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MONTH IN JAIL FOR MOTORIST ON DRUNK CHARGE

HENRY F. POWELL, farmer, Annaholty, Birdhill, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment by Justice Gleeson in the City District Court to-day on a charge of being drunk in charge of a car.

He had his driving licence suspended for twelve months on the same charge and was fined £1 each on charges of driving without due consideration and of driving a car that had defective brakes.

Supt. P. Colleran prosecuted and Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solr., defended. St. John McCluskey swore that while he was standing on the road outside the Imperial Bakery in Sarsfield Street, talking to a friend, Powell's car came along and struck him, knocking him against a car parked in front, and badly damaging his bicycle, on which he was leaning. The impact wasn't a hard one. The defendant immediately parked his car and got out. He picked up the bicycle and when witness pointed out its damaged condition, Powell said: "That will be all right."

STRONG SMELL OF DRINK. Witness said he got a strong smell of drink off the defendant, who staggered when he got out of the car. "I told him," said the witness, "that I was going to report it to the Guards. I was on my way to William Street when I met Guard Tom Gardiner. I told him about the accident, and he went up to the defendant."

David Dwane, who was with the last witness when the accident occurred, corroborated. "Young McCluskey had come over to me to talk about the fairies," he said. Superintendent—Never heed the fairies. Just tell us what happened. Witness—We had just got away from the fairies when the car came along.

Guard Gardiner said he happened to be in Sarsfield Street when the accident occurred. "After McCluskey had made the complaint," the Guard said, "I went up to the defendant who was sitting in the car behind the wheel. When he got out he staggered and smelled strongly of alcohol. When I reminded him of what had happened he said something to the effect of 'Don't bother Guard. It is all right.' I took him to the station at William St. On the way he staggered and when we arrived I asked him if he wanted a doctor. He replied that he didn't but when I said I was phoning for Doctor Holmes he said, 'He'll do me fine.'"
GUARD'S EVIDENCE. The Guard said that Powell then sat down on a chair. Sometime later he fell off the chair on to the floor.
Mr. O'Donovan—Have you chairs in the barracks?
Guard—We have and we have two sofas also (laughter).
Supt.—They weren't bought at the public expense, though.
Cross-examined, Guard Gardiner said Powell was intelligent enough mentally but swayed and staggered a lot.
Mr. O'Donovan—Did he save you from being knocked down by a bus on the way to the station?
Guard—Of course not.
John Holmes, who said he examined Powell about the hour

Limerick-Born Lady May Be Canonised One Day

THERE is living near Cratloe Castle, about four miles from the city, a venerable gentleman, Mr. Solomon O'Neill, who claims to be a near relative of Catherine O'Neill, in religion Mother Therese, who may be raised one day to the altars of the Church, writes a "Limerick Leader" reporter.

Catherine, the daughter of a merchant prince — Alan Francis O'Neill—was born in the city on 3rd May, 1818. She died at Cannes, in France, in 1888, after a life of remarkable holiness. She was, with another young lady, Eugenie Milleret de Brou, co-foundress of the Congregation of the Assumption.

REMINERS OF SAINTLY NUN. "It was my extreme pleasure," our reporter states, "to have a most interesting talk with Mr. O'Neill about Mother Therese. He showed me a silver teapot and spoon, which, he states, were used by the saintly nun when she was a child. According to Mr. O'Neill the nun's parents lived for a period in Cratloe Castle, which was once a stronghold of the McNamara clan. I need hardly say that Mr. O'Neill, now in his 86th year, holds the relics referred to in great veneration. He told me that the Cause of Mother Therese will shortly be introduced at Rome and that the necessary preliminary inquiries are now almost completed."

PREPARATION OF HER CAUSE. "From inquiries made in other quarters I am in a position to say that the Congregation of the Assumption, which is now to be found in many parts of the world, is actually engaged in the preparation of data for submission at Rome concerning Catherine O'Neill." "Mother Anna Magdalen Naish, who is, I believe, a member of the noted Co. Limerick Catholic family one of whose members was Lord Chancellor of Ireland, has been in correspondence with Right Rev. Monsignor Moloney, P.F., V.F., St. Munchin's soliciting his help, and co-operation in securing authentic information as to the family history of Mother Therese."

REMARKABLE DISCOVERY. "In this connection I have a remarkable story to tell. In his search for information Monsignor Moloney went hither and thither. One day he found himself in the cemetery of St. Munchin's Protestant Church, which was, of course, before the Reformation, in Catholic hands. Here he was to make a discovery of prime importance. Observing an ancient box-vault on which he could discern the O'Neill coat of arms — a severed

hand—he proceeded to make a minute examination of the vault. On the flat covering stone was an inscription that threw a great deal of light on the O'Neill family. He had, in fact, discovered the tomb of Catherine's mother—a member of the great Howley family of Limerick. This is what he read— "August 10th, 1824, died Emily, wife of Alan Francis O'Neill, Esq., late of Limerick, now of Liverpool, daughter of John Howley, Esq.; leaving issue two daughters and one son—Mary Ann, Catherine and Joseph O'Neill"

ARISTOCRATIC STOCK. "These O'Neills were very wealthy and of an aristocratic stock," says our reporter. "It would seem that after the death of the mother the family removed to Liverpool, which explains why so little is known about them in Limerick. At this time Catherine was only six years of age. The children received a classical education and moved in the highest circles in England and on the Continent. In 1837 the two sisters paid a visit to Paris and it was at this time Catherine found her true vocation. Having attended a course of sermons by the Abbe' Combalo, a celebrated missionary she decided to consult him about her vocation. Thus it was that Catherine O'Neill became Sister Therese, co-foundress of the teaching Order of Nuns of the Congregation of the Assumption."

HER WORK IN ENGLAND. "In 1850, when the Catholic Hierarchy was re-established in England, she crossed over from France to set up a convent at Richmond, in Yorkshire and of which she was to become the first Superior. When the new congregation had found its feet Mother Therese returned to Paris to resume her duties as Novice Mistress, a labour she was to continue to discharge for 40 years.

"The most eminent spiritual directors of her day, such as Pere Lacordaire and Monsignor Gay, regarded Catherine O'Neill as highly favoured by God because of her intensely spiritual and mystical life."
PEOPLE'S KEEN ANXIETY. "The people of Limerick — the city of her birth—and that of her parents will follow with keen interest and anxious concern the prosecution of her Cause, which must, of necessity, be slow and tedious. The final stage will be reached some day, but the outcome we must not anticipate."

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