

LATIN IS ITS LANGUAGE.

A VISIT TO THE INTERESTING REDEMP-
TORIST COLLEGE AT WESTPORT.

An Advanced Institution Where Priests
Are Prepared—Much Learning and Many
Languages Required—Sixteen Years of
School Life—How a Modern Monastery
Looks, Where Silence is the Watchword
—Some Valuable Works of Art.

Those who have occasion to patronize the
Dummy line which runs from South Main
street to near the heart of Westport and on
out to Mellier Place can not fail to notice a
solid three-story brick structure at the cor-
ner of Thirty-third street and Broadway,
where the snorting little engine takes a sud-
den turn to the south. The building is a much
be-winged structure, set cosily in a five-acre
plat of shrubbery, orchard and vineyard.
Over the main entrance to the grounds is a
white semi-circular piece of board on which
are the words "Redemptorist Fathers." It
is the highest theological seminary of the Re-
demptorist order of Monks west of the State
of Ohio, and is the only place in America
where priests of this order are graduated, ex-
cept at a similar school near Annapolis, Md.

A reporter for THE TIMES spent a part of
yesterday afternoon within the echoing cor-
ridors of this New World monastery. The
stillness, the long lines of little rooms where
the priests dwell alone, the shaven priests
themselves moving silently about with long
chains of beads from their girdles, or band-
ing over their devotions in various parts of
the building; the paintings, some of them of
wondrous age; and crucifixes depicting the
suffering Christ, combined in a scene beauti-
ful and impressive, recalling those pictured
by Walter Scott. Only there were no damp,
mouldering dungeons; no wine cellars where
the very cobwebs on the casks told of the
mellow age of their glowing contents. In
place of darkness there was sunshine, and
instead of mildew the rich red of the setting
sun seemed to turn each halo around the
Madonna's painted head into a crown of bur-
nished gold.

When the reporter rang the bell at the
Thirty-third street entrance, it was answered
by a young man in the robes of a priest.
Father Charles Kern, the rector or president
of the college, was called for, and the young
man vanished into the first corridor. In-
stead of calling the rector he placed a small
peg in a board which was hanging at the
door and gave one loud ring of a gong near-
by. The young man vanished, but the Father
Superior came to the board, looked at it, and
then proceeded to the reception room. The
peg indicated where he was wanted, and one
ring was Father Kern's signal. Each lead-
ing person of the college has a signal, made
up of long and short strokes of the bell, and
there are peg-holes for every part of the

TOMORROW

WHITE GOODS.

25c for 17c.

Beginning August 1st we will close out
from our wholesale in the retail, Satin
Striped Shadow Plaids and Hemstitched
Striped Novelty Weaves and Dimity
Checks, worth 25c yard; your choice of
the lot for 17c.

19c for 12¹/₂c.

Cluster Striped Sheer India Linens and
Lace Striped Novelty effects, worth 15c
and 19c, will be, beginning tomorrow,
12¹/₂c yard.

Fine Victoria Lawns.

We will close out what's left of our fine
Plain Victoria Lawns,

65c quality for 35c.
50c quality for 30c.
45c quality for 25c.

35c for 15c.

In our wholesale we have four qualities
of Plaid Nainsooks, worth 20c, 25c and
35c, and we will take them to the retail,
Walnut street floor, and sell them tomor-
row at 15c per yard.

12¹/₂c for 8¹/₂c.

A small assortment of India Linen
Plaids, made to retail for 12¹/₂c, will be
8¹/₂c tomorrow.

Washable Goods.

We have bought nearly 33,000 yards of
Hot Weather Goods, washable, for this
sale, ranging in value from 5c a yard to
75c, and the same will be put on sale, be-
ginning tomorrow, at prices running
from 2¹/₂c yard to 39c. Below find part of
them:

8¹/₃c for 4¹/₂c.

5,042 yards White Ground Printed
Lawns, polka dots and figured designs,
made to retail for 8¹/₂c, beginning tomor-
row, will be 4¹/₂c.

8¹/₃c for 5¹/₂c.

3,054 yards Striped and Plaid Spring
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then proceeded to the reception room. The peg indicated where he was wanted, and one ring was Father Kern's signal. Each leading person of the college has a signal, made up of long and short strokes of the bell, and there are peg-holes for every part of the grounds and building.

Silence is the motto of the whole institution. "Silentium" is printed in big black letters on signs which meet the eye at every turn. Speak no word where action will convey the meaning, and then only in the softest tone is the rule. This is what makes a Catholic seminary appear like a ghost-walk.

Father Kern proved to be a pleasant-visaged man of about middle height, solidly built and dressed in the customary priestly robes of heavy black cloth, with a turn-over ruffle at the neck. He has been at the head of the Redemptorist college only since May 15. Father Kern was asked to tell something about the school.

"The Redemptorists are an order of the Roman Catholic church," he said, "just as the Jesuits and Benedictines are. We have a representative at Rome, but our last rector major there, Nicholas Wauron, died last month, and his place has not been filled. We have two provinces in this country, named after the cities of Baltimore and St. Louis, and separated by a line drawn south from the State of Ohio. There are two theological seminaries in each province, a junior and a senior school. The young men who are to become priests are taken at the age of 13 or 14 years and put into the lower school, where they pass eight or ten continuous years. The finishing up process in the higher school takes six years. Our lower school in this province is at Kirkwood, and the higher school here.

"The Redemptorist college at Kansas City was founded in 1883 by Father Nicholas Jacken, who was at the head of this province at that time. Since then two additions to the building have been made, and Fathers Falvre, Farley, Weighart and I have served as rector. We have at present twenty-four young men, who will be graduated as priests when they are through here, and eight fathers. Of the latter four teach constantly and four travel over the country evangelizing the heathen, or what are about the same as heathen."

It is vacation just now, and most of the "boys," some of whom are bordering on 30 years, are spending a month's time in various parts of the country and in various pursuits. The college is the only home they have, however, and they will soon return to take up their lives of study and penance, in preparation for the priesthood.

On entering one of the long corridors, along which the little rooms of the embryo priests are ranged, one is struck by the decidedly Latin flavor of everything. The hall itself is called the "Circuitio St. P. N. Alphonsi," as one finds by examining the placard over its door. Alphonsus is the patron saint of the order, and this is his corridor. Over each room door is the name of its occupant, and he is responsible for all that therein is, consisting usually of a bed, table, wash-stand, trunk and a few articles of wearing apparel hung around the wall. There are pictures of suffering martyrs on the walls, a few religious books on the table, but no carpet, and nothing that would in the least point to comfort.

The sacellum, or private chapel, is a beautiful little place. Among other pictures on its walls are two magnificent paintings of the head of Christ by some of the old masters. There is also a little painting of the Madonna and Child, done on a piece of wood scarcely a foot square. The surface of the wood was covered with a thin paste before the panel was put on, and the back of the tablet bears these words: "Silvestro Gracio, Anno Domini, 823." There is no doubt of its genuineness, Father Kern says, and the painting is really a wonderful piece of

8¹/₂c for 5¹/₂c.

3,054 yards Striped and Plaid Spring Style Dress Gingham, made to sell for 8¹/₂c, will be sold, beginning tomorrow, for 5¹/₂c.

6¹/₂c for 3¹/₂c.

4,674 yards of Printed Cotton Challies, made to retail for 6¹/₂c, have been bought so that the price will be 3¹/₂c tomorrow.

For 2¹/₂ Cents.

5,288 yards of Printed Challies, in light grounds, early season's value 5c, we will sell tomorrow at 2¹/₂c yard.

12¹/₂c for 5¹/₂c.

3,908 yards of an assorted lot of Printed Mulls and Crepes and Pongees, and a few Dark Half-Wool Challies and Solid-Colored Crepes and Plaid Crepes and Hemstitched Cluster Striped Crepes, made to sell for 10c, 12¹/₂c and 18c, will be sold, beginning tomorrow, at 5¹/₂c yard.

50c for 19c.

842 yards newest fine Scotch Novelty Crinkle Crepes, early season's price 50c, will be, beginning tomorrow, 19c yard.

25c for 8¹/₂c.

240 yards American Crinkle Crepes, Stripes, last season's styles, will be sold for 8¹/₂c yard.

In Addition

We shall offer nearly all of our Scotch Novelty Wash Goods, worth 50c, 68c and 75c, for 35c and 39c.

Novelty designs and David & John Anderson's Superior Scotch Gingham at 25c.

And also a variety of American Zephyr Cloths, all of this year's make, and worth everywhere early 25c, beginning tomorrow, 15c.

75c for 50c.

Beginning tomorrow we will sell Tan, Brown and Gray 6-Button Mosquetaire Suede Kid Gloves, imported to sell for 75c, for 50c pair.

\$1.50 for 75c.

8-Button Mosquetaire Suede Kids, blacks, white and all colors, imported to sell for \$1.50, tomorrow for 75c pair.

tomorrow will be \$1.50.

- \$1.00 Dress Goods
- \$1.25 Dress Goods
- \$1.50 Dress Goods

An assorted lot of Broken lines of Summer Dress Goods \$1.25 and \$1.50, will be sold tomorrow, for 48c. Illuminated Sevens Dots, formerly \$1.50. Three colors of Hair Serge with naming, former price Light mixed effect formerly \$1.25; Mixed Cashmere formerly \$1.50; Very light weight Crinkles, worth \$1.50. Mixed Herringbone tans, blues and grays. Narrow Boucle grounds, formerly \$1.50. Your choice of tomorrow for 48c floor.)

4th Floor Half

- Egyptian Lace for \$5.25.
- Russian Point C \$75.
- Punyum Lace \$20.
- Nottingham Lace for \$1.80.
- Nottingham Lace for \$2.40.
- Hemstitched and Curtains, worth \$2.40.
- Tapestry Curts
- Fine Embroid worth \$22.50, for
- Fine Embroid worth \$25, for \$12
- Satin Rousseau \$2.50.
- Gobelin Axminster for \$1.

5th Floor

- Fine Fancy Pa \$6.50.
- Fine Fancy P for \$16.25.
- Folding Beds,
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Across the hall is the Bibliotheca, or library, containing several thousand valuable works in English, Latin, French, German and Greek. All of these languages are mastered by the priests, but English and Latin they must be able to talk and read with fluency. While most of the books in the library are very valuable on account of their age they are not all old. A new set of the "Patrologia Latinae Cursus," or writings of the Holy fathers of the second and third centuries, has just been added at a cost of \$600. There is also a museum where many specimens in geology and natural history, as well as relics, are on exhibition.

The dining-room of this establishment is dignified by the name *refectorium*. The process that is carried on within this room is likewise dignified, but in another way. At every meal one of the students is made to stand in the corner and read aloud to the others. The reading is in English or Latin—"something not too deep or heavy," as Father Kern says, otherwise it might produce indigestion. Each meal lasts half an hour, and the reader is generally found to have a good appetite when it is finished, and he may attend to his own wants.

The room over which the word "sartoria" appears is nothing more harmful than the patching department of the school, where a little amateur tailoring is done occasionally by the "boys." The shoe-blackening department is located near by, but it has no name, presumably for the reason that the ancient Roman never had to "shine 'em up," and consequently never invented a name for that occupation.

Of the five acres of the college domains about one acre is in vineyards, which thrive nicely around Westport. In one corner of a little damp room in the basement is a wine press and a number. "Of course we press out a little home-made wine," says the rector, "otherwise what would we do with all of these grapes?" There are also many other kinds of luscious fruits on the place and a flourishing garden.

The public chapel, the only Redemptorist worshiping place in this part of the country, is located on the third floor. It gives a magnificent view of the fine residence districts that have sprung up in Mehlter Place and the new Westport, as well as a glimpse of Kansas City's loftiest buildings to the north. The chapel is fitted up in the usual style of such

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places, with a contribution box at the door for the new church, which will finally be built at the corner of the present grounds.

Harvest Excursions to Texas via the "Katy."

Once more the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company has decided to give the people of the entire world a chance, to visit the State of Texas, the only State in the Union that offers cheap lands and homes to the agriculturists. Tickets will be on sale August 15-29, September 12-26 and October 10 at one fare for the round trip to all points in Texas. For further information address:

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TWO DEATHS FROM ACCIDENT.

Both Were of Kansans and Both Occurred at St. Joseph's Yesterday.

George Strong, a brakeman on the Union Pacific railroad, died at St. Joseph's hospital on Pennsylvania avenue shortly after noon yesterday from injuries received at Bellevue, Kan., Saturday afternoon. While attempting a coupling he was caught between two drawheads and terribly crushed. He was at once brought to this city, but was beyond surgical aid. Strong was 35 years old and leaves a widow and two children. The corpse was taken to the family home at 522 North Seventh street, Kansas City, Kan., where the funeral will take place at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery.

Morris Starr, a Russian who kept a second-hand furniture store at Pittsburg, Kan., also died at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday. A week ago yesterday Starr had his skull fractured in a runaway accident at Pittsburg. He was cared for at his home until Saturday morning, when he was brought to this city and taken to St. Joseph's, but the case was hopeless. The corpse was turned over to Deputy Coroner Callaghan, who had it taken to Wagner's undertaking rooms. Whether it will be buried here or taken to Pittsburg has not been decided. Starr had a cousin somewhere in the vicinity of Kansas City who is said to be his only relative in the United States. He was 27 years old and unmarried.

A TALKATIVE MOCKINGBIRD

He Evidently Stays Awake So as to Bother the Neighbors.

On the opposite side of the glaring electric-light globe do hangs from the second-story house a cage containing a mockingbird. He is out night and day and his owner is necessary to bring him in, says *Philadelphia Call*, only when the element.

As a result the poor bird when to warble and when to sing a remarkable faculty for imitating consequently kept busy during the day.

When the passing wagons are not engaging his attention he is occupied in imitating the larks in the neighborhood, who never tire of whistling. It is no unusual thing to hear him in the gayest fashion at 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning. He has to perfect the peewee and the chirp of the Mocking Bird is a wakeful caroling unusually early in the morning principally with the notes of a sparrow.

As a result, all the peewees in the neighborhood—and there are many of them, because there is a cement sidewalk on the opposite side of the street—are disturbed an hour or two earlier in the morning, and with the general result of the peewees in the vicinity customed themselves to sleep. Some of the mockingbirds, however, come of the mocking bird family and accommodate himself to the artificial light is only conjectural.

New Books.

We receive all new books as soon as they are published and can supply any book mentioned in the publishers' price, postage or express charges. Osborn & Pittman, 811 and 813 Main street, St. Joseph, Mo.

Australasia's Financial Disturbances

(New York Times) The trouble with Australasia's financial disturbances have recent years been a source of embarrassment of the rest of the world. It is said to be an overwhelming debt incurred in constructing