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### Historical Abbey Observes Its Diamond Jubilee This Week

Benedictine Institution In Indiana Was Established in  
1854—Church, Seminary and Other Buildings  
Indicate Progress

on March 14, 1854, but, as they wrote to Einsiedeln, were not satisfied with "this rather unceremonious entrance into our future home." Accordingly, they decided to have "the formal induction" on the Feast of St. Benedict, March 21, 1854.

The Rt. Rev. Martin Marty, O. S. B., who later became the first Bishop of Sioux Falls, S. D., and still later, Bishop of St. Cloud, was the first Abbot of St. Meinrad Abbey (1871-1880). When Administrator of the Abbey, Father Martin, to induce the people more readily to buy land and to settle in the locality, laid out a town on a twenty-acre plot a little north of the monastery and named it St. Meinrad. The lots were sold at auction on January 28, 1861.

A school was erected during the summer of 1861 to accommodate 30 boarders. A course of studies including the ancient and modern languages, history, mathematics, rhetoric, philosophy, and even theology, was offered. Bishop de St. Palais was pleased to place his students in charge of an institution of his own diocese, and the monks, on their part, rejoiced that they were at last enabled to engage in the work that had been one of the main purposes of their coming to America, namely, the education of a native clergy.

Priory Elevated To Abbey.  
By the year 1869, conditions at St. Meinrad had become sufficiently stabilized and prosperous that steps could be taken towards the elevation of the priory to an abbey. The Papal Brief of the erection of the Abbey and the brief of the Abbot's appointment were issued on September 30, 1870.

On September 2, 1887, a fire wiped out the labor of 34 arduous years. The total loss, estimated was \$200,000. One undertaking which followed hard upon the fire, was the opening of Jasper College. The college at St. Meinrad was to be reserved for ecclesiastical students only; the new institution at Jasper was to be open to all students irrespective of calling and creed.

The work of restoring the Abbey was entered into so promptly and

with such zeal, that on September 2, 1889, the second anniversary of the fire, the monks entered into their new home. This did not complete the building program, however, a chapel and library building was erected in 1892, and in succeeding years other edifices were reared.

Direct Eucharistic League  
In 1891, the Central Direction of the Priest's Eucharistic League at Paris requested the Fathers of St. Meinrad to assume the general direction of the league in the United States until such time as the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament should be able to establish a house in this country.

Under the direction of Father Gerber, a link between the pioneers and the present era of St. Meinrad, a new abbey church was begun in the fall of 1899. It was used for the first time on March 21, 1907.

The story of St. Meinrad for the last 25 years is one of development in every direction. The church had hardly been completed when the major seminary was becoming too small. Plans were drawn up for a new seminary, and for the revision of the whole complex of buildings. These plans provided for a library, a new major, and a new minor seminary to accommodate 300 students. The library was completed in 1913, and the seminary in 1923.

While these and other developments were going on, the printing establishment also was gaining ground. The staff was increased considerably, and, in 1919, *The Grail*, the Eucharistic monthly, made its initial appearance.

At present, 75 years after its foundation, St. Meinrad Abbey has a community which numbers 142 members, of whom 65 are priests, 19 clerics with six choir novices and 46 lay brothers with six novices. The schools that are directed by the Fathers are attended by more than 500 boys and young men. Approximately 400 of these are preparing for the priesthood, while some 180 are enrolled in the high school department of Jasper College.

### Bath

#### Investing Corp. Boosts Its Stock

Bath, March 21.—The Farmers and Mechanics' Investing Corporation, a subsidiary organization of the Farmers and Mechanics' Trust Company here, has voted to increase its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Of this issue only a part will at present be issued, and stockholders in the trust company are afforded first rights in subscribing for purchase of stock in the investing corporation.

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#### Famous Benedictine Educator and Author Dies in Switzerland

Vienna, March 20.—Under some European laws the years of service of teachers are limited to 25. What have the makers of those laws to say of the great priestly pedagogues and teachers who nearly up to the dawn of his 90th year of life was at work as a teacher?

In recent days Dr. P. Albert Kahn, this great son of the Order of St. Benedict, was carried to the grave in the Convent of Einsiedeln, Switzerland. Born at Wohlten in the Canton of Aargau on November 16, 1839, learned Benedictine became one of the pioneers of research in the domain of history of art. His first great work, "Roma," goes through many editions, carried his name to all parts of the world. It is surpassed even in importance by his big "General History of Art," a work of more than 3,500 pages and 5,500 illustrations. From 1861 to 1927 P. Albert taught French in the grammar school of the Benedictine Abbey of Einsiedeln, from 1876 to his death he lectured on aesthetics and German literature.

#### Catholic Women Lay Cornerstone

Manila, P. I., March 20.—With Archbishop Michael O'Doherty officiating, the cornerstone of the social hall of the Catholic Women's League was laid at the conclusion of a four-day session of the organization here recently. The new building will face the engineering building of the University of the Philippines.

Addressing the delegates present at the cornerstone laying, Archbishop O'Doherty said:

"Note what great edifices have been laid around the cornerstone: institutions, dormitories, schools, each of them representing a contribution to the progressive life of this nation. But the event of this day is no less significant and promising. Here, shall gather the Catholic women leaders from all over the Philippines; here plans shall be formed for charitable and educational undertakings; here committees shall meet to direct the Catholic action. And it is well that we begin with the blessing of Almighty God. 'Unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it.' Founded on charity and on truth may this edifice arise to typify the strength of the Catholic womanhood which has brought into being and shall conserve the life of this nation."

#### Book-A-Month Club Announces Choice

Philadelphia, March 21.—"The Devil and the Deep Sea," a new novel by Elizabeth Jordan, is the March selection of The Catholic Book-A-Month Club. Miss Jordan, one of the best known of Catholic women novelists, is a frequent contributor to Extension, America and other publications.

Other books on the March list are "My Favorite Passage From Dante," compiled by the Rt. Rev. J. T. Slatery; "Shackles of the Free," by Mary Grace Ashton; two volumes of plays by G. Martinez Sierra, and "Fernando Cortes: Five Letters," edited by J. Bayard Morris.

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