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THE PASTORAL SILVER JUBILEE
OF MONSIGNOR DOM MAURUS CARUANA
O.S.B., K.C.V.O., G.C.O.G.
ARCHBISHOP-BISHOP OF MALTA

"Scientia" deems it both an honour and pleasure to publish the present special number in commemoration of the episcopal silver jubilee of His Grace Mons Dom Maurus Caruana, O. S. B., our beloved Archbishop.

Twenty-five years ago Malta received him exactly in the same circumstances in which we find ourselves to-day: the whole world engulfed in a terrific war crisis. Our little island, weak in everything but in faith and courage, was already beginning to feel the strain imposed by the common sacrifice; we had offered our first victims and paid our first instalment of blood, sorrow and affliction. Then, more than ever, we were in need of a fatherly heart to sooth our grief-stricken souls.

The nomination of Monsignor Caruana as Bishop of Malta brought a wave of hope and happiness into every Maltese home and a clear sign of the population's attachment to him was given him when, on the 25th. February 1915, he received the cordial welcome of the flock which had thronged and crowded the bastions and shores of the city to solemnise his arrival.

Our Archbishop was born in Floriana on the 16th. November 1867 and was baptised in the parish church of St. Publius. At the age of 17 he joined the Benedictine Order in Scotland and 7 years later, on the 14th March, 1891, he was ordained priest at Fort Augustus. His talents soon launched him from one brilliant career to another: he was first, parish priest in Scotland, then, private secretary to Mons. Agius, in the Phillipines and

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then again parish priest at Fort Augustus. On the 22nd January 1915 he was elected Bishop of Malta and on the 10th February, feast of St. Paul's coming to Malta, he was consecrated at Rome in the Basilica of S. Maria in Trastevere, by Cardinal Merry del Val.

A year later the new Archbishop received an eloquent proof of the people's love and devotion to him when he celebrated the 25th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Rich and poor, young and old tried to manifest their affection and loyalty to him and all Malta was happy to see the smile of appreciation on his lips as thousands of boys and girls bearing bunches of flowers, betook themselves to his palace to receive his fatherly blessing. On that occasion the Committee for the festivities had offered a sum of money to the Archbishop as a gift of commemoration. The Pastor accepted the money but the whole sum was spent by him, partly in great quantity of loaves to be distributed among the poor and partly for the need of the seminary.

In the course of these past 25 years our population's love for him has never diminished. He has always been considered as the loving father whose only aim in life has been his children's welfare. We shall always remember the various acclamations of public devotion shown to him while returning to his palace after a pontifical high mass sung by him with precision of ritual ceremonies the like of which Malta has never seen. We shall never forget the scenes of filial love shown to him lately in the glorious demonstrations improvised by the population after the high mass of the 25th anniversary of the international Eucharistic Congress. Above all, history will present him immortal throughout the remaining ages for the two monuments which he has erected in our island. The first monument is the magnificent church of St. Gregory which is commonly considered as one of the most beautiful churches in the island; the second monument is the title acquired by Malta through the gui-

dance of Monsignor Caruana, from the late Pope Pius XI: **Malta most noble and most catholic.**

While publishing this special number of commemoration, "Scientia" is fulfilling two pleasant duties: as a review published for the Maltese it is representing the feelings of the whole population; as a Dominican publication it intends to show the spirit of union and brotherhood which has always existed between the two great Orders of St. Benedict and St. Dominic. This bond of friendship has always grown stronger especially in the field of science, and it is for this reason that "Scientia" offers its humble homage of affection and admiration to the worthy son of St. Benedict, Dom Maurus Caruana.

We thank him for what he has done for our population and for all the sacrifices sustained heroically by him during the past 25 years. May God grant him long years of happiness and heavenly blessings surrounded by the unceasing affection of his devoted flock.

AD MULTOS ANNOS