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Emiburg, Md., Oct. 14.—A score of church members and hundreds of Catholics flocked throughout the country gathered here today to participate on a two days' celebration of the centenary of Mount St. Mary's College, America's most historic Roman Catholic higher institution of learning. The town, as well as the college, is in gala attire in honor of the occasion, and during the two days of the celebration there will be a succession of banquets, speeches, musical and dramatic performances by the students, and other features of interest.

The celebration was formally opened today with a pontifical mass of thanksgiving. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Cunningham of Pittsburg, who graduated from Mount St. Mary's in the class of '78. Among the eminent prelates in attendance at the mass were Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore and Archbishop Falconio, the apostolic delegate at Washington. Tomorrow night the celebration will conclude with a banquet at which Richard M. Reilly of Lancaster, Pa., will deliver the oration, and the Rev. Patrick L. Duffy of Charleston, S. C., will recite an ode composed for the occasion.

Mount St. Mary's is justly entitled to the honors now being paid her. The college is known as the "cradle of bishops" from the fact that so many of America's bishops have been students here. Among the noted prelates who studied here were Cardinal McCloskey, America's first cardinal, Bishop Bouie, the "guardian angel of the mount"; Archbishop John Hughes of New York, who toiled as a gardener during his first year to pay his tuition; Archbishop Purcell and Bishops Laughlin, Elder, Chatard, Gilman, Winters and Spaulding.

Those of the laity who later brought lustre to the name of the college include Attorney General Bonaparte, Justice White of the Supreme court, George Miles, the poet, and General Thomas Anderson, the first American commander of Manila.

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**Adopting an Orphan.**

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Parson Williams, feeling sorry for Deacon Flint's widowhood, suggested that he take a girl from the orphan asylum to keep house and for company.

The deacon started for the city next morning and returned in the evening with the orphan. Her name was Ruth. The deacon liked her at first glance, and he kept thinking her better all day. Before going to bed that night she was shown over the house and through the pantry and told what to get for breakfast and at what hour to have it ready, and the deacon's heart swelled up as she called to him: "Good night, my own dear old papa. Your little daughter is awfully glad she has come to live with you."

Breakfast was to be ready at 6. The deacon overslept, and it was 7 before he got out of bed and went downstairs. There was no one about. He knocked at the daughter's door, but got no answer. He went outside to look for her, and finding nothing, he returned and opened the door of her room. She was still asleep, but when he called to her she woke up and demanded to know what was wanted.

"You should have had breakfast all ready an hour ago."

"Not on your life!" she exclaimed. "When you get it ready come and call me."

"But—but, what do you mean?" demanded the astonished man.

"You skiddoo and don't ask questions. Say, pop, you might as well understand right now that I'm a lady and must be treated as such. After this I shall take my breakfast in bed."

The deacon got breakfast, and Mrs. Ruth came down. She found fault with everything and when reproved gave him such back talk that he reached over and boxed her ears. The next minute everything on the table she could reach was flying at his head. After being hit by three plates, the crust, the coffee-pot and the sugar bowl he flew the coop and made his way to the parson's house.

"Ah," said the good man, "I was wondering if you came home last night and brought the orphan with you."

"Did!" exclaimed the deacon with a great deal of energy.

"And—and—"

"And you come over and see her. She was as humble as a kitten last night, but this morning she seems to be a lamb of Satan!"

When the house was reached the adopted orphan was found in the yard throwing pieces of the broken crockery at the hens, and she had already lamed an old rooster and knocked a speckled hen gaily west.

"Morning, parson," she called out. "I suppose pop's been telling what a bad kid I am? If he wasn't a dub he'd have stayed and fought it out with me."

"My dear child, I am sorry to hear such reports of you," solemnly replied the parson. "You seemed to me the other day to be such an innocent, humble young girl that—"

"That was in the game, parson. I was after a pop and a home. Oh, I can be an angel when I want to. See me knock that black hen's head off."

The parson and the deacon walked aside to consult, and the latter asked in anxious tones:

"Well, what shall I do about it?"

"Sit down with her and talk of heaven and angels and appeal to her better nature. I think you will have her crying in five minutes. It seems that in some way I must have got a wrong impression of the child."

The good man returned home, and the deacon sat down to try moral suasion. The village graveyard was in sight, and he looked over at the stones and asked a girl if she knew where good folks went to when they died.

"Oh, come off!" she answered. "Can't we go to a circus or something today? I knew you was an old poke, but I've come to stir you up. Come in and shave. I don't like your whiskers."

The deacon rose up and took her by the ear and led her into the house and looked for up in a closet and said something about bread and water and she could behave herself. He then went to the fire to put in a short forenoon. At 12 o'clock when he came back, the closet door lay on the floor, the table and chairs were on their backs, and the girl was getting ready to smash windows. The deacon went out and cut and ginned a peach tree limb and worked it around her shoulders and pulled her up in another closet. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon his fire was found to be on fire and couldn't be saved. He went to the house to find the prisoner there, everything a wreck and the following note pinned to a door:

Dear pop, you are a gentleman, and I don't like your style. As you can't hustle, I will.

And on top of that the good parson came around to condole with him and to say:

"I guess we made a mistake, deacon. Instead of trying the adoption plan again why not take a wife?"

The parson had a sister sister forty-two years old, and public gossip had said that she would marry the deacon if asked. The brother had heard nothing of this, and the sister was in his mind in the least when he put the question, but the deacon turned from surveying the wreck and answered:

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