

will the Jesuit Order be like other orders? Other orders, all of them, had female branches. There are Franciscan convents, groups of women following the rules of the Franciscan order. There are Dominican convents. There is one right across the street over here - a convent of the Dominican Order - it is women rather than men - but it is connected with the Dominican Order and under the Dominican rules and the Dominican purposes. They have a retreat over there - frequently through the years they'll have a large number of people there for the weekend and a chance when they can impress their doctrines and their views on them. I haven't seen many people going lately but our first year it seemed that every week somebody would come walking up to our building over there and ask if this was the convent and I even found them wandering around this building who came to get the members of their family at the end of a retreat, looking for them - didn't know exactly where it was and thought this was it. They have the very fine, I think it's the

(4.) very fine building which they got not many years ago and are using for this purpose. But the female sections of these various orders have been very active and very helpful to them. Now Isabella Roesser wanted Loyola to start a female branch of the Jesuit Order and when he was in Rome in 1543, she came to Rome accompanied by two friends bringing a large sum of money which they gave him, which he sorely needed to erect buildings for his headquarters in Rome, and she said in return they asked him to give them some time to advise them in spiritual things. He did this but not with the minuteness nor at the length they expected. He declared that guidance of the souls of the three ladies for three days cost him more than the oversight of the whole society for a month. And then it appeared that she wanted more. She was a woman of great gifts, an able woman, she had studied theology widely, her learning^{and} ability impressed the cardinals whom she met - she wanted Ignatius to create an order of Jesuit nuns of whom she