

Religious Reception at Mt. St. Mary's.

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The formal reception of seven new members into Mt. St. Mary's Community on Wednesday, June 11th, is an occurrence of diocesan interest since every considerable increase in the membership of the religious orders of the diocese means a strengthening of the diocese means a strengthening of its educational activities. It is proper, therefore, that the occasion should be invested with a dignity and solemnity befitting the important and sacred character, Rt. Reverend Bishop Morris whose great heart is stirred by every indication of growth, especially if it be of a spiritual nature, in his flock, presided and his presence radiated enthusiasm for the spread of Faith, the diffusion of Hope and the reign of Charity. He was assisted in the sanctuary by his Secretary, Rev. Father Werne, and by the Convent Chaplain, Rev. Father Garrity. Rev. Father Fuerst and Rev. Father Keeney were also present as were several friends of the Sisters and Students of the Academy.

In reply to the Rt. Rev. Bishop's interrogatories regarding their disposition towards the step they were about to take the novices-elect expressed their entire understanding of the obligations it entailed and their purely voluntary assumption of them. The Rt. Rev. Bishop then addressed to them a discourse luminous with spiritual insight which seems not less than his marvellous intellect to account for the keenness of vision which enables him to scan the narrowing vistas of the past, the complex panorama of the present and to forecast the outcome of the vexed situation of the hour with equal clearness. Any attempt to reproduce the Rt. Rev. Bishop's discourse should fail to do it justice. To be appreciated at its worth, it should be heard as it fell from the lips, every sentence framing a pearl of thought pure and lucid from the depths of his scholarly mind or fatherly heart. We shall touch upon two points only; viz, the distinction he drew between the outlook upon life of the religious and that of the worldling, and secondly his definition of asceticism. The religious, he said, sees life black against white—a dark speck of time against the glory and brightness of an eternity of happiness with the God for whose love and service she spends her days in the secluded sanctuary of religion. The worldling on the contrary sees life white against black—a bright point against the dark night of death and oblivion. As the former sets little value on things material and temporal so the latter shows little appreciation of things spiritual and eternal.

Speaking of the asceticism of the religious life he remarked that many even good Christian souls are deterred by their erroneous idea of it. They do not realize he said that there is quite as much asceticism practised by men and women who strive for success in any profession as by good monks and nuns—Asceticism had two fold significance—it implies abstinence from all that retards one's progress in any chosen line of endeavour and a devotion to all that may accelerate his advancement towards the goal he has set himself. Even the mere pleasure seeker must deny himself much in order to secure the enjoyment he craves. He curtails his rest, impairs his health and often risks life itself in the pursuit of transitory and harmful pleasures. He may succeed after his own fashion but he pays the price in self-denial and self-sacrifice—in asceticism of a kind. How much more reasonable for us believing as we believe, seeing life as we see it, dark against the light of eternal sunshine, to be ascetics indeed; to forgo, if need be, the fleeting pleasures of time in order to follow our vocation which if we are devoted religious will secure us unbounded and unquestionable success—eternal happiness.

At the conclusion of the Rt. Rev.

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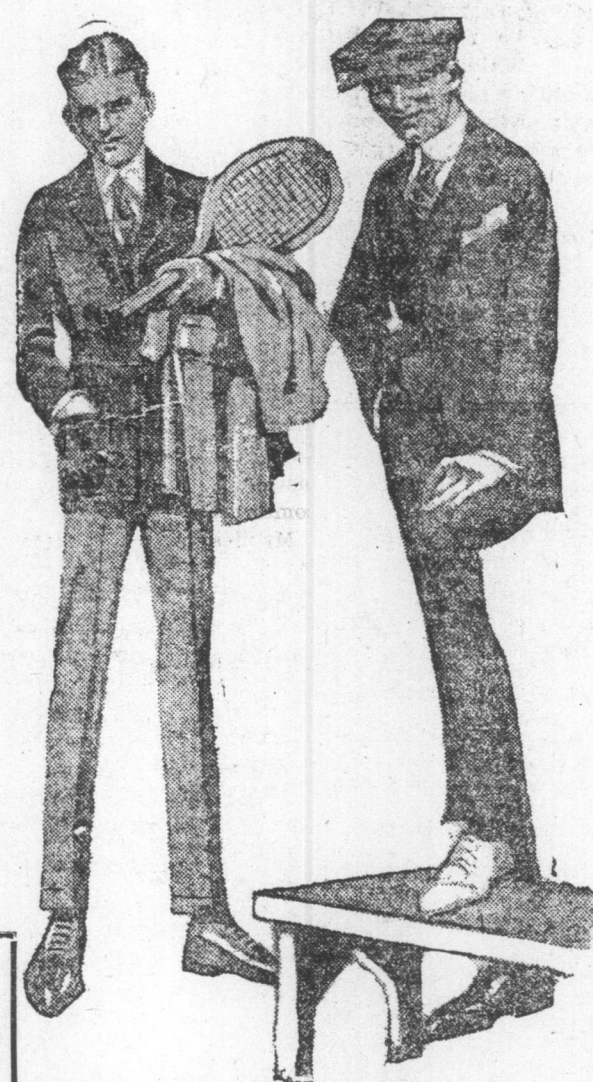
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Bishop's discourse the novices-elect retired to lay aside their secular attire and to don the garb of Sisters of Mercy. On their return to the chapel they received from the Rt. Rev. Bishop's hands the Cincture, Rosary and other accessories of the religious dress which he had blessed during their absence. The Ceremony concluded with Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

The newly-received Sisters will henceforth be known by the following names:—
Miss Mary Queenan, Providence, R. I. Sister Mary Mercy; Miss Mary Keating, St. John's Nfld., Sister Mary Regina; Miss Gertrude MacKay, St. John's, Nfld., Sister Mary Sebastian; Miss Nellie Murphy, Placentia, Nfld., Sister Mary Thomasine; Miss Mary Wakeham, Placentia, Nfld., Sister Mary Louise; Miss Monica Butler, Hr. Grace, Nfld., Sister Mary Alphonsus; Miss Josephine Butler, Hr. Grace,

Nfld., Sister Mary Bernadette. It will scarcely be necessary to mention that six of the above mentioned young ladies left this city for Arkansas last summer accompanied by Sister Catherine Deady.

The experience crossing the country was a trying one, for as will be remembered a regrettable derailment took place at Mount Moriah, Bay of Islands, resulting in more or less serious injury to many of the party.

Owing to a slight indisposition, it was found necessary we are informed, to postpone until July 16th next, the Reception of two of the Newfoundland young ladies—Misses Ida Manning, Odein, and Jennie Edstrom, of St. John's on which occasion they will be clothed in the holy habit and will be the Bishop of Little Rock presiding.

Last week two members of the same community—Sisters Paula McPherson and Helen Walsh—arrived here on a visit to their parents. It will be re-

membered that they too left here in 1910 with Sister Catherine who made her first postulating trip to Newfoundland in that year.

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In the Central District Court.

The King Against William Duff.—This is an inquiry before me into the charge made by the Crown against William Duff, of Carbonear, that the accused, at Holyrood, on the 19th day of June last, feloniously did kill and slay one William Dunphy, a boy of eight years of age.

Nine witnesses were called on behalf of the Crown, and the facts elicited are briefly as follows: The accused left Carbonear about 4.45 on the evening of the 18th of June last in his motor car with a bridal party for O'Rourke's Hotel, South Arm, Holyrood. The accident occurred nearly opposite the residence of William Dunphy, father of the deceased boy, shortly after 7 o'clock the same evening. There were two motor cars stopped near Dunphy's house at the time, one off the road at the eastern entrance, the other opposite the barn on the left side of the road, facing east. The greater portion of the cars would be off the road.

A witness, who was seated in the car, stopped at the eastern entrance, saw the boy, William Dunphy, standing at the rear of the car, near the barn as the accused, Duff's car came up the road from Holyrood. Duff's car was just a short distance from where the boy was standing, about two car lengths away. The boy moved to run across the road from where he was standing, towards the garden, and the witness saw the boy knocked down by the front wheel of the right side of Duff's car, the rear wheel going over his body. The boy was about in the centre of the road when the car struck him. Only two or three seconds elapsed from the time the boy started to run across the road until the car struck him. The car was not speeding.

Another witness, who was standing by the door of the car near the barn, saw a grey car, (Duff's) some distance away, coming along the road from Holyrood. There was then nothing on the road, but the car. The boy, William Dunphy, came from the back of witness's car and ran diagonally across the road and part of the car struck the boy. The speed of the car was not differently from any other car on the road.

Another witness who saw the car coming, was satisfied it was not going at any unusual speed. At the time of the accident, the car was stopped within two lengths of itself. It all seemed to happen like a flash. A witness for the Crown, who was in Duff's car, says, it was slowing down in speed when near the cars at Dunphy's. He had a clear vision ahead for about two hundred yards, did not see the boy on the road until he was picked up. The car was being driven carefully. The accused was watching the road and acting as a careful driver, and at all times had his car under control. The horn was sounded not long before the car got to Dunphy's.

The statement made by the accused is substantially as follows: At the time of the accident, the car was in good running order, with horn and brakes working well. He sounded the horn coming around the South Arm of Holyrood, at the curve, and once at the bend of the road. The horn is a powerful one. He did not blow after passing this bend because there was a clear road ahead with no person or thing on it between that and the scene of the accident. His speed did not exceed fifteen miles. He had an absolutely clear and unobstructed view of the road. He saw the cars at Dunphy's and some people standing on the inside of them. On seeing the cars, he slowed up a little, intending to ask the whereabouts of O'Rourke's. As he got in the vicinity of the cars, he noticed a child, shoot across the road. He immediately released the clutch, threw on the emergency and foot brakes, and turned the wheel to the right, as the child was coming from the left and running. He could not possibly avoid hitting the child. The front of the right spring struck him first and he went under the car; he judged he stopped the car within its own length.

The statement of the accused is fully corroborated by one other witness who was in the car at the time of the accident. The accused and the occupants of the other cars at Dunphy's did all possible that could be done to relieve the sufferings of the injured boy, having brought medical assistance from Avondale and Manuels. Later the boy was taken to the General Hospital for special treatment, but he died there on Wednesday morning the 19th, from internal hemorrhage.

The charge against the accused is that of Manslaughter which is defined in Archbold's Criminal Practice to be: "The unlawful and felonious killing of another without any malice either express or implied."

"Where death results in consequence of a negligent act, it would seem that to create responsibility, the charge of negligence must be so gross as to amount to recklessness. Mere inadvertence, while it might create civil liability, would not suffice to create criminal liability."

(Archbold C.P. 1910, page 892.) "Manslaughter by negligence occurs when a person is doing any 'thing dangerous in itself or has charge of anything dangerous in itself and conducts himself in regard to it in such a careless manner as to be guilty of culpable negligence." (Cox Criminal Cases, Vol. 16, Page 306.)

I am not trying the charge here

made against the accused, but the Prosecution is bound to make out a prima facie case against the accused at the preliminary inquiry.

No evidence of negligence or recklessness has been submitted by the Crown in this inquiry. The mere happening of the accident, which to me, appears to have been unavoidable, is not sufficient evidence of neglect on the part of the accused. The Crown must produce some affirmative evidence of negligence on the part of the accused before he can be committed for trial, and, not having done so, I must dismiss the charge and release the accused.

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