

# QUOTATIONS FROM THE LETTERS OF FRANK DUFF PERTAINING TO *MARIA LEGIONIS*

It is unique amongst its type of magazine, inasmuch as it is all Legion. You will find therein no articles about Sunrise on the Apennines, or the Poetry of Francis Thompson. The contents are all honest-to-goodness Legion stuff, and very readable at that.

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I presume that the Legion Journal continues to reach you quarterly and to keep you in touch with all the movements throughout the world.

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I am very glad to hear of the success of your efforts to increase the sale of the Legion journal – so much so that you are proposing to increase the next order again. If all places were able to do what you are managing it would ease many of the trials of the zealous Committee in charge of Maria Legionis.

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The reading of the Legion Journal will help you to see the rather wonderful spirit which is evoked in people when they become Legionaries.

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I suggest that you read the Legion journal regularly.

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I am wondering among other things if you have ever come across the Legion journal. I am sure from the tone of your letter that it would interest you greatly. If you have not already seen it I would be happy to forward you some back numbers. The reading of these would increase your interest for the Legion, and enable you to keep in closer touch with it.

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Always in the future bear in mind the need of the Legion Journal for good clear photographs of Legionary things. But endeavour to make these interesting in their type. Try to see that each one presents some special feature about it which would cause it to stand out in the pages of Maria Legionis. When there is a group, arrange it in such a fashion as to give it some element of the special. Most of the groups of Legionaries which come to us are so unenterprisingly arranged as to look one just like another.

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You remark that you find Maria Legionis a most valuable supplement to the Handbook. Actually it is imperative that Legionaries, if they really want to be good members, should read the Legion Journal. If one does not read it, there is a very great tendency to stagnate. Unless members have before them the works and new ideas of other places, they will find that they will tend to lag behind. Try to get over to your fellow-members this need for the reading of Maria Legionis. The circulation in America is deplorable, so bad in fact that there is now talk of ceasing to print the U.S.A. edition. That would represent a sad confession of failure.

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We have no advertisements, as you will have seen. If we were willing to incorporate these latter, we would be doing very well financially. However, this exclusion of advertising matter represents deliberate policy on our part, persevered in the teeth of expert advice to the effect that it would be impossible for the Journal to pay its way without advertisements. But even from the first issue the Journal demonstrated the contrary.

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I will try within the next week or so to get down something of the kind that you ask for. But I should think that a glance through the issues of the Legion journal, which have appeared to date, would afford a far better conspectus than anything I could get together.

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I wonder if copies of Maria Legionis, the Legion Journal, have reached you yet. They have just come to hand here. It really represents a great achievement for the volunteer editorial staff. The whole production is eminently readable. We ought to make a terrific effort to get it into the hands of the Auxiliary members. It is really more important that they should be readers than the Active Members, who are already in fair touch with their organisation. In most cases the Auxiliary Members have little or no touch.

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