

OBITUARY

SISTER ST. CATHARINE

On Saturday, May 30th, death summoned to her eternal reward, Sister St. Catharine of St. Joseph's Convent, Pembroke, at the age of thirty-one years, after an illness of six months. She was known in the world as Anastasia Lynch, Maynooth, Ont. She was one of the first young ladies to enter the Novitiate which was founded in Pembroke, September, 1921.

On Monday, June 1st, Solemn Mass of Requiem was sung by His Lordship P. T. Ryan, Bishop of Pembroke, in the convent chapel. Assisting His Lordship were Monsignor Lorrain as Assistant Priest, Rev. A. J. Reynolds, P. P., Killaloe, as deacon and Rev. W. Breen, Chancellor of St. Columba's Cathedral, Pembroke, as sub-deacon. Deacons of honor were Rev. T. Brady, P. P., Maynooth, and Rev. T. J. Sloan, P. P., St. John the Baptist parish, Pembroke. Present in the sanctuary were Revs. P. S. Dowdall, J. Bourke, E. T. McNally, T. J. Dwyer and T. P. Holly. Besides the members of her own community, from the missions, there were present the Grey Nuns of the Holy Cross from Mary Immaculate Convent and General Hospital, Pembroke.

In a very impressive sermon His Lordship, Bishop Ryan, paid a touching tribute to the deceased religious. He spoke of her cheerful patience and loving submission to the holy will of God, who called her to Himself after she had spent only a few years in the religious life.

The interment took place in St. Columba's Cemetery, Pembroke. At the grave were Rt. Rev. Mgr. Lorrain, Fathers Dowdall, Sloan, McNally, Bourke, Brady and Holly.

The deceased laments to mourn her loss, her sorrowing parents, three brothers, two sisters and two aunts, Sisters Anastasia and Zepherine of St. Joseph's Convent, Hamilton, R. I. P.

MRS. F. L. DIXON

A wife and mother of the highest Christian type was taken suddenly and sadly on Monday afternoon in the death of Mrs. F. L. Dixon of Sudbury, Ont. With her husband, nine children, whose ages range from eighteen months to sixteen years, are left mourning. Deceased, who was but thirty-five years of age, failed to rally after a serious operation performed at 10 o'clock that morning. She died at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. A woman who, with her keen interest in her family and in the performance of her home duties, seemed untiring, the late Mrs. Dixon had been in apparent good health until a little over a week ago when she was taken ill.

An operation was advised and, on Sunday evening, in going to St. Joseph's Hospital she walked out to the car and was in a cheerful mood. For a time after the operation there was hope for her recovery but her strength failed her and she passed away 5 hours later. Respected as one of the best wives and mothers, a cheerful, friendly disposition won for her scores of friends. She was a member of St. Joseph's parish and was a willing and energetic worker for her church. Deceased was corresponding secretary of the Catholic Women's League. The children left motherless are: Mary, aged sixteen; Dorothy, fifteen; Margaret, fourteen; Frank, twelve; Angus, eleven; Florence, seven; Nicholas, five; Jean, three; Fay, eighteen months. Deceased was, before her marriage, Miss Mary Fay, of Almonte, and is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fay, of Ottawa; six sisters, Mrs. A. O'Connor, of Capreol; Mrs. C. Kelly of Ottawa; Mrs. T. O'Regan of Ottawa; Mrs. Meehan of Almonte; Mrs. Cecil Hughes of Ottawa; Miss Zita Fay, at school in Toronto, and two

brothers, Thomas of Ottawa, and Jack, of Rochester, N. Y. Rev. Canon T. P. Fay, of St. Bridget's Church, Ottawa and Rev. John R. O'Gorman of Cobalt, Ont., cousins. The three eldest girls, Mary, Dorothy and Margaret, are students at St. Joseph's Academy in North Bay and were not aware of their mother's illness. They were called home Monday evening. The funeral was held from her late residence on Cedar St. to St. Joseph's Church, at 9 o'clock Thursday morning where a Requiem High Mass was sung. Interment was made in the Roman Catholic cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community in their great loss. May her soul rest in peace.

MRS. JOSEPH MERAW

On Saturday, May 17th, 1925, occurred the death of Mrs. Joseph Meraw, wife of Mr. Joseph Meraw of Hungerford. Although Mrs. Meraw had been a patient sufferer from rheumatism for some months, death was sudden and unexpected, following a complication of only a few days duration. She died peacefully, fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church of which she was a most devout member.

The late Mrs. Meraw was born in Ireland about fifty-nine years ago, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy. She came to Canada when a young girl making her home with Mr. James Quinn of Tweed, until her marriage to Mr. Meraw in 1890. Besides her sorrowing husband she is survived by two daughters, Sister Mary Ita of the Franciscan Convent, Rock Island, Ill., Miss Rose at home; three sons, James, John and Edward of Hungerford; two sisters, Rev. Mother Mary Gabriel of St. Francis Hospital, Kewanee, Ill., Mrs. Catharine Madden of Rock Island, Ill., who were present during her illness, and two sisters and two brothers residing in Ireland.

The sterling qualities of a truly Christian wife, mother and neighbor were exemplified in the character and life of the deceased, her unassuming charity and open-hearted hospitality being far-reaching. The appreciation of these qualities and the esteem in which Mrs. Meraw was held were attested to in the many spiritual offerings for the repose of her soul, and the very large attendance at the obsequies.

The funeral was held on Monday morning at St. Carthage Church, the Mass being celebrated by Rev. Jonas Feeney of Brockville, after which interment took place in St. Carthage cemetery. Rev. D. A. Cullinane of Stoco, Rev. S. LeSage of Stirling, and Rev. B. F. Farrell of Marmora were present as well as friends from Cobourg, Perth, Stoco, Matiback and Marmora. May her soul rest in peace.

CIVILIZATION'S PERIL

The tremendous growth of physical and chemical science threatens the destruction of Western civilization, the Rev. Dr. James H. Ryan told students of the Catholic University, Washington, at the annual observance of St. Thomas Aquinas Day, Archbishop Curley, Chancellor of the university, was present, and Senator David I. Walsh was a guest of honor. Dr. Ryan spoke at a Solemn High Mass celebrated by the Right Rev. Mgr. George A. Dougherty, vice-rector of the university.

"Give us fifty more years of development in physical and chemical science, such as that which characterized the last fifty years, add to this another World War, and Western civilization would be utterly destroyed by the awful forces let loose from our laboratories," he declared. "The growth of science is the most significant development in the last century in its influence on men's thinking and men's lives, he said. Mechanistic in its outlook and materialistic in its outcome and influence, it has 'interpreted' all things, including man, in terms of mathematics, and has succeeded in reading out of philosophy every category which even remotely involves freedom, purpose, end, or value."

"A universe so organized has in it no place for freedom," he continued, "and a philosophy so conceived can scarcely be both a science with problems of man's nature, his present welfare, viewing him as a responsible individual, or his future existence. Mechanism thus comes before us as a unitary view of the world, an all-embracing science, and an all-embracing philosophy. For it, psychology, ethics, sociology, and theology are aspects of biology, which latter upon analysis turns out to be but a phase of mathematics. The universe, therefore, is a closed system, to the understanding and control of which nothing but a deeper knowledge of mechanistic science itself will avail."

While there is universal pride in the achievements of science, said Dr. Ryan, men are beginning to fear this tremendous force which is being placed in the hands of every one, "wise man as well as fool." Thinkers are wondering how it can be made to serve the greater human needs. Already, he pointed out, this "false ethic of materialistic science" is reaping a part of the whirlwind in the knowledge that it has created a world of cold, cruel egotism, ruled almost universally by the pleasure motive.

This present-day philosophy, said Dr. Ryan, is, it is evident, incompatible with the teachings of Christ, which must be taken into account

in any effort to form an adequate conception of life.

"Mechanistic science will never succeed in bringing about a world in which we can live safely, for it is a short-sighted, false view both of nature and of man. By destroying the moral law, it has at the same time destroyed all hopes of either nations or individuals acting except for their own selfish purposes."

Once before, he reminded, in an age dominated by materialism there arose a man, St. Thomas, who succeeded in correlating the doctrines of Christianity with the philosophical ferment of the day. The task is faced again today, he said, but there must be brought to bear many minds to accomplish the same end, since modern problems are so complex and varied that it is inconceivable a single mind may cope with them.

"I venture to think that if St. Thomas were alive today," he added, "he would conceive the primary function of a great Catholic University to be precisely the doing for our modern world what he himself did so well; namely, to work out a logical and satisfying construction of the whole range of knowledge in its manifold relations to philosophy, theology, and to human life."

"In this huge task," he concluded, "the graduates of a Catholic University have most important duties, and he admonished the students to demonstrate to an unbelieving world that the Church of the Ages carries on as the guardian of science, of philosophy, of faith, of morality."

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"The public must never be admitted to gymnasiums for girls."

"The sexes must be kept separate in swimming exercises and bathing, and attendants must be of the same sex as the members of the classes. Exhibition swimming of women should be prohibited."

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