

FOOTNOTES

¹The decree issued later under date of July 5, 1841, stated: "His Holiness in an audience on June 6, 1841, approved it (the Institute) unreservedly and benignly confirmed the Rules and Constitutions . . . as stipulated. Degnan, Sister M. Bertrand, Mercy Unto Thousands (Maryland: Newman Press, 1957). p. 318.

²The Rhode Island foundation is dated from March 12, 1851, the first day the Sisters assisted at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in their new land and the feast of Saint Francis Xavier, who was Mother Frances Xavier Warde's patron saint.

³" . . . The nuns traveled in secular garb - black cashmere dresses with white tulle caps with a little trimming of white gauze." Carroll, Mother Austin, Annals of the Sisters of Mercy (Catholic Publication Society, 9 Barclay St., N. Y., 1889) pp. 59-60.

⁴" . . . In the early 40's lay women taught for Bishop Tyler," Gately, Sister Mary Josephine, Seventy-five years in the Passing (Providence: Providence Visitor Press, 1926) p. 80.

Of these (schools) all but one had functioned previously under lay administration" O'Connor, Sister Mary Loretto, Mercy Marks the Century (Providence: Sisters of Mercy, 1951) p. 124

. . . Saint Mary's parochial school (Conn.) for girls, which had been established with lay teachers in 1834" Healy, Kathleen. Frances Warde: American Founder of the Sisters of Mercy (New York: Seabury Press, 1973). p. 236

⁵Two years previously, on one of the five islands of Cork, Ireland, Mother Frances' sister, Mother Josephine Warde, founded a convent named Saint Marie's of the Isle from which the Newport convent derived its name. Carroll, op.cit., p. 410

⁶"In the dim, narrow chapel of the old Stone House, Saint Xavier's Convent, Sister Mary De Sales Kelly and Sister Mary Gertrude Bradley made their vows; they were the first Sisters of Mercy to do so in New England. (1852) Gately, op. cit., p. 82

⁷This coach was probably one of the Concord variety, manufactured by Abbot-Downing Company in Concord, New Hampshire between 1828 and 1889. These coaches usually accommodated nine to twelve passengers. The number

"102" may refer to the year of design and style. "Clues to these numbers lie buried under countless layers of paint. Each restored stagecoach reveals important parts to this giant jig-saw puzzle of stagecoach builders." Frizzell, John and Mildred "American Stagecoaches" Hobbies Magazine, January 1972.

⁸On entering the coach they perceived it was already occupied by two "viragoes" who immediately began to harass the five Sisters. When the coach finally arrived at the Spring Street cottage, Father Fitton greeted them and offered them umbrellas to protect them from the teeming rain. Before leaving the coach, Mother Frances turned to their tormentors and politely thanked them for their attention. This caused the shrews no little embarrassment. Carroll, op. cit., p. 409.

⁹Ibid., p. 411

¹⁰". . . The Irish company was under the command of W. K. Delaney, a pedagogue in charge of Saint Mary's parochial school, whose methods of drill and discipline, like those in his school, were unique and amusing." Pearce, B. S. Recollections of a Long and Busy Life. p. 150 cited in O'Connor, op. cit., p. 94.

¹¹Newport Daily News, 11 July 1855.

¹²Six months later the "Pacific," on which Bishop O'Reilly was a passenger, was lost at sea.

¹³Newport Daily News, 12 July 1855

¹⁴Newport Daily News, 27 November 1879.

¹⁵Newport Daily News, 29 February 1884.

¹⁶Saint Anthony's, Saint Augustin's, Saint Barnabas', Saint Joseph's, Saint Lucy's, and Saint Mary's.

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