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[Continued from last week.] CHAPTER VI.

Dan looked at his father and noticed for the first time that there was a vacant stare in the eyes that had been fixed so lovingly upon him as he enter ed. The family bad kept his father's affliction a secret from him while he was away, and had intended telling him before he reached home, but the iov at meeting him had been so great, and they had become so acoustomed to to the old man's present state that they had forgotten that Dan did not know until now, when his father himself had told him. He looked inquiringly at his sister, who bowed her head, partly in shame, for having neglected to let him know it before and partly in affirmative of what her father had said, "Never mind, father, you can see me in Heaven and your vision will be brighter there for having lost your sight here." Dan was greatly changed in appearence since he left home, and no one could have believed that this tall handsome young priest was the same overgrown country lad who ten years ago had left his father's farm to work in the vineyard of the Lord. He bore a strong resemblance to his oldest brother, and in trying to tell his father how he looked, the most accurate discription they could give him, was to tell him that he was just what Eddie had been when he first came to T----Mr. Carson was satisfied with this, for one of the brightest pictures left in his mind was of how his oldest son looked, when he first saw him on the altar eighteen years ago. Among other callers who came to see Dan as soon as they heard he was home, was Mrs. Gib. son and her daughter, Jessie, who were living at home, while the other children were all married and gone, and who had always said she intended to be an old maid, and remain at home as long as they lived. Mrs. Carson had never quite given up the idea that her son was the cause of this, and still regretted that the life devoted to the service of God had not been given instead to the young girl, who was as dear to her as one of her own children. Jessie greeted her old friend with a joyful smile, telling him how glad she was that he had become a priest at last, and asking him to give herself and her mother his blessing. Father Carson gave it to both. thanking God that Jessie had helped to bring him to his present happy state, which but for her, he might not have enjoyed for four long years yet, and he prayed that God's choicest blessing might be hers for her kindness to him. Even as his hand was raised in benediction over her, he caught a glance from his mother which caused him to shrink from her, but Jessie was to happy to notice it. She had always looked on Dan Carson with the same interest that she had in her own brothers, and had once hoped to see one of them become a priest, but as neither of them did, she had from the time that Dan first introduced to her the secret of his vocation, she prayed for him as she would one of them and looked forward to his ordination with just as much interest. On the first Sunday after he came home the young priest celebrated a solemn High Mass for the first time, his brother being deacon and the other Father Bristol, the priest whose father had adopted Father Edward from the the house for many weeks, and train going home, and he reached although the day was very cold and there the next morning. As he neared the home where all had been so happy ment. As he neared the home where all had been so happy when he left it only a few short weeks when the left it only a few short weeks when the left it only a few short weeks the cause of the appoint. where he would be near the altar. His ago, a strange fear came over him that wife was at his side, and while he he might be too late, but he was not. wife was at his side, and while he he might be too late, but he was not. listened with a sublime joy that made him compare the happiness of this day to the heavenly bliss he soon hoped to found not only his brothers and sisters and si the "Confiteor," and this was enough for him; while she heard the same, be-hold the white-robed priests at the altar and saw the happy face of her two sons, her heart was still hardened. After the reading of the Epistle and Chernel come the text he. Chernel come the text her Chernel come in time. Chernel come in time.

and he saith to them; Why stand ye hended, they did not think it best to here all the day idle? They to him: call him away from his parish, which Because no man hath hired us. He was so far away, until the day before saith to them: Go you also into my his mother was thought to be dying. vineyard."-(St. Matt. xx, 6.7.) Father Bristel would have baptized Mrs. Carson gave an involuntary start her then, but she said she wished Dan as she heard the text, but she was to do it, and she could not die until he soon so deeply interested in the sermon came. Several times during the night that she forgot all else. Dan had com- she would raise as from a stupor and menced in a mild, gentle tone, but ask "Has Dan come yet?" but before gradually his voice deepended into an they could answer she would sink back outburst of eloquence, and his words on her pillow. were such that he soon held the entire When Dan entered the room her

Catholic

congregation spell-bound. His elo- face brightened and, extending her quence was far greater than his hand toward him, she said, "I am so distributing some hundreds of medals sionaries, and thinking themselves gant demonstrations of joy. brother's had ever been; in every sen- glad you have come; I could not die to the well-instructed catechumens, I obliged to follow their king, they did averyone knett, and is a few tence he showed a remarkable power without you her voice faltered - set off for Kyango, one of the most so; but, far from giving up their re- I told, the amountly we want of

was his aged father, who saw in him- away. His brother had everything in catechist, whose open, candid counts- abandoned Mwanga at soon at they the greater number. was his aged father, who saw in him-self the picture of the workman who had been sent to the vineward of the secrement and he exercised a wonder-had been sent to the vineward of the secrement and he exercised a wonder-tismal innocence. A dozen other lice were not with him. Lord at the eleventh hour. He ful control over himself as he gave it. chiefs had come, to greet me, with all On Sunday, the 24th of July at thanked God again and again that he His mother answered his questions in their people, drums and guns. The the instruction on Catechiam that I Mawokota). had been called, even at that late hour a weak but clear voice, and a happy crowd numbered, at least, 5,000 per- gave in the open air in the presence of . Then my suffering to work for the salvation of his soul, light covered her face when it was sons. and the tears falling from his sightless over. One by one she bade her chilher eyes were fixed upon him at the consecration while they were profound-

gregation in honor of the occasion. he found that he

FOR THE FAITH. EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF FATHER LAANS, MISSIONARY IN

UGANDA, To Mgr. Livinhad, Superior General, of The Congregation of the White Fathers-Pardon Easily Obtained-Misereer super tubam,

The most attentive listener present for his mother's life was fast ebbing lieutenant is Yoanna Kidza, a former greater number, at least. They had was anabled to make my all

We were welcomed with exactly the erect a cross on the Margya mountain, very hills seemed shake eyes bathed his face with a dew of joy. dren and grandchildren good-by and same uproar as on the preceding day; alte of the future station, and thus His wife, too, had been touched, and asked them, to pray for her when she there were ories of joy and shaking of consecrate the province of Mawokota as a line former Father Edward, who glanced at her at was gone. She held Clara's hand hands. I was seized by the arms, the to God. All the chiefs were invited tuk wagain a sa a life floor the end of the sermon, was the first longer than any of the others and her feet, the clothes and heard; I was with their people, drums and guns one to notice the change in her coun- last words to her were, "Remember, dragged and pushed on every side. My proposal was warmly received, tenance. She kept her seat, watching Clara, what I have told you." To Old women, who had not seen a priest and the celebration fixed upon to take Alice and the two priests she said, for a long time, danced before the place the following Sunday. "You three give me the greatest con- crowd, shaking their arms and head, During the week I made two ex-

solation I have in dying, and I thank Here also we entered the village, to cursions; one was to visit Marko, (an iranslated into the ly kneeling with bowed heads, but the God that you have chosen to lead such the beating of drums and firing of old chief baptized inclus good that you have chosen to lead such the beating of drums and firing of old chief baptized inclus good that you have chosen to lead such the beating of drums and firing of old chief baptized inclus good that you have chosen to lead such the beating of drums and firing of old chief baptized inclus good that you have chosen to lead such the beating of drums and firing of old chief baptized inclus good that you have chosen to lead such the beating of drums and firing of old chief baptized inclus good that you have chosen to lead such the beating of drums and firing of old chief baptized inclus good that you have chosen to lead such the beating of drums and firing of old chief baptized inclus good that you have chosen to lead such the beating of drums and firing of old chief baptized inclus good the holy lives." The parting with their guns. A church had been built, as who also had built a very fine oburch. for the last time, all we ed by the stroke of the large one in aged companion was the hardest to be- likewise a cabin for the missionary. in the fashion of the country, and who orom and then the the tower, caused her to bow her head hold, but the grief at her loss was After the singing of a hymn in the has the joy of seeing all his people sub-in reverence. She was impressed by lessened by the joy at knowing that chapel, I took possession of my read missive to the law of the Gospel. the law of the she had at last joined the true fold, presbytery. Then the visiting began other was to Roki, whose villiges are At the close of Mass, as her son turned to give the last blessing, she fell upon her knees for the first time, with her face raised toward the altar, and at that moment her area met his with a that moment her eyes met his with a many years together could not be sep- guard of honor. Had they not been men aspiranta, the distribution of glance that told him her heart had been erated long. One morning in May, there to regulate the entrance of the medals to the best instructed, and the medals to the best instructed, and the medals to the best instructed. softened. The two brothers at the when Frank went to his father's room visitors, I should certainly never have hearing of seventy or eighty confis there was the altar joined with glad hearts in the to help him dress, he did not greet him returned sound of limb to the capital. sons in the evening, "Te Deum" sung by the entire con- as usual, and going nearer to the bed Until noon my house was diterally Sunday morning, Sist of July, the

the besieged by the crowd. The soldiers day fixed upon for the erection of the

cars are growing golden. Let ma about All rush towards huston to gather them into the Father's one wishes to also be barn, lest they be lost in the field, or and offer congratulations carried away by the birds of beaven, auts, attracted bithes, i whom you know. Ob. how in- owne and threw the patiently we await our new fellow- feet, declaring that house workers ! wish to pray with us in Amongst the visitors I received at other religion than 'm

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Kyango were somerabels who had re- great the only true ones turned to their country. They came gans, touched by a spi-covered with confusion, like prodigal to them, implore ma children. I was traly surprised when regard them as my children. Concluded from last week. After giving an instruction and the capital to ask advice of the mis-hour to calm down all these are

of bending at his will the minds of his hearers and he promised to be one of the most eloquent of preachers. The most attenting listence real of the province. The most attenting listence real of the province of the province. The most attenting listence real of the province of the provi

nearly 5,000 persons, I proposed to sponded so enthesis Katonda, Kahala wa Saviour, vo love Theory Mary, yes are my molie

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home his mother embraced him af-

"No, mother," said the priest. because I sincerely believe that in he is the source of much anxiety to her. Mothers come asking me to baptize strength, I begged them not to be life. Yours, is indeed, the true faith. and you two chose well when you took upon yourselves to devote your lives to the defence of it, and now all that I ask is that you will recieve me into

his mother, that she must first be in. John's parish, where since his appoint- wait patiently until the next day. structed in the teachings of the Catho ment as pastor eighteen months ago lic faith and then, if she still wished it, he has paid off the debt of \$8,000, she might be received into the church. expended \$6,000 on improvements on

"I hope that time is not far off," the building, for which the parish said his mother, "for I feel that the owes not a cent, and instituted a floureleventh hour spoken of in your text ishing Italian Sunday school. He is follow the preparatory instructions the path was narrow, we formed thus simile eleventh hour spoken of in your text ishing Italian Sunday school. He is to-day has come for me and ere long said to be the best pulpit orator among my life will be over. I want to be prenared to die in the Catholic faith." rial comment on Father McGavick's

"I hope you will be well prepared, appointment the New World, of Chimother, when the time comes," cago, says: "For some time past the answered her son, "but we trust that daily papers of this city have been ciryou may yet be spared us for many culating reports to the effect that the of these new recruits, desired me to distance, the women on the stores of veara.'

Mrs. Carson was right, for one day down and in feeble health and unable I set off with the chiefs to mek a On the spot chosen we found a bure tain less than three monrhs later, her son, to attend to his duties as heretofore. favorablespot for a new station. We cross made from the trank of a trank of Father Dan, who had charge of a We have already taken occasion to arrived at Maggys, at about three- 24 yards high, that Patrie and this real small parish in Eastern Pennsylvania, contradict these statements, and we quarters of an hour's walking dis brought there from the forms by 100 orphan asylum, and who had taken a great deal of interest in Dan during the time spent in the preparatory sem-inary, was sub-deacon. Mr. Carson had not been able to leave the house for many weeks, and atthough the day was very cold and there is a day was very cold and the convert momine. As he needed

him compare the happiness of this day found not only his brothers and sisters that lived near home, but those who the Sovereign Pontiff bestowing his once; to build here a church and real and they are desided, at after many painful efforts the snow with over twenty voices, the sweetest were all a waiting for the last. His rian. Father Fenlon, for 18 years and loudest of which was that of his sister Alice now Sister Agatha, had spiritual father of the community, dedaughter, Grace, then the voice of his come home from the hospital, accom- livered a beautiful and thoughtful young son fell upon his ears as he said panied by one of the other sisters, and eulogy of the saintly nun, remarking works. He asks for 200 worksmen. loud ery of enthusiasm from 5.6 the "Confiteor," and this was enough she supported her mother's head on that of her fifty years of religious life

That afternoon when Dan went peaceful alumber of death, and his on guard introduced the visitors by cross, an immense wowd had gath.

remember, and in a short time she was one asks for a little medicine, another so furiously during the oppensony that baptized with her two daughters, and presents himself as knowing all the it almost threw me into a teres. The "You told me," said his mother, they are now very sincere Catholics, [catechism and begs to be inscribed on chiefs, became fright and spoke to that the time would come when I but her son cannot be prevailed upon the list of catechumens. I make the the people: "Our Muserdoti will to give up the religion in which she latter undergo a short examination, die," they said: "he can rest neither friends that I had two sons who served had brought him up, and although he and if his answers prove satisfactory I day nor night; you do not even heave God in His holy sanctury and my is everything his mother could wish of put the medal of the Blessed Virgin him time to est. Go away, all of dear son that day has come. I am him in every other respect, he shows around his neck. Others want me to you !" very proud of you both, and happy, too, little respect even for that creed, and act as judge in some dispute. Feeling that I will had some little

The End

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Rev. Alexander McGavick, who

Archbishop of Chicago was broken prepare all for receiving them.

dence for the missionaries Patrisi, the Kyango chief, was im- made to receive it.

eves were open to behold the glories of little groups. As they came in there ered at the appointed place. I began fectionately, saying, "Do you remem-ber what you said to me when you bade me good by as you were leaving home to me to the to the comparately and told her to one must have a little word with me; struggled so desperately and screemed

their new-born babes, etc. When uneary. At 2 o'clock in the after-each one is satisfied, my soldiers in- noon. having recited the Housey totroduce another group, and so on gether, we formed inte a procession, until moon, after which I baptize the A wooden cross, covered with red and little children; then I enter the con- white cotton, was carried in front island in fessional, to hear the confessions of Immediately babind is carrie all the 1906. ask is that you will recieve me into your church, for outside of it I can never again find any happiness." Father Carson could hardly repress his joy, but he only calmly answered I lohn's parish, where since his appoint. Where since his appoint. The solution of the parish where 80), and then your humble servent,

In each village a goodly number of surrounded by the choir boys and folthe catechumens; whose names have lowed by the baptized men. The bapbeen a long time on the list, ought to tized women closed the proceedion. pass six months in the capital, so as to Obliged to walk in single file where new missionaries, enabling us to set with which all sang. When the cross occasion the amongst those interesting people ! had reached the summit of the Magaya was not Father Achte, relying on the arrival hill we could still see, afar off in the Lyango.

Sister Vicentia Marotte, of the Visi-are, at least, 2.000 baptied persons, workers made me stand at a safe intion community of St. Louis has nost distant of them being not farther acce, with the crowd forming a sirely the hole, more than two yards deep

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