

ceive from the sisters here will not make them good Christians nor loyal citizens. The chaplain is too kind to the children, and he must by all means be kept off the premises, because his conduct towards the children is a reproach to the Sister of Charity who vows that she is a servant of the poor.

"One of these sisters, a novice, who a few weeks previously made her temporary vows, announced publicly that she was going to the Mother House to complain to that most powerful body that the chaplain was too kind to the orphan children of this institution. Needless to say, every sister eagerly awaited the result of this announcement, and in due time the carriage rolled away from the door to convey to the Mother House, ere the shades of evening fell, this worthy aspirant to the religious life. Did she receive the approval of her higher superiors there? Notwithstanding that he neither addressed a word nor a look of reproach to her, we must conclude that her superiors placed the seal of their approval on her attitude of rebellion and strike, because she returned bolder, more defiant, and in a higher state of rebellion, and with the knowledge and approval of her superiors has continued in this state of rebellion and strike for high one year. On more than one occasion lay persons threatened to call in the officers of the law to check the brutal treatment of helpless infants by this so-called Sister of Charity. The Superior of this house is aware of this. Has she tried to correct it? Or did she rush to the phone to lay the matter before the Superior General? Continuation of this conduct would lead us to suppose that she did neither. This novice has gone so far as to try and place children out in the absence and without the knowledge of any Superior.

"Our rule says that a novice cannot be in charge of an office, but must be in dependence on a Community Sister. Here are novices who are incapable of keeping themselves clean. They are placed in charge of helpless children. Why? We cannot tell, but circumstances would prove that it is done for the purpose of hiding from the Community the deplorable conditions of this house, and the neglect and dirt in which the children are living without enough clothing to cover them from the weather.

"The Superior of this house has not only violated every rule, but she has violated the laws of the land, and at the present moment is liable to prosecution. She has kept boys of school age habitually out of school standing for hours at the front door with the horse in all kinds of inclement weather, while she wandered aimlessly about the house. Were it not for the intervention of the Archbishop, moved by the intercession of a layman, one of her boy victims who had been in our Orphanage from infancy would have been thrown out superfluous and homeless one of the coldest February nights of the past winter. This heartlessness is one of many samples of her utter unfitness for the position which she has degraded with your knowledge for almost three years.

"No man or woman, not even a tramp, can remain on the premises for a few days without being moved at the neglected condition of our orphans. In dark, subterranean passages, where a ray of daylight never entered from meal time to meal time, without a Sister's eye upon them, little boys under school age, some of whom have not reached the age of reason, were left alone with tramps and grown-up imbeciles, and have become in some cases moral degenerates, as was often predicted, but any person

who made a suggestion was insulted. Our Lord said it would be better that a mill stone be tied about our necks, and we be cast into the depths of the sea, than scandalize one of these little ones. Surely the blood of those innocent children will be upon the heads of this administration?

"The term of office of this administration is, we hope, drawing to a close. It is but reasonable to suppose that every member of the institute would ask herself what has this administration been to the institute? Will the members of this administration ask themselves how they have discharged their obligations to the Community who placed them in office? What answer the conscience of each one will be we cannot tell, but every unselfish Sister will unhesitatingly answer they have lived in luxury and ease, and have dragged the Community down into the mud. If God looks with complacency on this administration then He certainly has deceived us, and He has allowed His Church to err. Elected by the Community to manage the affairs of the institute they have disregarded the Constitutions, and squandered thousands of dollars, the patrimony of the poor.

"Here was a beautiful property of which any Community should be proud. It is placed in charge of a Sister with the intelligence of a three-year-old child, lacking, however, the candor and innocence of a child, as she has no regard for the truth. She is a subject of ridicule, not only to the Sisters, but to the business men of the city, in fact, to all with whom she comes in contact. She is incapable of keeping herself clean, as you know.

"A gang of men is brought in who gut and destroy a beautiful building, and after living for some eight months on the premises they abandon it in a condition for which they should be prosecuted.

"The council, three of whom gave their hearty approval to the installing of a heating plant, the best that modern device could invent for a large building, in less than three years they agree to have this magnificent heating plant, worth thousands of dollars, thrown out in the yard, and an inferior one installed at the expense of thousands of dollars. These women are very guilty before God.

"I am in possession of information from the Protestant foreman who installed the present heating system, and who was shareholder in the firm for which he was working, both at the time of pulling out of the plant and at the time he was speaking to me. After examining the system he said to Frank McPherson it would be wrong for us to disturb this heating plant. It is better than anything we can give. McPherson replied: 'Mother does not want to pay an engineer.' The foreman answered, 'We can take off the dynamo, cut off the steam used in cooking, run the boiler under low pressure, and any boy who can shovel coal can do the work.' McPherson again answered: 'Mother wants the hot water.' The Protestant foreman replied: 'She does not know what she is doing; she does not know that she is throwing out a better article than she is getting. After all, these Sisters are not the people to make on, they have to work hard to make a living,' but the heartless McPherson replied: 'There is a lot of them to make it, pull it out.' Again the honest foreman remonstrated, 'Let us not disturb this plumbing, we can put in returns and turn those coils into hot water use, and save the Community thousands of dollars.' Again McPherson replied:

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