

Working Girl Named Reaction Query

How to become a postulant at the Poor Clares Convent in London. A year after her profession she contracted tuberculosis of the throat and died at the Sisters of Charity sanatorium at Warley, Essex, on November 24, 1925.

THROUGH MONTHS of severe suffering she was always, they say, accepting everything as "the will of the good God" or "another way of the Cross."

Her grave in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh, has become a center of pilgrimage ever since the past year and three persons claim to have been cured from hepatic illness through her intercession. They and about 24 other persons who knew her in life have to be interviewed by the apostolic tribunal.

Margaret's 80-year-old mother still lives here. One sister is a Little Sister of the Poor and another, Mrs. James McMahon lives with her husband and family in Glasgow.

Vatican Stamps Commemorate Church Council

Vatican City (NC) — A new series of commemorative stamps is being prepared by the Vatican to mark the 50th anniversary of the Council of Chalcedon, which is being observed here in October with extensive ceremonies.

The Chalcedon stamps portray Pope Leo I wearing the tiara and a picture of the Council in session taken from a fresco in the Basilica of the Vatican.

It has also been made known that a commemorative stamp is being prepared to mark 1952 as the first centenary of the issuance of the first stamp used in a Papal State in 1852.

Hurricane Levels Church Property

Kingston, Jamaica (NC) — Damage to Church property was appalling in the hurricane which swept this British island colony in the Caribbean Sea, but so extensive has yet been made of the total Church loss.

According to observers here, it was the worst hurricane in the history of the island, and the latest estimate of general damage has been placed at \$25,000,000, but is expected to rise with further reports. The homeless are legion.



PROFESSION MANS: Scene during Mass at Sisters of Mercy profession rites in the beautiful Motherhouse Chapel. In ceremonies following Mass, the nine Sister-Novices kneeling

In the front pews received the black veil indicating that they have pledged vows making them professed members of the Mercy community.

Convert Artist Dies in Sydney

Sydney (NC) — A convert woman artist, who never exhibited, commercially or signed a painting, but whose works are hanging in Catholic seminaries, convents, schools and parishes in many parts of Australia has died here.

She was Elsie Chalmers, whose genius was recognized by Australian art authorities. She was also known as a Catholic of modesty, virtue and piety. For years she attended at least two Masses daily and three Masses on Sundays. Her conversion, which estranged her from her family, took place after close study of the works of Cardinal Newman, St. Thomas Aquinas and Gerard Manley Hopkins.

Youngest Bishop Edinburgh (NC)

Edinburgh (NC) — The youngest member of the Hierarchy in Great Britain, 40-year-old Archbishop-elect Gordon Gray of St. Andrews and Edinburgh will be consecrated in Edinburgh Cathedral on September 21. It has been announced.

Fact is the art of convincing some people that they know more than you.

Nine Mercy Sisters Say Vows At Motherhouse Rite

(Continued from Page 1) before the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou mayest have eternal life, and mayest live forever and ever.

The impressive Prostration ceremony, the external manifestation of the sisters' giving herself to God, concluded the ceremony.

NOVICES WHO took their temporary vows at the Motherhouse ceremonies are:

- Sister Mary Rose, daughter of Martin J. Keough, St. Patrick's Parish, Aurora;
- Sister Mary Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan E. Ford, St. Mary's Parish, Rochester;
- Sister Mary Glorvann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Boehm, St. Philip's Parish, Rochester;
- Sister Mary Elsie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Elmer O'Brien, Corpus Christi Parish, Rochester;
- Sister Mary Francis Gabriel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Schlavi, St. Plus Parish, Cobleskill;
- Sister Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Marshall, St. Salome's Parish, Ft. Pleasant;
- Sister Marie

Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. Quinn, St. John's Parish, Rochester; Sister Marie Raymond, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Brown, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Rochester; Sister Mary Roger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams, St. John's Parish, Rochester.

IN THE SERMON following the ceremonies Father Shamon pointed out that a good religious must have ideals because ideas affect the head and ideas touch the heart. He urged the newly professed sisters to aim high and never to let the ideas, loves and desires of the day of their profession die. "Time must not tarnish their golden purity."

He explained that from the great number of faithful embraced by the Church, God had decreed only a few Chosen Ones. "You are espoused to Him to whom the angels serve, at whose beauty the sun and moon stand in wonder," he told the Novices.

Stressing the ideals of the good religious, he advised the novices to despise the world's pomp, and to love nothing less than God. A good religious must have courage in the face of the three D's—the Devil, the Deceiver and the Dumps, he said.

"Satan will tempt the sister as he did Christ, weariness and physical weakness will tempt the sister to cease trying, to turn to worldly consolation, to lower her ideals. And sometimes she will be tempted by discouragement to give up entirely."

Father Shamon warned that the religious life needs a sense of humor. "God meant us to be poets—to see through things; and the power to see these things is the essence of humor," he said.

"The world began to lose its sense of humor when it began to take creatures seriously in themselves and not see through them to God. Poetry faded and matter-of-fact prose came in."

FATHER SHAMON concluded with the observation that God has shown His creatures His power, His kindness, and His knowledge of hearts, but has saved one thing for those "like you who will have kept a sense of humor and who (like the poet-saints) kept seeing through things to God. That one thing, He saved for Heaven; it will make Heaven Heaven; it will make you truly happy. That one thing is His smile!"

Attending the ceremonies were the Right Reverend Monsignor George Eckl, Lawrence B. Casey, Very Reverend Monsignor James C. McAniff, the Reverend Fathers Charles J. Azzl, John F. Lynch, William J. Ayers, Walter F. Heck, Buffalo; John E. Roach, Michael J. Tydings, Walter J. Sullivan, C.S.B., Texas; Francis M. Feeney, John J. Endebrook, Trenton, N. J.; Joseph O'Neil, S.J., Fordham University, Benjamin Kuhn, O.F.M., Albany, John T. Callahan, Paul Murley, Francis Pegnam.

Indians Organize Abp. Groesz Day

Nagpur, India (NC) — The whole Christian community in India, both Catholics and Protestants, have been asked to mark Sunday, August 26, as "Archbishop Groesz Day," and to offer Communion and prayers for the imprisoned Hungarian prelate. The appeal was sent out by Albert Dacosta, general secretary of the Catholic Union of India.

'Catholic Boy' Magazine Now Joint Venture

Notre Dame, Ind. (NC) — Joint publication of the Catholic Boy, which it is hoped will result in "many thousands" of new readers of the magazine, has been announced here.

Holy Cross Fathers at Notre Dame and the Catholical Guild Educational Society of St. Paul, Minn., are now publishing the magazine jointly. Hitherto it was published by the Holy Cross Fathers alone.

During the past three years the Catholic Boy has increased from 49,000 to 70,000 in circulation. But, the magazine announced here, it is anticipated that through the new partnership with the Catholical Guild, "long experienced in the juvenile publication field," the magazine will reach "many thousands of new readers throughout the country."

The Rev. Frank Gartland, C.S.C., remains at Notre Dame as editor. The Rev. Louis A. Gales of the St. Paul Archdiocese, founder of the Catholical Guild Educational Society, is the new associate editor. (Father Gales is managing editor of The Catholic Digest.) The Rev. Harold W. Riley, C.S.C., formerly Associate editor, is moving to St. Paul to supervise circulation.

SCIENTISTS REPORT

Canterbury Church Relics Not St. Thomas Becket's

London (NC) — Scientists after a two-year investigation, have decided that the reputed bones of St. Thomas Becket found under Canterbury Cathedral 63 years ago are not those of the martyred Archbishop.

The skull, they say, does not show signs of having been smashed by a sword as was the Saint's when he was martyred before his own high altar in 1170. It is probably that of an older man who was not so tall as the 32-year-old Martyr, they add.

THE ALLEGED relics were unearthed by workmen in a stone coffin in the cathedral crypt in 1886. Their discovery led to a great controversy. According to early historians, King Henry VIII, in his quest for loot, had destroyed the original rich shrine, one of the treasures of the Western Church, and the Saint's bones were burned. One story was that they were placed in a cannon and blown to fragments.

Others, however, believed it possible that the relics of Britain's great Martyr, who was held in such general reverence at that time may have been smuggled away and hidden.

The investigating scientists — Prof. A. J. E. Cave, anatomist at a London hospital, and Jack Trevor, anthropologist at Cambridge University—were appointed by the Church of England authorities whose archbishop now reigns in Canterbury's beautiful Gothic cathedral.

THEY SET TO work patiently to try to solve the puzzle, identifying each bone and fragment of bone and labeling them before finally placing them back in their coffin and reburying them.

Their report points out that St. Thomas was slain when the crown of his skull was sliced off by a sword blow and that an authentic relic would obviously show this unmistakably. The coronoid of the 1886 skull gives no such evidence. Although it is separate from the rest of the headpiece, it is a naturally broken piece of a buried cranium. It is typically jagged, angulated and irregular as coronoid are, and fits into the rest of the skull. The skull does, however, show a small wound.

The Rev. Bernard Kelly, London pastor and Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, thinks the bones may be those of another Martyr-Archbishop, St. Alphege, who was killed by Danish invaders at Canterbury some 200 years before.

St. Alphege's head was, according to legend, split by the axe of a Dane. This would have caused a greater scar than that on the present skull.

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