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Lourdes Medical Bureau Attests Another Cure—

Irish Patient Was in Last Stage of
Tuberculosis of Lungs and Shoulder
DUBLIN—(NC)—The remarkable cure at Lourdes of Charles MacDonald, a Dublin man, during 1936, has now been officially registered by the Lourdes Medical Bureau. The bureau considers this case one of the most remarkable of its kind. It is stated to have been one of the gravest cases ever observed at the famous shrine.

Now 33 years of age, Mr. McDonald fell ill in 1924 and was diagnosed as suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. He spent six years in Capetown but the disease continued to spread. In 1932 he returned home encased in plaster of Paris. After a time he lost the use of his left arm as a result of a tubercular shoulder.

X-RAYS TAKEN

In June, 1935, having completely collapsed, Mr. McDonald was removed to the Meath Hospital and after 13 weeks there, papers were signed for his removal to the Hospice for the Dying. However, he "went home to die" instead of going to the hospice. Bed-ridden at home for three months he had still a great belief that he would be cured by going to Lourdes.

His condition was so serious that the pilgrimage committees were not disposed to take him, but finally on the last pilgrimage of that season which was organized by the St. Catherine's Branch, C. Y. M. S., Charles McDonald was accepted as a stretcher case.

Ex-rays taken at the time showed that the disease was active in the spine, shoulder and kidneys, while on his back and shoulder there were five sores. The medical certificate obtained from Dr. O'Connell, Fairview, Dublin, stated that the patient was suffering from Potts disease; from nephritis and from tuberculo-

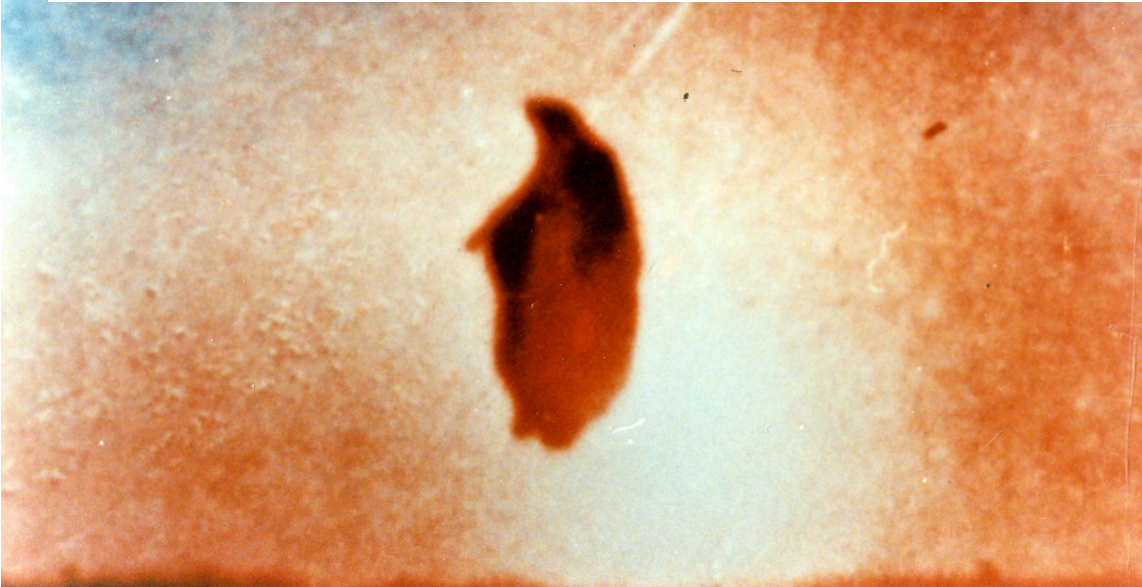
EXPERIENCED RELIEF

On September 7, 1936, the second occasion on which he had a bath in the Lourdes Piscine, Mr. McDonald experienced a wonderful feeling of "comfort and well-being." Next day he rose from his bed and for the first time in two years dressed without aid and without aid walked, free from pain and fatigue. On reaching Paris on the return journey, Dr. Hannigan who was in charge of the invalids, certified that the wounds were cicatrized. He performed the rest of the journey as an ordinary pilgrim and returned to his home in a taxi.

During the Irish National Pilgrimage last year, Mr. McDonald returned to Lourdes and on September 17 and 18 was examined by 32 doctors at the Medical Bureau, including Dr. Valet, president of the bureau. The result of their examination showed that Mr. McDonald's condition was such that the cure could not have been brought about by medicine.

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