

Limerick Nuns' Proud Record: A Total Of 150 Years In Religion

THREE Limerick nuns, sisters, must surely hold an unique record in religious life. Between them they have given a total service of 150 years as nuns in the Dominican Order in different parts of the world. Two of them were professed in England over 50 years ago and the third will celebrate her Golden Jubilee in a few years time.

The three sisters—Rev. Mother Monica, Caldecott Towers, London; Sister M. Lucy, Dominican Convent, Parkhill, Germinston, Johannesburg; Sister Ita, Fort Shepstone, S.A.—are members of



MOTHER MONICA.

the Lipper family, formerly of 13 Edward Street, Limerick. They joined the Dominican Congregation of Newcastle at the beginning of this century.

GOLDEN JUBILEES.

Mother Monica celebrated her Golden Jubilee a few years ago. On 23rd April this year a Jubilee Mass was sung at St. Catherine's



SISTER ITA.

Dominican Convent, Germinston, the occasion being the Golden Jubilee of Sister Lucy. Sister

Ita's Jubilee is due in a couple of years.

Some 80 sisters from Benoni, Boksburg, Germinston, and Primrose Convents, as well as Mother Vicarress from Newcastle, and Sister Ita, attended the Jubilee Mass for Sister Lucy's Golden Jubilee.

Dominican and Oblate Fathers gathered to felicitate the jubilarian and many congratulatory messages were received from overseas and different parts of South Africa.

SERMON ON THE RELIGIOUS LIFE.

In his sermon during the Mass, Very Rev. Father T. J. Kelly, O.M.I., congratulated the jubilarian and referred to the crosses and trials as well as the joys and successes of the religious life.



SISTER LUCY.

During her half century of religious life, Sister Lucy has been engaged in teaching music at La Rochelle, Newcastle, Germinston, and Boksburg.

MOTHER MONICA.

Mother Monica, who is the eldest sister, has spent most of her religious life in South Africa. During the Boer War the Convent in Johannesburg was burned down and the nuns were forced to flee. Mother Monica met many Limerick soldiers during that period and made many friends.

The nuns are sisters of Mr. Dominic Lipper, 58 Fair Green, and aunts of Mick Lipper, the noted Limerick soccer player, of 4 Greenhills, Garryowen; Mrs. Amersey, of Bombay, and Sister Paula, Italy, who was formerly of Wolfe Tone Street, Limerick.