

JACK AND TOM.

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"Come, Jack, put on your coat and hat and come to church with me. It won't kill you to attend a 'Papist' service once and you may learn something."

"I don't know but I will go you just once, Tom," was the reply, suiting the action to the word.

The speakers were two young men of —, John Saunders and Thomas Fitzgerald, known to their chums as "Jack" and "Tom." As might be inferred "Jack" was a nominal Protestant, although he really had but little religious sentiment of any kind in his makeup. He believed in a God because, as a man of common sense he knew this world did not come together by chance; he believed the Bible in a perfunctory sort of way and read it quite a good deal, simply that he might use it in argument with infidels; he had a fine moral nature, because he inherited it from his mother. He lived a pretty correct life, because he would pay the penalty if he did otherwise. He was simply another example of what can be done by Puritanical parents who try to drive religion into their offspring with a stick. There is nothing particular about the Protestant creeds to inspire love in the hearts of children, and no matter how much of it is forced down their throats in their youth, their stomachs rebel against the dose in later years and they drift gradually into a state of absolute indifference.

"Tom" was a typical Irish-Catholic young man, brought up as Irish-Catholics usually rear their children, with an intense love of the Church, a firm belief in her teachings and a warm spot in his heart for "ould Erin."

Chance rather than a kind Providence had thrown these two incongruous characters into each other's way. Chance acquaintance ripened into friendship, and, finally, we find them room-mates. By mutual consent religious discussion had been tabooed between them, but once in a while they indulged in a talk on the difference between the religious beliefs of Catholics and Protestants. It was in the midst of one of these talks that the opening words of our story were uttered. Now let us return to our two lads.

In a few minutes the twain had started toward church. On their way they passed another Catholic church. Tom raised his hat. Jack, supposing he raised it to a passing lady, did likewise.

"Who was that lady, Tom," he asked.

"I don't know."  
"Why did you raise your hat then?"  
"I did not raise my hat to her. I raised it because we were passing a church."

"And why in the name of common sense did you do that?"

"I was taught so by my parents. You know we Catholics believe Christ is really present in our Churches. Should we not raise our hats when passing the dwelling-place of the Savior, the Sovereign of mankind?"

"Well, Tom, of course I don't believe as you do. Under the circumstances, however, you did perfectly right. But it seems funny to hear you speak thus reverently of a church. I always dreaded to enter a church and with my church going days are associated memories of many, many tired hours, hours I never wish to spend again. I have vivid recollections of preachers who descanted in high and learned language about the horrors of hell with its lake of fire and brimstone, until one would almost think his hearers had bought their tickets and had their baggage checked for Hades, and that the speaker was the only one who had the right ticket on the right road. Another would picture with flowing diction and florid rhetoric the beauties of Heaven, until you would think he had designed the plans for the New Jerusalem; once in a while one could be found who deigned to bestow a word on little children, and who would tell them stories about Moses in the bulrushes or Daniel in the lion's den; good enough stories in the main, but I preferred then to read stories in yellow covers, with more thrilling adventures."

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FLOWERS FOR THE DEAD.

(Mary E. Mannin, in "Poor Soul's Advocate.")

Flowers, flowers for the dead,  
Lilies about the head,  
And a shower of petals sweet  
O'er shrouded breast and feet,  
But for the trembling soul,  
Never a prayer we dole!

Flowers, flowers everywhere,  
Soft fragrance in the air,  
And the cruel coffin-lid  
'Neath a wealth of roses hid,  
But for the pleading soul,  
Never a prayer we dole!

Flowers, flowers strewn around,  
Piled on the grassy mound,  
O, if each blossom there,  
Were but a tender prayer,  
How sweet the gracious dole  
To the poor waiting soul!

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS.

Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

The Decree "Diuturnis Ecclesie Acerbitatibus," issued by the Sacred Congregation of Rites on the 5th of August, 1888, prescribes the same devotions for this October, as well as for the same month in future years. The Feast on Rosary Sunday is to be celebrated with the usual solemnity. The instructions, prescriptions and indulgences, we shall briefly mention here:

1. Five decades at least of the Rosary, and the Litany of Loretto to be recited every day from the 1st of October to the 2nd of November, in all parochial churches.

2. The same devotions to be carried out in other churches and oratories dedicated to the Blessed Virgin in accordance with such arrangements as the Ordinary may be pleased to approve.

3. It is highly desirable that Mass should be said, or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, given in connection with these devotional exercises.

4. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who confess and communicate on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, or (if hindered from doing so on the Feast itself), within the octave, and visit a Church and there pray for the wants of the Church according to the intentions of the Pope.

5. Indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines, for joining within this month the public recitations of the Rosary in a Church, praying, as above, for the intentions of the Pope.

6. Persons joining in the public recitation of the Rosary and Litany in a Church on ten days of the month of October, as also all persons who, being legitimately hindered from joining in public recitation in Church, perform the exercise in private at home, for ten days, and confess and communicate and pray, as above, for the intentions of the Pope—gain a Plenary Indulgence.

The following Prayer, by order of the Holy Father, is to be added this, and future years. To those who devoutly recite the Prayer is granted an indulgence severally of seven years and the same number of quarantines for each time.

Prayer to St. Joseph.

We come to Thee, O Blessed Joseph, in our sore distress, and having sought the help of Thy Most Blessed Spouse, we now confidently implore Thy assistance also.

We humbly beg that, mindful of the dutiful affection which bound Thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and of the fatherly love wherewith Thou didst cherish the Child Jesus, Thou wilt lovingly watch over the heritage which Jesus Christ purchased with His Blood, and of Thy strength and power help us in our urgent need.

O Most Provident Guardian of the Divine Family, protect the chosen race of Jesus Christ; drive far from us, Most Loving Father, every past of error and corrupting sin; from Thy place in Heaven, Most Powerful Deliverer, graciously come to our aid in this conflict with the powers of darkness; and as of old Thou didst deliver the Child Jesus from supreme peril of life, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity; have each of us always in Thy keeping, that following Thy example and borne up by Thy strength we may be able to live holily, die happily, and so enter into everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen.

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ROSELLE'S PRAYER.

(The Angelus.)

The glorious autumn was making the land beautiful, and the sun was just rising, a globe of dazzling light, from behind the great range of mountain peaks at the foot of which nestled a quiet little German village. The rays of burning gold touched first the tops of the tall trees that were swaying gently in a soft breeze, then played about the tapering spire of the quaint old church standing in its green God's acre, and finally crept downward until all the earth was bathed in yellow radiance, and the waters of a narrow brook, flowing at the lower end of the hamlet, sparkled like diamonds as they rippled around the stepping-stones by which the village children generally crossed the shallow stream.

Standing at the roadside before the small plot of garden surrounding a low thatched cottage—the last house on the outskirts of the hamlet at this end—a young woman and her child, a little girl scarcely five years old, were watching with tear dimmed eyes the rapidly receding figure of a man, who, with light, elastic tread, was mounting the steep hill on the other side of the brook. He was not alone, but had several companions; and the party, all in holiday attire and evidently bound for the fair, seemed in the highest spirits, shouting out, as they went, a popular drinking song; one voice carrying the air and the others joining in and roaring forth the chorus, as, springing from the ground, they knocked their heels together in lieu of the click of glasses.

"Father, father!" shrieked the child, in an accent of despairing disappointment. "Father come back! Roselle wants to go the fair, too!"

"He can't hear thee, poor little one!" said the mother, almost with a sob. "Oh, Franz, Franz, how canst thou!"

"Won't he come back mother? Won't he come back?" cried the little girl. "He promised to take Roselle to the fair."

"He will not come back."

"Why?" asked Roselle, with the persistence of a child.

"Because he loves his own pleasure better than—"

The speaker paused. "Better than anything else; far better than his wife and child," she was about to say bitterly—but checked herself and went on in a different tone, "better than he ought to, poor Franz! And if he was not led away by bad men he would not have gone off and left Roselle."

"Is father a bad man?" said Roselle, looking into her mother's face with that direct and close gaze which is sometimes so embarrassing to a grown person, when a child is asking an inconvenient question.

"No, no; he does not mean to be bad," was the reply. "Thou must not talk like that about father. He is thoughtless and pleasure loving, and easily led astray"—she was speaking to herself now more than to the child—"but not bad; no, not bad, my Franz! We must pray for him, my little one, we must pray much. Surely the dear Lord will hear thee and save him for thy sake, innocent one!"

Something in the tone and looks of the speaker made the child realize that her own disappointment in the matter of going to the fair was not what troubled her mother most; and having a generous, self-abnegating nature, her grievance was forgotten at once in a desire to comfort her mother and "save" her father. "May I go to the church and pray for him now mother?" she asked eagerly.

"Yes," answered her mother, after a moment's hesitation; "but don't stay long, darling!"

Mindful of this injunction, Roselle did not linger on her way, but ran so fast through the now silent and empty village street that she was quite out of breath when she reached the church door. There she paused a moment, standing with timid, almost awestruck air on the threshold, across which a flood of golden sunlight fell.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

Mortgage Sale. DEFAULT has been made in the payment of fifteen dollars claimed to be due at the date of this notice on a mortgage bearing date the sixth day of February, 1890, between Charles E. Beagle of Rochester, Monroe County, New York, of the first part, and Adella R. Hopkins of the same place, of the second part, to secure the payment of \$500.00 five hundred dollars with interest, part of the purchase money of the premises hereinafter described and recorded in said Monroe County Clerk's office the sixth day of February, 1890, at 2:40 p. m., in Liber 344 of mortgages, at page 399, now, therefore, notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and of the statutes in such cases made, the premises described in and covered by said mortgage located in the City of Rochester, County of Monroe and State of New York, being part of the Jennings tract, beginning at the southeast corner of lot 134, eleven links south of the southeast corner of lot 132, thence west parallel with the line of lot 132 one hundred and fifty links; thence north in the west line of lot 132, 133 and 134 to 40 links south of the north line of lot 134; thence east parallel with the line of lot 134 to the west line of Alexander street; thence south to the place of beginning, covering 20 links from south line of lot 134 and lot 133, and all of lot 134 fronting on Alexander street, will be sold at public auction at house No. 45 Elm street, in said City of Rochester, on the 24th day of November, 1892, at 9 o'clock a. m. Dated the 27th day of August, 1890. ADELLA R. HOPKINS, Mortgagee.

Mortgage Sale. DEFAULT has been made in the payment of \$958.00 purchase money, due at the date of this notice on a mortgage bearing date the 8th day of August, 1873, executed by Joseph Z. Culver of the City of Rochester, County of Monroe and State of New York, recorded in said County Clerk's office, the 9th day of August, 1873, at 1 o'clock p. m., in Liber 174, page 275, and duly assigned to the subscriber. In pursuance of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and of the statute in such cases provided, the premises covered by said mortgage located in said City and known as Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 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