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Obituary.

MARY ANGELA CHRISTOPHER.

A few weeks past the religious community of the Archdiocese of St. John's have been bereaved of their members. Two venerable members of the Presentation Convent, Mother Bernard O'Connell and Sister Gertrude Walsh, passed away in immediate succession. Sister Mary Angela Christopher, of the same community, although Sister Angela had spent but ten years of her young life as a religious, was a devoted and earnest member of her religious community. She was a devoted and earnest member of her religious community. She was a devoted and earnest member of her religious community.

quiem Mass in the Convent oratory. The following message from his Grace the Archbishop indicates the esteem in which the deceased religious was held.

"I tender to Belvedere my heartfelt sympathy on Sister M. Angela's death, which I heard with deep personal regret. She will be sadly missed by the Community, but most of all by the orphans for whom she worked so unselfishly during her short religious life."

†E. P. ROCHE.
Sister M. Angela is survived by her mother, sister and brother. To them, as well as to the Sisters of Mercy, sincere sympathy is extended. May her soul rest in peace.

"The Loves of Pharaoh" a Wonder Feature

GEDDES SCORES A TRIUMPH IN HIS SPECIAL RENDITIONS.

Presenting one of the most magnificent picture subjects seen here in many months, "The Loves of Pharaoh," an Ernest Lubitsch production for Paramount, was shown with unqualified success at the Majestic Theatre last night. Mr. Lubitsch, the creator of "Passion" and "Deception," has outdone himself in this remarkable production.

The scenes are laid in Egypt in the days of the Pharaohs and to say that they are massive and that as a spectacle, this picture is unrivalled, is expressing it mildly. Nor is the story lost in the spectacle. The people of the play, Pharaoh Ameneh, the all-powerful King of Egypt, cold and cruel as the ruler of his people, but tender and a vain supplicant for love at the feet of a free-spirited slave girl, is made a true character by Emil Jennings. Paul Wegener, as the King of the Ethiopians, is clear and definite and contrasting. More expressive pantomime than that of these two has seldom, if ever, been seen on the screen. And the new Austrian actress, Dagny Serre, is a handsome woman, who is able to act. She gives the slave girl all needed vitality. Hendy Liedtke, too, as the young Egyptian, whom the slave loves, gives an animated and accurate performance.

So there is story as well as grandeur to "The Loves of Pharaoh." It is one of the truly exceptional works of the screen. Added to the above spectacular feature, Mr. Cameron Geddes sang three songs, including "Alone in the Desert," which called for repeated encores. To-night the same bill and screen lovers should not fall to miss the feature which employs over one

Spencer Club Entertainment

The annual card party and dance of the Spencer Club, in aid of the College, was held in Spencer College Hall last evening. About two hundred and fifty persons were present, which was a record attendance. It was voted a complete success from start to finish, the majority of the dancers remaining for the closing dance, which was about 1:30 this morning. The music for the dance was provided by Mrs. Harvey Jardine, piano; Miss Morris, violin; Mr. Walsh, drums and effects. The card party was in two sections, about half playing auction forty-fives and the remainder playing bridge. The winners of the bridge were Dr. G. N. Murphy and Mrs. Murphy, whilst the auction forty-fives prizes were won by Mr. Andrew Carrell and Mrs. Hart. The prizes were presented by Miss Harrington, Principal of Spencer College, who thanked those present for their support of the College. Supper was served by the ladies of the Spencer Club, after which the dance programme was continued.

Revolutionary Changes

IN LAW OF DIVORCE PASSED BY LORDS—DOGGED OPPOSITION OF BISHOPS.

The Church rallied all its forces in the House of Lords to kill Lord Buckmaster's newest proposals for divorce reform. The opposition, however, failed, and a Bill which makes revolutionary changes, passed its second reading by 88 votes to 51.

The bishops were there in full strength, and the Church of England lastly, headed by Lord Daryngton—formerly Mr. Pike Peace, M.P.—appeared in such numbers that the crimson benches were more crowded than they have been for months.

Lord Buckmaster has spent months in trying to overcome the religious convictions and prejudices that still bar the way to alterations in the divorce law. He fought again yesterday, eloquently and passionately.

The Bill, second reading of which he moved, extended the grounds of divorce to include—
Desertion for three years.
Cruelty.
Habitual drunkenness.
Insanity.
Imprisonment for life.

His speech was so moving that at the end of it one person forgetfully outraged all the strict traditions of the House of Lords by enthusiastically clapping his hands. Then Lord Daryngton, President of the Church Army, rose, and basing himself on the literal interpretation of selected scriptural texts, declared that "the Bill is contrary to the teachings of Christ." That was the keynote of the opposition.

Lord Buckmaster, dealing with insanity, said that the only objection which had been raised against this being a ground of divorce was that which had been advanced by the Duke of Northumberland, whose argument was that there was no reason why insanity should be distinguished from other diseases. Insanity, replied Lord Buckmaster, was the most awful scourge that afflicted mankind.

"It leaves a person who was a husband or a wife something which is but a shadow. Either there must be divorce, or you must allow the man or woman to continue life without the slightest prospect of the social amenities and enjoyments that are supposed to form the foundation of married life."

As for desertion, that, he said, related almost exclusively to the poor, and he instanced a recent case in which two sisters, married on the same day, were both deserted within a fortnight.

It fell to Lord Daryngton to move the rejection. His speech was a sermon by one of the foremost figures among the Church's laymen—utterly sincere, but stern and unyielding.

Scriptural texts and allusions poured from him, and always he came back to the same point. "This Bill allows the breaking of the Divine law and helps to disguise from our people the fact that, according to that law, they would be living in sin. The Archbishop of Canterbury threw his weight against the Bill. The hard cases, he argued, were not typical cases, and he declared that there was no evidence that the mass of the people wanted the grounds of divorce extended.

Lord FitzAlan, as a Roman Catholic, admitted that the Bill did not affect him or his co-religionists, but he "dreaded its effects on the morality of the country."

The view of Lord Haldane was that so large a change could only be made if there was a settled public opinion behind the Bill. He was personally in favor of the second reading, but the Government must leave the decision to Parliament.

Further opposition to the Bill came from the Bishop of Norwich, who argued that the sole ground for divorce should be misconduct, but the second reading was carried by the

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CHANCES WE MISS EVERY DAY.
(By JOHN BLUNT.)

A great many people fail to grasp the opportunities of the future because they are always harping back in their minds upon the lost opportunities of the past. They are averrally thinking, "If only I had done so and so," instead of thinking, "If only I do so and so."

But in these vain regrets there is a double fallacy. To begin with they forget that they could not have foretold how the future was going to turn out. It is already the past, and secondly, they forget that the missed opportunities are an invaluable experience for the unknown opportunities that lie before them.

A man has to carve out his path from thousands of possible tracks and not one man in a million is so fortunate as always to do the right thing. Indeed, the very wisest of men might invariably have been much wiser, just as the richest of men might invariably have been much richer—if only they had been able to peer into the future.

"I Might."
The real faculty of deploring missed chances is that, logically speaking, if we regret any missed chance we ought to regret tens of thousands of them. For every day every one of us is missing the most wonderful chances. If I sell out some shares and they rise next day, I think to myself, "If only I had kept my shares," but

why should I regret that one transaction more than all the other transactions in shares which rose, that I might have made? They were one and all of them missed opportunities.

Regret that makes us wiser or better in the future may be a good thing, but mere vague regret that we did not do all those things which the future has shown us would have been to our advantage is worse than useless. It stultifies the imagination; it makes us live in the past instead of in the present; it embitters without enlightening.

The Bad We Miss.
And yet how natural it is to everybody. We all have our day dreams of what might have been. But when we bewail our missed good fortune, ought we not to rejoice over our missed bad fortune? The excellent opportunities which we let slip are no more numerous than the bad pitfalls which we avoid, and if a few of us win a first prize in large sweepstakes very few of us also get killed in railway accidents.

But the tendency of mankind is to forget that negative things play as important a part in our lives as positive things. We envy the man who becomes famous; we do not congratulate ourselves for not becoming infamous. But in the spirit of chance which rules so large a portion of our lives either event might have happened without our being appreciably better or worse, cleverer or stupider, than we are.

The Biggest Thrill.
One often thinks idly to oneself that it would have been nice to have been born a genius or a duke or a millionaire or the most beautiful woman in

Europe, but one seldom thinks how wonderful it is to have been born at all. And yet it is quite obvious that the mere fact of having been born with a consciousness is infinitely more thrilling than any other possibility connected with humanity.

I expect that when I have finished this article and look it over I will think, "If only I had done it differently, it would have been better"; but though that is, no doubt, perfectly true, let me rather think how strange it is that anybody should be able to write anything at all, even the alphabet.—Daily Mail.

Steamer Seal on Dock

The steamers Melakoff and Sebastopol, which have been on dock for several days past, undergoing general repairs, were removed from the basin yesterday afternoon. The S.S. Seal was immediately placed on dock to receive her annual overhauling, while some damages to her rudder during the seal fishery, will also be repaired.

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