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which had been founded by Abbot Boniface Wimmer in 1860. (Today that priory is staffed by monks from Belmont.) His interesting report follows:

St. Mary's of the Stone  
October 27, 1876  
Rt. Rev. Sir (Boniface Wimmer),

In accordance with your paternal command, I transmit to you an account of my safe arrival here. I believe you all have prayed for me, for I had a very pleasant and prosperous journey, thanks be to God. All the trouble I had was at Beatty's (the station near St. Vincent) the morning I left; the remainder of my journey was pleasant and prosperous. I bought a ticket to Richmond at the Connellsville (Pennsylvania) Depot and got my things checked to Richmond for \$14.75; I left Pittsburgh at 8 o'clock PM and arrived in Washington next morning at 8h. 30m. AM. I had to wait for a connection train 18 hours. I arrived in Richmond at 10 o'clock the next day and had no trouble in finding St. Mary's (Priory). The Fathers and the Brother were at home; and I can truly say that I found myself at home with all of them. Father Benno (Hegele, O.S.B., the prior) kept me till Monday, 23 inst.; and while with him he treated me with the kindness of a brother and with the tenderness of a father. Father Benno paid an express man for taking my things to and from the station,

and took myself in a carriage to the Piedmont Station; he bought me a ticket to Charlotte and also gave me some money. It is 282 miles from Richmond to Charlotte; and 11 miles from Charlotte to this place, 10 miles by rail and 1 mile by a wood road. Fortunately I stayed in Charlotte at night, having arrived there about 11 o'clock on Monday night; had I gone to Garibaldi, I might have got lost as there are only 3 small houses there at some distance from the railroad.

I left Charlotte at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning, and shortly after my arrival at Garibaldi I met Father Herman coming to the place with a wagon, a boy, a Negro and four mules. So having arrived here I find myself at home. Father Herman is, I think, a very good man and easy to get along with. I was introduced to Father O'Connell; he is a Cork man and is both social and communicative. On the day of my arrival here, Father Herman, Father O'Connell, and myself went through a part of the plantation; it is well timbered with oak and pine; the ground is level, and seems easy to cultivate. The place, in general, looks well, and I think it is healthy, as the country is a rolling land somewhat like the place where Fr. Stephan Lyons' Father lives; but I must say, a far nicer place and better land is here. Father Herman calls this place **Maria Stein** on account of a stone which is in the yard; this stone is said to have once been an

Indian pagan altar; afterwards it served as a stand for Negroes to be placed on and auctioned off. (This stone is now the Baptismal Font in the Abbey Cathedral.) But the real name of this place is South Point Township.

This place seems primitive enough, but it has signs of improvement. All places here bear the marks of originality, but Virginia and all the Slave States have the same appearance. The water here is good, the days are very warm, the mercury in the thermometer rising to 68 degrees in the shade, but it falls to about 36 at night. (These temperatures were measured on the centigrade rather than the Fahrenheit scale.)

Humbly hoping you will remember me at the altar and that you will commend me to the prayers of the community, I hope I shall ever remain  
Brother Philip (Cassidy)  
Garibaldi, Gaston Co., N.C.

(Brother Philip's letter is located in the Belmont section of the Wimmer Correspondence, archives of St. Vincent Archabbey.)

-Jerome Oetgen, O.S.B.

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**ALUMNI NEWS**

New Jersey alumni met recently in an attempt to organize an alumni chapter. John McCormack said there would be another meeting in January. Let us know if we can help, John.

terprises.

'68-- Steve Clarke is credit analyst with Security National Bank and lives in Valley Stream, N.Y. **Joaquin Lago** is a law student in Puerto Rico. **Pat Blevins** stopped by to say hello. He was just out of the Army and he and Cathy have one child, Michelle, born April 12. They are living in Charlotte. **Martha (Rhyne) Butler** is a medical technician at Mercy Hospital. **James Hildebrand** is in the Navy, FPO San Francisco. **Herb Pettis** is assistant to the treasurer of National Life Insurance Co. He and Cecelia and their one child live in Montpelier, Vt. **Don Holden** teaches at Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School. He and Joan live in Flushing, N.Y. **James Quinn** is a salesman and office manager for Adirondack Auto Service in Keene Valley, N.Y. **Norma Bostic** teaches in the Gaston County School System. **Bob Martin** is plant manager, dyed yarn division, American & Efirid Mills. He and Sheila and their two children live in Belmont. **Donovan Harris** is calibration technician with Meloy Laboratories, Inc., in Alexandria, Va. **Wayne Whitehead** teaches at Gaston Day School in Gastonia. **Dennis Deane** received his masters in education concentrating in the field elementary school administration at the U. of Virginia. He is assistant principal of Bedford (Va.) Elementary School. **Luis Rodriguez** is with Glidden-

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many of the priests and with Humpy Wheeler, and an occasional visit to Dents. He says that the training he received at BAC has been invaluable to him in learning to deal with people and to handle difficult situations. He further observes that the Abbey stresses the human side of education and teaches the student to be diversified in his activities. He believes this to be one of the more important aspects of education.

Blanchard says he has been working since he was thirteen, when he earned fifty cents an hour as a laborer. When he left college he earned about eighty dollars a week. Since that time he has worked his way up to the position of vice president in charge of on-the-site construction with the C.W. Blanchard Construction Company, one of the leading general contractors in South Carolina.

Living his philosophy of a diversified activity, Charles has been an active member of the Optimist Club, International; the Sertoma Club, and the General Contractors Association. He also serves as Executive Committeeman, Precinct Two, in the town of Mt. Pleasant, where he lives with his wife and six children (five boys and one girl).

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would agree that Jack has a champagne taste!

He holds membership in lengthy list of learned and  
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U. of Pennsylvania. **Jerry McCluskey** is an accountant with Texaco in Atlanta, where he and Carol and their two children live. **George Henninger** has his own excavating contracting business in Rochester, N.Y. **John Cussigh** is a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He and Gloria live in Los Angeles. **James Ralston** is with Chrysler Motors in Norfolk. He and Teresa and their three children live in Virginia Beach. **Pat Patterson** is with the Internal Revenue Service in Memphis.

'67-- **William Hawkins** is assistant manager of Service Review, Inc. in St. Petersburg, Fla. **Captain Gregory Wessel** is an instructor, pilot, and flight examiner in the USAF and is stationed in Sacramento, Calif. **John O'Toole** is hospital-school market account representative for Motorola Communications and he and Eileen live in Charlotte. **Mike Del Priore** is pension trust officer with Chase Manhattan Bank in New York. **Bob Costantino** is a computer technician with Control Data Institute. He and Sally and their two children live in Falls Church, Va. **David Pillis** is sales representative for Norfolk & Western Railway in North Olmsted, Ohio. **James Kemper** is internal revenue agent (field audit) in Claymont, Dela. **David Kennedy** is with the Recorder Publishing & Printing Co. in San Francisco and attending graduate school at the U. of San Francisco. **Joe O'Toole** is

marketing administrator in personnel with Cities Service Oil Co. (Citgo). He and Linda live in Lisle, Ill. **Robert Parks** is chairman of the history department and teaches in the Broward County (Fla.) School System. **James Fleetwood** is assistant manager of Virginia National Bank in Norfolk. **Mike Fitz-Patrick** is attending V.P.I. and State University. **Al Santoro** is a Lieutenant in the Navy and head of the programming division based in Honolulu. He and Allison have two children. **Frank Sullivan** is assistant underwriter in the bond department of Continental Insurance Co. He and Debbie live in Charlotte. **Jay Shacochis** is administration manager of IBM Corporation in Philadelphia. He and Susan live in North Wales. **George McCauley** is deputy U.S. marshal in Brooklyn. **Creighton Schneck** is with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. He and Margaret and their one child live in Levittown, N.Y. **Creighton** received the masters in business from Adelphi. **Don Dufaux** has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at St. Louis University in counselor education. He received the M.Ed in Rehabilitation Counseling in 1969 and is now earning a certificate in Rehabilitation Counseling. **Tom Maguire** is a manufacturers representative with A.P. Henricks Co., Inc. in Brooklyn. **Charlie Gragnani** is now married and living in Richmond, where he is associated with his father in the Gragnani Chicken En-

Durkee Division of SCM Corp. He and Maruchi and their son live in Coral Gables. He received the masters in business administration from the University of the Americas, Mexico. **Frank Diehl** is secretary and general manager of Kirk Plumbing & Heating Corp. in Springfield, Pa., where he and Patricia and their three children live. **Bob Healy** has been promoted to district manager with Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co., and was listed in the 1972 edition of **Who's Who in Life Insurance North Carolina**. Bob also received the national sales achievement award. He and Bernice and six-months-old Robert live in Charlotte. **Jay Jarecki** is technical service representative for Burlington Madison Yarn Co. in Reidsville, N.C., where he and Jackie and their two children live.

'69-- **Bob Ehrlich** is administrative assistant to the controller, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Lamp Division, in Watlington, N.J. **James Kelley** is a law student at Washington & Lee University. **John Murphy** is in the Navy. **Bruce Thompson** is in graduate school in psychology at Jersey City State College. He and Pat live in Glen Rock. **Louis Nappi** is supervisor of equipment control with Sea Land Service. He and Cynthia live in Holmdel, N.J. **Rudgely Calhoun** is claims representative with the Social Security Administration in New York City. **Francis McQuilkin** is