

OBSCENE PHOTOGRAPHS.

Laura Frances Driscoll (19) was charged, on bail, with publicly exposing obscene photographs at 31, Vale-road, on February 4th.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

P.C. Witt deposed that in consequence of information he went to 31, Vale-road and saw the defendant. A certain person handed him the photographs. Subsequently the defendant was charged, and made no reply. He received a complaint about the photographs from a gentleman.

The Chief Constable stated that the gentleman was in Court, but he did not wish to call him if it could be avoided. He had performed a public-spirited action. The defendant formerly lived at Rushall, and she had no father or mother. Miss Searle had secured her various situations, the last being at Pembury Poor Law Institution. Father Boniface had also interested himself in the girl, and the other members of the family, and got her into a Reform Home, but the authorities there were unable to keep her.

The Rev. Father Boniface, of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, stated

that if the defendant was bound over she could go into a Home, where she would have an opportunity of making good. Miss Searle and himself had arranged for a vacancy for her.

The defendant said she was sorry for what had happened.

She was placed on probation for two years on condition that she went into the Home in question. On the application of the Chief Constable, an Order was made for the destruction of the photographs.
