

MOTHER DREXEL HERE TO OPEN 'VARSITY

Old Southern Institution of Colored Catholic College.

Mother Superior Catherine M. Drexel, head of the Order of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who gave up the whole of the fortune she inherited as a daughter of Francis Drexel, of Philadelphia, son of the founder of the firm of Drexel, Morgan & Co., arrived in the city Thursday to take charge of the old Southern university of New Orleans.

All day she spent directing laborers who were getting the institution into shape for the opening, September 27, with a new school for colored boys and girls, conducted on similar lines to the 19 other institutions of the kind under the direction of the order.

The college course will start in the Fall of 1917, the order having deemed it advisable for students to spend the last two years of their high school training in the institution itself.

Owing to changes necessary in the equipment of the building the mechanical course will not start till November 2.

The university will include the following departments: College, high school, teachers' course, grammar school, music, commercial course and industrial departments. The latter department will teach mechanical and architectural drawing, carpentry, concrete, masonry and brick work, tailoring, domestic science and domestic art.

Mother Mary Paul of Chicago will have charge of the institution, while Father John A. Clarke will act as chaplain and physical director.

Enrollment for the coming term will start September 13, at the offices of the university, 5116 Magazine street.

Mother Drexel was enthusiastic over the offer of Francis Crozier, a local colored contractor, to teach two hours a day in the mechanical department free of charge.

"Crozier made the offer as a tribute of appreciation to the coming of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament," explained Mother Drexel. "I told him to consider the sacrifice he was making and when he returned he told us that the more he thought of his offer, the more he thought it was his duty to assist the school. I consider his offer one of the most liberal contributions I ever have received."

Mother Drexel was accompanied here from Philadelphia by Mother Mercedes.

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