

THE YEAR 1868 saw the Brooklyn congregation of the Regular Order of Saint Francis receive legal status under the title, "The Saint Francis Monastery of the City of Brooklyn," as granted by the Legislature of the State of New York.

ON MAY 8, 1884, the New York State Legislature empowered the trustees to "establish a literary college in the City of Brooklyn under the title of St. Francis College, with the same power to confer diplomas and literary honors and degrees as is possessed by Universities and Colleges of this State." The first Bachelor of Arts Degree was conferred in June, 1885; seven years later, the first Bachelor of Science degree was granted.



OLD ST. LEONARD'S ACADEMY
South Fourth Street



St. Leonard's Academy was founded in 1880 for the purpose of meeting the educational needs of the Williamsburgh section of Brooklyn.



"An act to incorporate"
THE ST. FRANCIS' MONASTERY
 of the City of Brooklyn

Passed May 8th, 1884, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section I. Section one of chapter eight hundred and fifty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section I. John Loughlin, D.D., Robert Magner, Joseph Hill, James Carrier and Patrick Garvey and their associates and successors shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued in any Court of competent jurisdiction, make and use a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure, and may take, receive, hold and enjoy by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, any real estate or personal property not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, but any devise or bequest thereto in trust or otherwise by any person having a husband, wife, child or parent, of more than one half of his or her estate after payment of his or her debts shall be valid only to the extent of said one half of said estate, and no devise or bequest thereto shall be valid in any other case.

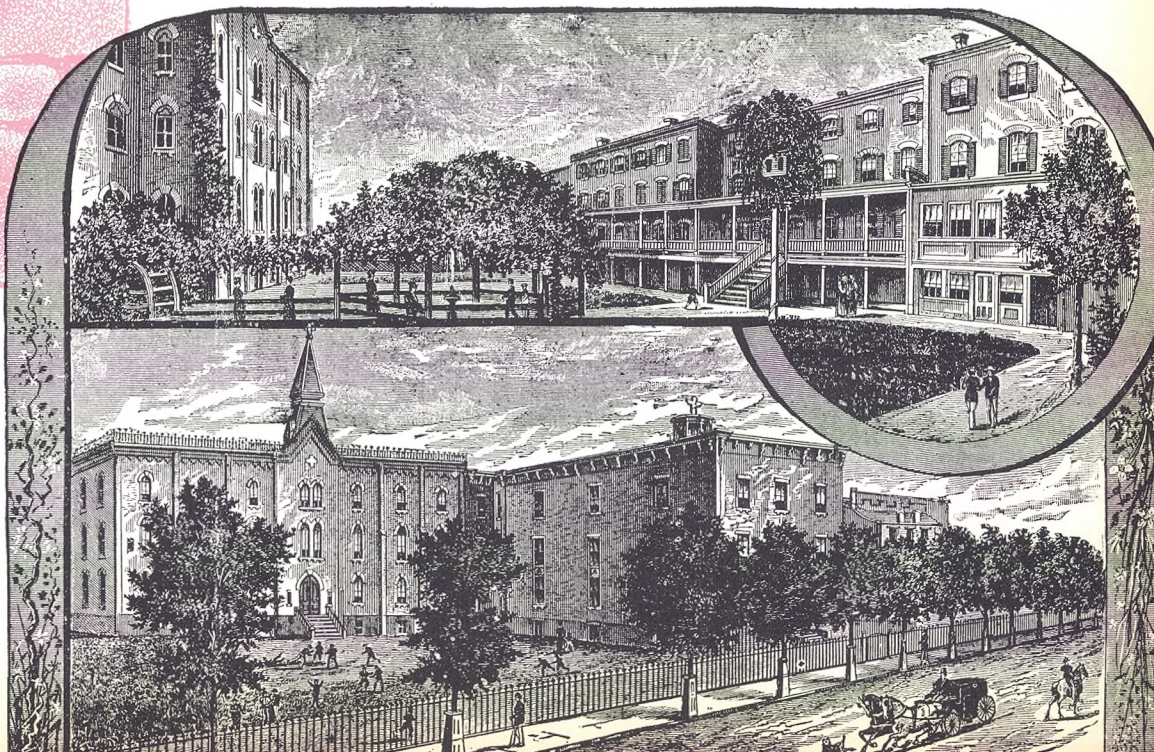
BROOKLYN CITIZEN, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1884
BROOKLYN'S FRIARY.

MEDIAEVAL MONKS IN MODERN DAYS.

How the Sons of St. Francis Live and Teach.

During the first week of the present month of October a chapter of the American Province of the Franciscan Order of Minor Conventuals was held at Syracuse, N. Y., at which the Most Rev. Bonaventura Soldatch, of Rome, Italy, was present to direct and preside. With one exception he is the only General of the order who has ever visited America, the purpose of his trip being to examine the condition of the cloisters in the American Province, with the view of improving them. Delegates were present from the various cloisters in America, and the Province was divided into an eastern and western "Custos." Rev. Clemens Luitz, of Utica, N. Y., was made Guardian of the East, and the Rev. Vincenz Duimorich, of Louisiana, Guardian of the West. The Rev. Miller, of Louisville, Ky., was appointed Custos of the Latin term for the head of a convent of Franciscan monks.

Besides this second chapter founded by St. Francis a few years between the cloister and the world. "Brothers and Sisters of the Poor" now known as "Tertiaries" and women were to be both soberly, fast more strictly practice works of charity ordinary people in the abstain from dances and the ing and contentions, not to the fence of the church or their no unnecessary oaths. An if sons joined the order, and, some of them desiring to take in communities, but still the third order, there sprang up of "Regular Tertiaries," from teaching Brothers and School and the Sisters of the Poor of States of our Republic. In a (1883) Pope Leo XIII. very order to the careful attention part of Christendom be embraced near



St. Francis Monastery and College Buildings in 1884.