent counsel of Archbishop Carroll. She felt that her most serious obligation in life was the spiritual guidance of the five little souls that Divine Providence had committed to her keeping. She had made it clear to Bishop Carroll and her other spiritual directors that she considered her obligations as mother the most sacred of her life.

Nothing must in any way jeopardize the spiritual welfare of her three daughters and her two growing boys. She was emphatic in declaring that she could not remain as the superioress of the Community if in so doing she would be obliged to neglect her children. With her the good Bishop was in hearty agreement, but he insisted that a way could be found by which she could reconcile the duties of her office as superior with her duties as mother to her growing children. When the rules and constitutions for the Sisters of Charity were finally drawn up for approval by Archbishop Carroll, adequate provisions were made to protect the rights of Mother Seton as the mother of her five children although at that time they were rapidly approaching the age when they would be no longer a constant care.

VISIT OF CONSOLATION

In time of personal trial Mother Seton could always rely on the consolation and assistance of Bishop Carroll. This was never more touchingly manifested than shortly after the death of her beloved Anna Maria, Annina, as she fondly called her eldest daughter. The death, the untimely death, of this fairest of flowers had caused the tender heart of the most loving mother an anguish which only the most sensitive can experience. Mother Seton calls it "her unworthy sadness," but we wonder if the tender heart of our Divine Savior would judge it so harshly.

Not long after the death of Anna Maria, Archbishop Carroll, old and venerable in his eightieth year, came over to the Valley from Mount St. Mary's where he was visiting to express his sympathy for the death of her beloved daughter. His visit must have done much to assuage the grief of a heart that was broken while self control and utter submission to the Will of God must have made a deep and lasting impression upon the noble heart of the venerable Archbishop. The feelings that filled the heart of Mother Seton on that occasion are best described by her own words in a

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The First Mission: St. Joseph's, Philadelphia

SEPTEMBER the twenty-ninth in eighteen hundred and fourteen was a red letter day in the history of Mother Seton and her daughters in the Valley at Emmitsburg. This was the day when the first band of Sisters left their home in the quiet fields at the foot of the Blue Ridge hills to start that long procession of Sisters, who, for the last hundred and thirty years and more, have gone forth on their errands of charity, mercy and endless self-sacrifice. The never-ending procession started then and thousands upon thousands have followed in their footsteps.

Mother Seton was on hand to bid her daughters a proud but tearful farewell. The special work for which her infant Community had been brought into the world, the care, the education and spiritual development of the poor and the orphan, was about to begin. All the members of the growing Community gathered in the chapel soon after breakfast to pray for the success of the first mission away from Emmitsburg and unite with their Sisters as they bade farewell to the dearest spot in their humble home, the much beloved chapel of the White House.

THE DEPARTURE

Shortly after breakfast the closed carriage was driven to the door to await the travellers. Mother Seton was there to bid her dear daughters the last fond farewell. She felt the parting keenly but, no doubt, concealed the anxiety and heartaches that were hers. She was losing the best beloved of her companions, Sister Rose White, her assistant in handling the affairs of the Community and destined at the time of Mother Seton's death to take over the direction of the Sisters at a most critical period for St. Joseph's.

Then, too, Sister Susan Clossy was leaving with Sister Rose. Of her Mother

Seton wrote to Mrs. Scott, one of her dearest non-Catholic friends, in Philadelphia: *"There is one of the sweetest souls gone to Philadelphia from this house; she has lived in my very heart and has been more than an own sister to me ever since I have been here; she has even slept behind my curtain and attended Cecelia, Harriet, Anna, William and Rebecca through all their sufferings with inconceivable devotedness. This dear Sister has the care of the poor orphans belonging to our Church with*



Departure
for Philadelphia.

our good Sister Rose who has the little institution in her charge. If you ever have a wish to find a piece of myself it will be with this beloved Sister Susan Clossy. . . ."

Holding back her tears at the time of parting, Mother Seton embraced each of her daughters in turn, presented them singularly with a brand new flannel shawl for their protection against the cold and inclement weather, and called out to the driver, *"Take good care of my dear children,"* and begged fervently for the blessing of God upon her beloved ones. The horses strained for a moment at the words of the driver and the closed coach rolled along the rough road with its precious burden. The frantic waving of farewell and the last looks back were soon over as the driver urged on his horses upon that memorable trip from Emmitsburg to Philadelphia.

TANEYTOWN, LANCASTER, PHILADELPHIA

The journey to their first mission must have been followed by Mother Seton every inch of the way such was her anxiety for her first companions to leave her side. Later on Mother Seton received the detailed account of all that happened on the way from the pen of Sister Rose White. The following is the description taken from the archives at St. Joseph's, Emmitsburg:

"The good Superior (Fr. Dubois) accompanied us as far as Taneytown. . . . We parted at Taneytown, Father continuing his journey to Baltimore, and we, to Philadelphia. We asked for hospitality as far as Lancaster, stopping with Catholic families who received us with the greatest kindness; we would have done the same at Lancaster, but arriving there at a very late hour, we felt a delicacy in disturbing the family to whom we were recommended. Moreover, being strangers in the place we would have difficulty in

finding the locality. We put up at a hotel and had to complain only of the fine accommodations. Early next morning we set off for Philadelphia, arriving there in the evening; we had to inquire our way as we moved through the streets, not knowing what direction to take. Mr. Livers, the driver, would frequently give us the reins while he inquired at several houses where St. Joseph's Asylum was located; no one seemed to be aware of the existence of such a place; Mr. Livers was much annoyed and when one of the Sisters asked if he had any information to guide him, he replied: 'No, you might just as well ask a pig about a holiday as ask these people about St. Joseph's Asylum.'

"We drove on, however, without knowing our whereabouts, but our good angel was with us; wearied with going up

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one street and down another, the driver halted, to inquire once more, when, behold! we were at the door of Trinity Church, this was next to the Asylum. The carriage being a closed one, the priest's housekeeper, a good French woman, named Justine, came forward thinking a corpse was brought for burial. Lifting the curtain, she said, as if by inspiration: 'Are you not from St. Joseph's?' 'Yes,' we answered. 'Who are you?' 'Father Hurley's housekeeper,' she replied. 'Will you tell us where the Asylum is?' 'Why, you are at the very door,' she said in surprise, 'come, get out of the carriage.'

ARRIVAL

Thus, did Mother Seton's daughters reach their first mission in Philadelphia, a city that was to know very well in the coming years the self-sacrificing labors of the devoted Sisters of Charity. Not until a week after their arrival did Mother Seton's daughters take over the care of St. Joseph's Asylum. The days that intervened were used in putting in order the affairs of the institution. The kindly matron who had cared for the children before the coming of the Sisters was utterly unable to attend to all the details necessary for the good order of the house. The result was a deplorable condition of things which quite shocked Sister Rose and her young companions. They were ladies of great culture and refinement not at all used to the conditions with which they had to contend.

TAKING POSSESSION

These few words taken from Sister Rose's description of the first days in Philadelphia will give us some appreciation of the circumstances that attended their taking possession of their first mission: "We took possession of the Asylum October 6, 1814. It was in debt five thousand dollars; subscriptions for its support were few; in consequence of the embargo (War of 1812 was still on) goods were extremely high; we were often reminded that the sum allotted for our maintenance and that of the house, was only six hundred dollars a year. We were far from forgetting this; our only fear was that we would not be able to get along with so small an amount; hence for three months we never ate bread at dinner, using potatoes instead; no sugar in our carrot coffee; the poor children had not been accustomed to sugar in their weak coffee which with dry bread constituted their breakfast. Father Hur-

ley, hearing that we had no sugar, sent us some. Our fuel was gathered principally from the tan yards."

Such was the beginnings of the Sisters' work in St. Joseph's, Philadelphia. Later, the home was established at Seventh and Spruce Streets where it continued the task of caring for the needy children of Philadelphia until changed conditions closed its doors only a comparatively few months ago. It always enjoyed the singular privilege of being Mother Seton's First Mission.

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letter to her eminent friend a few weeks later:

"I have had a great many hard trials, my father, since you were here, but you, of course, will congratulate me on them as this fire of tribulation is, no doubt, meant to consume the imperfections and bad dispositions the Lord finds in me. Indeed, it has at times burned so deep that anguish could not be concealed. But, by degrees, custom reconciles pain itself, and I determined, dry and hard as my daily bread is, to take it with as good grace as possible. When I carry it before our Lord sometimes, He makes me laugh at myself and asks me what other kind would I choose in the valley of tears, than that which Himself and His followers made us of?"

HER ZEALOUS CHAMPION

Until the time of his death, December 3, 1815, at the age of eighty, Archbishop Carroll showed a lively interest in St. Joseph's in Emmitsburg. Perhaps he had the prophet's vision and looking down the ages he could see the importance of Mother Seton and her spiritual daughters in the designs of the Almighty. Not seldom did he visit the Community of Sisters for whom he had such strong ties of affection and esteem. In all her trials Mother Seton could look to him for advice.

Of special interest is a letter written to Mother Seton when some rumor had come to him that the superior in consultation with some of the priests of St. Mary's in Baltimore was considering removing Mother Seton from her position as head of the Community at Emmitsburg and making her superioress of the school which she had established at St. Joseph's. This the Archbishop thought would be a tragedy for the Sisterhood at Emmitsburg and for the whole Church in the United States. Needless to say, such a move would have been absolutely

opposed by the good Archbishop did it advance further than the planning stage.

ANXIOUS DAY

It was a day of great sadness when the news came to St. Joseph's that Archbishop Carroll had passed to his eternal reward. On December 3, 1815, the feast of St. Francis Xavier, that illustrious missionary who like Archbishop Carroll had been a member of the Society of Jesus, the great and noble heart of John Carroll, founder of the American Hierarchy, ceased to beat.

To none at St. Joseph's had the news brought greater grief than to Mother Seton. Ever since she first became acquainted with the eminent ecclesiastics through the good offices of her dear friend, Antonio Fillichi, Mother Seton had held him in the highest esteem and reverence. He was old and venerable even when she first met him and her admiration grew with the years. He was, in truth, a spiritual father to her and in her spiritual and personal problems he took the keenest interest. Her children were the object of his fatherly interest. On every occasion he inquired about their well-being as though he had known them from birth. The death of little Rebecca and the saintly Annina brought words of sympathy and encouragement that did much to lessen the anguish of their sorrowing mother.

To Antonio Fillichi Mother Seton wrote these words hardly two weeks before the Archbishop passed away: "We are all, every part of the Church as well as individuals, in a most anxious moment for the situation of our saintly Archbishop Carroll. His life seems in imminent danger. For my part were it not for the habit first taught by you, dearest Antonio, to look direct to God in every event, I would tell you that it is a great affliction to me, but all must take the course of the Adorable Will. Yet we beg more with tears than words, if he will be yet spared."

SAD, DISTRESSING NEWS

With the Archbishop's death only came to an end that care and solicitude that had carried Mother Seton along the road to success. To him under the good Lord she attributed the success of her humble institute.

With sorrowing hearts the young but fervent Community at St. Joseph's knelt down in the shadow of the setting sun and recited with trembling lips the beautiful words of the De Profundis on that memorable day in December when the news arrived from Baltimore that "death had come to the Archbishop."

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

With the beginning of another school year we look forward to a time of renewed interest on the part of students and teachers in our grade and high schools as well as in our colleges and graduate departments. We ask the Sisters to send to the Guild office a detailed account of all the projects started in their schools to advance the Cause of Mother Seton. In the past we have learned of these activities only indirectly and altogether too late to give them the publicity that they deserved. A very practical way to help the Cause is to make known as widely as possible all the activities carried on in the interest of the Cause. We are particularly desirous to obtain pictures, either individual or group, of those prominent in the various projects under the direction of the Sisters.

BALTIMORE, MD.: We are delighted to be able to present in this issue and on this page the picture of the graduates of St. Dominic's School of Hamilton. This class has been particularly active during the years they have attended St. St. Dominic's and we hope that their interest in Mother Seton will not end with their graduation. Their many activities while in school have made St. Dominic's one of the outstanding schools in furthering the Cause of Mother Seton. We anticipate a continuance of this splendid cooperation during the coming school year.

IRWIN, PA.: Sister Mary Paul of the Immaculate Conception Convent sent to the office a check for fifteen dollars which represented the contributions of the pupils towards the Cause. Due to the many and prolonged strikes that afflicted the area around Irwin during the late winter and spring some of the projects planned had to be abandoned. The Sisters at the Immaculate Convent are hopeful of much better results during the coming months. We wish to express our thanks for the Sisters' efforts in aiding the work of the Guild.

CLEVELAND, OHIO: The following letter was received from Sister Catherine Angela: "Dear Father: Just a note to tell you about a few of the activities of the Minims' Mother Seton Guild ac-

complished during the past months. The girls made cloth toys for the children at the Charity Hospital; they presented gifts to the older folks of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and they also sent Catholic magazines and many jig-saw puzzles to the Crile Hospital, St. Alexius Hospital, Home for the Aged and Children's Hospital. Subscriptions for the Catholic Universe Bulletin were purchased for the Sisters of Charity in China." The Holy Name Elementary School from which this letter came has always shown great interest in Mother Seton's Cause

ALTOONA, PA.: The Cathedral Convent of Altoona has for a long time been



St. Dominic's Graduates—1946

zealous in promoting the Cause. To Sister Maria Teresa we are indebted for a very substantial check towards defraying the expenses of the Guild in making Mother Seton better known and esteemed throughout the country. We are certain that the program adopted for the school year just beginning will be at least equally successful as last year's proved to be. We are grateful to the children of the Cathedral School as well as to their good teachers, the Sisters of Charity.

CINCINNATI, OHIO: The schools of Cincinnati have always been most active in the Cause of Mother Seton. No city in the country has shown a greater interest in all things pertaining to the beloved foundress of the Sisters of Charity in the United States. St. Patrick's School has ever been in the front ranks of the schools most noted for their zeal in realizing the goal of the Canonization of Mother Seton. We wish to acknowledge with thanks the latest effort of the pupils of St. Patrick's who through Sister Marie Martha sent the Guild a generous do-

nation for the works fostered by the office here in Emmitsburg.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.: From St. Joseph's High School Miss Evelyn Schedler sends us the following message: "In the early part of the school year we hope to complete our plans and sell all the articles you sent us. We hope to obtain more subscriptions. Every student in our school, we have seven hundred, has been making a Perpetual Novena to Mother Seton since last Christmas. We hope to be able to tell you what petitions have been granted through her intercession."

ROSEBANK, S. I., N. Y.: We are presenting this letter just as it was written and we wish to thank the writer, Miss Jean Van Pelt for her interesting message. "Dear Father: I am writing this letter to inform you of the activities of the Mother Seton Guild of Rosebank, S. I. We have a very enthusiastic group of girls numbering about twenty. Most of these girls have been very faithful to the spiritual part of the Guild but have also done much in material things. In September when the school year started and the Betty Bailey Brigadiers again came together for the third year, Sister Dolores Mary had a fine suggestion. She thought it would be nice if each girl adopted a Sister in the Bahamas. We did this and since have sent many packages containing candy, paper, clothing, religious articles and anything else we thought would help the Sisters. The girls received nice letters from the Sisters thanking them. The biggest of our activities was the dramatization of glimpses into the life of Mother Seton. It was a huge success and brought Guilds from the City of New York and many Sisters of Charity besides all the girls' relatives and friends. The money from the tickets was donated to Mother Seton's Cause. Hoping this letter will be of interest to you and if possible we may be mentioned in the MOTHER SETON BULLETIN. Yours truly, Jean Van Pelt, Secretary."

Love Him who will be your all in death—MOTHER SETON

FAVORS ACKNOWLEDGED

Since the last issue of the BULLETIN more than fifty favors, available for publication, were received by the office. Since it is impossible to give space to more than a few of these, we were obliged to make a careful selection. We regret that we are not able to publish many letters whose writers had promised that they would make known the favor, if received.

WALTHAM, MASS.: "Dear Father: Please accept my donation for a favor granted. My sister was to have a serious operation last Monday morning as we thought. Immediately I started my Novena to Mother Seton that everything would be all right, and also gave her my relic and prayer, the relic to be worn during the operation. Thank God the operation was very slight and we have no cause for worry. I feel that Mother Seton is answering my prayers." (Miss A. C.)

KANSAS CITY, MO.: From St. Anthony's Home for Infants the following report came to the Guild. "Little Pauline and Florine, twins, were transferred to my floor three months after birth. Pauline after many struggles began walking but I thought Florine would never be able to take a step. We tried every means to assist her but without success. In June, five months after Pauline had walked, Florine was still unable to take her first steps. I asked our helpers to make a Novena with me to Mother Seton that Florine might walk before the end of the month. I said that if we obtained our request I would write to you and ask you to publish it. She made some progress during the retreat but on the last day of the Novena our prayers were answered in full. When I went into the dormitory in the morning my little Florine was standing alone in bed. She spent the afternoon of June twenty-seventh walking. I don't know who is the happier, Florine or we who made the Novena. Praise be to God through the intercession of Mother Seton." (S. H.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA.: "Dear Father: I am one of many who have received favors through Mother Seton. I had undergone a series of operations with infection setting in each time prolonging my recovery considerably. Before entering the hospital to undergo my final or what I hoped would be my final operation, I was given the Novena of Mother Seton. I said it faithfully and although infection set in, I did not give up but

continually prayed to Mother Seton. The infection cleared up very rapidly and no further operations were required." (Mrs. G. L.)

ALLENTOWN, PA.: "Rev. and dear Father: I would like to make known a favor which we feel we received through the intercession of Mother Seton. My mother had been suffering for nearly a year. She got no relief from the physician's prescriptions nor from other remedies that seemed to help others. About four weeks ago my sister who is a religious gave me a relic of Mother Seton which I slipped between the bandages. We all began a Novena to Mother Seton that day. The first night mother rested

Delightful Surprise

We are jubilant as we go to press. Our recent mail has been extraordinary. The Sisters of Mount St. Vincent-on-the-Hudson and the Sisters of Convent Station, New Jersey, have deluged the Guild office with thousands upon thousands of new membership subscriptions and requests for countless pieces of Mother Seton literature. We'll be overworked but we'll be happy. Best of all, this is but the beginning. The real storm is still to come.

More about this in a subsequent issue of the BULLETIN.

well for she had no pain all night. However, several times during the Novena the pain returned, but by the ninth day the wound was entirely healed. In gratitude to our Lord and to Mother Seton as also in fulfillment of our promise, we wish to have this favor made known." (Mrs. C. L.)

EMMITSBURG, MD.: "Dear Father: Although I went to a high school directed by the Sisters of Charity, I never had much devotion to Mother Seton. In fact, it wasn't until this February that I really prayed to her. I had lost contact with someone very dear to me and it influenced my daily work terribly. Then it was suggested that I pray to Mother Seton and each day I said her Novena prayer and once a week I offered my Communion for her Beatification and my petition. Last week when I had about given up all hope my prayers were an-

swered. It all happened so unexpectedly that I can not believe it yet. So I promised Mother Seton that I would write to you and tell about the favor which had been granted me. Now Mother Seton's prayer is part of the Ordinary of the Mass to me and my Mass doesn't seem to be complete until I have said it." (M. W.)

SYRACUSE, N. Y.: "Dear Father: This is to acknowledge a great favor. My nephew, a Marine in the 5th Division, was on Iwo Jima and came through without a scratch. I think that this was almost miraculous as his buddies were falling all around him. He was in the thick of the fight for 26 days and nights. I said the prayers to Mother Seton every day and promised publication." (M. E. O.)

DAYTON, OHIO: "Dear Father: Last year I wrote asking prayers for my daughter-in-law who was threatened with an operation for the removal of a kidney. She was only twenty-six and had three small children. The operation was performed and the stones removed. She is now in perfect health. I know Mother Seton helped because the doctor told my daughter-in-law that he did it the hard way. It would have been much easier to remove the kidney. But he was lucky in finding the stones so he took them out. She recovered rapidly and after the lapse of a year she is in perfect health. I will never forget Mother Seton." (M. A. G.)

BRONX, N. Y. C.: "Dear Father Burgio: For almost seven years I have been devoted to Mother Seton's Cause and when in trouble I always have recourse to her as she has never failed. This term I had great trouble with one of my courses. There was no chance of my passing. Naturally, I relied on Mother Seton again. I was sure she would not fail me. I couldn't imagine how she could help me. Before the exam I said the Novena prayer and opened the text at random and prepared that translation. Yes, it was that same translation that appeared on the test and I passed. My classmates, mostly non-Catholics, were unwilling to attribute it to prayer, yet a few asked me to give them Mother Seton's medal which I had on my desk during the exam. They were all astounded and I am very grateful and thankful that my patron interceded once again for her client." (E. A. S.)