

LIFE-SAVING DRILL AT A MONASTERY - Monks of

the Isle of Lerins carry out their annual exercises with rocket apparatus.

-Off S. France-

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Picture.:- Shut in from the world by these high monastery walls, the Monks of the Isle of Lerins also have the sea as guardian of their solitude.

Monastic vows or walls, however, do not shut out desire to help those mariners--

--who brave the uncertain temper of the seas of Southern France. Once a year they carry--

--out drill with life-saving rocket apparatus in order--

--to be ready to succour those in peril on the sea. The rockets have been--

fired, the life line connected and one of the members of the Order tests the--

--rescue buoy, while his brethren haul in the living cargo. Two occasions of saving shipwrecked crews--

--during the last sixty years have justified this work of mercy.