

BOOK REVIEWS

Halpern, R., ed. *Brother Joseph Dutton, 1843–1931, A Saint for Vermont.* Stowe, Vermont, U.S.A.: Blessed Sacrament Church, 1981, 28 pp. Price: US\$5.00.

This volume, issued as part of the 50th anniversary of the death of Brother Joseph Dutton, consists of four sections: 1) an account of the life of Dutton; 2) a brief note on the current state of leprosy research; 3) a history of the activities surrounding the decision to build Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe, Vermont (Dutton's birthplace), which was intended as a tribute to the suffering of persons afflicted with leprosy as well as to the activities of Damien and Dutton; and 4) a detailed description of the Church itself, including black and white plates showing the decorative panels in the church which depict scenes from life at the leprosarium on Molokai.

Brother Joseph Dutton was Vermont-born, raised in Wisconsin, a Civil War veteran, a reformed alcoholic, a sometime railroad clerk, and finally a War Department bureaucrat, who embraced the Catholic faith when he was 40 years old. Three years later, in 1886, wishing to find a fit instrument by which to serve his God, Dutton decided to join Father Damien at his "leper" colony on Molokai, Hawaiian Islands. At that time Dutton knew next to nothing about leprosy or of conditions at the leprosarium, nor did Father Damien even know that he was due to come. His arrival was providential since Father Damien himself was in the advanced stages of leprosy at that time. For the next 45 years, Dutton provided service to God through service to His servants on Molokai. The Blessed Sac-

rament Church in Stowe, Vermont, fulfills the dual purpose of parish church for the residents of the town as well as being outward and visible symbol of a struggle that has still not ended.—G. Gordon

Rehabilitation International, in cooperation with the United Nations. *The Economics of Disability: International Perspectives.* New York, New York, U.S.A.: Rehabilitation International, 1981, 238 pp. Price: US\$15.00.

The first international document of its kind on the economics of disability and rehabilitation, this publication contains the Report of the United Nations Expert Group on the "Socio-Economic Implications of Investments in Rehabilitation for the Disabled" (Geneva, 1977); excerpts from the U.N. study *Rehabilitation for the Disabled: The Socio-Economic Implications of Investments for this Purpose* (1977); bibliographic summations of related literature from 40 nations; a bibliography of 140 references; and a "publication resources" section with the addresses of all publishers cited in the text. It is illustrated with charts and photographs. The foreword by the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs describes this volume: "The Report shows clearly that investment in well-organized, efficient rehabilitation services not only helps disabled persons to become active members of society but also, in the final analysis, leads to savings to national economies, since rehabilitation means increased utilization of important human resources."—*(Adapted from publication announcement)*