Through Thorny Paths.

BY MARY ROWENA COTTER.

CHAPTER L I we her at eve on the green knoll reslining,
When Sol's setting splendor illumed

the west, Her white taper fingers some iflowers were entwining In a wreath of green shamrocks that

circled her breast; Her eyes were as bright as the blue sky above her. Her light golden ringlets did carelessly

Cold, cold was the heart that could see and not love her-

The darling and pride of the vale of Francis O'Kane. Behind the green hills of Erin the sun was slowly sinking to rest at the close of a bright August day many years ago. One brillant ray like a golden stream penetrated the stained glass window of a little church, falling eyes. At sight of jewel Thomas exupon the fair head of a girl of eighteen, claimed: or younger, who knelt near the altar, apparently deeply absorbed in prayer. From time to time, however, her eyes turned from the tabernacle toward the closed door of the sacristy. The fragrant odor of incense still lingered in

the air, telling that Vespers was just With the exception of half a shipers had departed. At last the "I mean no offense, Agnes, but sacristy door opened, and Agnes Con-when I do not like a thing I cannot lin smiled as the cassocked figure of a help sometimes showing it." handsome youth, apparently about her "Then you do not like my ring? own age, though in truth he was four Look at it closely and see what a years older, appeared. He knelt in beaatiful thing it is. Those are real profound adoration before the altar, emeralds. It cost a fortune!" and then, as if impelled by one im- "I care not for the cost; it is a pulse, the two young people reverently hideous thing and I do not like to see made the sign of the cross, genoflected it on my cousins finger. But where before the Bleesed Sacrament and did you get it?" together from the church.

"How looke an angel our Agnes looks," said one, "and were it not for lavin' her poor mother entirely alone, the speakers voice. He stopped and methinks she'd be jinin' the nuns. I pressed his hand to his heart, as if to

good enough to be in any convint; so well but I don't loike the way she's been actin' since that sthranger, bad luck to him, came here from America."

The only answer was a deep sigh from the first speaker, who had known she found courage to say: Agnes mother from infancy, for she, too, had noticed the sad change only a few short weeks had wrought in the girl who was as dear to her as her own. told "

"I don't mane to say" said the other, "that our Agnes ain't as good as she always was, but that stranger has turned her head, an' I am afeard because—' he'll be afther stalin' her away from laughs at her Church an' prayers ever been to us all, would disapprove when he pretinds to her to think it's of your foolishness." all right. I don't loike him an' its

niver come that brought him here." our poor little lamb has larned to love him too much for her own good, an' it may go hard wid her when he it may go hard wid her when he felt it his duty not only as a near were made the more onerous because her and relative but as and the same and the sam laves her, as he soon will. Fine friend and relative, but as one who gintlemen like him don't want the was soon to take up the work of the During the thirteen years of his Church was the mistress. Out of Baker Theater the first three days of

On leaving the church she had re-moved her hat and tied it to her arm, tell me, was it in the agreement that thus revealing her golden hair, upon your mother was to go with yon?" which the rays of the setting sun now No, but Edward has promised me fell. From the white oval face shone that I shall be sole mistress of his a pair of deep blue eyes, which beam- grand home, for he has no mother, ed with love and kindness from the no sisters and nobody to trouble me. depths of a pure, innocent heart. So I intend to take my own dear From early childhood she had been mother to live with us." known as an angel in the parish, and "Vain hopes," he thought: "poor many bad been the blessings her girl, how she has been deceived; but sweet smiles and acts of kindness had let us hope that it is not too late. It called down upon her, especially cannot be, it must not be, for God among the poor and aged, to whom will not allow it.

she had ever proved a true friend neighbors, had always been in com- your mother nor your priest about fortable circumstances, and though your love affair, perhaps you can ad upon as such by their less forunate fident from childhood."

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> [Cepyrighted by the Author, 1901.] neighbors, who had never known St. Mary's Church, to take the place were held at the Whitcomb House. what it was to be refused help from of Rev. James J. Leary, deceased them. When Agnes was fifteen she Father Gleason is now assistant peshad experienced her first sorrow in the tor of Church of the Immaculate death of her dear father and now Conception, where he has been located lived alone with her mother and for the last thirteen years, or ever two brothers. Though she loved the since he was admitted to the priestboys wish all the ardor of a most de hood. He will assume his new duties and Canada are expected, with 10,000 voted sister, her affection was not less a week from next Sunday. strong for her Cousin Thomas, who had chosen to give his self up to the born in East Bloomfield, on August 3. holy office of the priesthood, and he 1863, and spent his early days in that being offered in prises. was now within less than a year of town. He was educated in the union

> Either intentionally or by accident as the two walked towards home Agnes laid her hand on a book her cousin held, revealing a ring-a golden serpent entwined three times around her finger, with brilliant emeralds for

"Agnes, where did you get that horrible thing on your finger?

She who had never known what it was to be angry with her cousin paused and looked at what she considered a rare gem of priceless value. Had any one else dared to speak thus she would have been strongly tempted dozen old men and women, who were to recent the insult, but Thomas could devoutly reciting the beads, the wor- say to her what others dared not utter.

"It is my engagement ring," was the Soon after two old women who had trembling reply, made in tones far watched them also left and paused to less proud than they would have been a few minutes before. "Agnes!"

There was sorrow and reproach in once belaved she'd be gone before still the wild beating her words had caused. He looked into her face, but The other shook her head sadly for the first time in her life she shrank "I thought so meself once, for she's from the gaze she had always loved

> "Agnes, has it gone so far?" She looked up, and seeing the same kind face she had always known (if auything, it was far more tender)

"Yes, Edward and I are engaged." "Does your mother know it, Agnes?" "No, you are the first one I have

does not know, either?'

"Because you know that your old us, an' he a Protestant, too, who pastor, like a kind father that he has

'I do not see how marrying a rich meself wishes the unlucky day had man could be called foolishness."

He saw what he suspected, that his "I wish sc, too, for I am afeared innocent cousin was so deeply infatuat-

"Agnes," he said in the tenderest The Conlins, unlike many of their tones, "since you have told neither far from wealthy, they had been look trust your cousin, who was your conST. MARYS NEW PASTOR.

Rev. William Gleaner of the Immaculate

Bishop McQuaid Tuesday after-Rev. William Glesson as pastor of this city in June next. The sections

Rev Father William Gleason was

the Knights of St. John held its semiannual meeting here Monday in preparation for the annual convention noon announced the appointment of of the order, which will take place in

The Trustees conferred with Colonel

evening. J. P. Smith presided and will continue to call men to enter into speaker be called upon Choosing the priesthood for his vocation he entered St. Andrew's Theological Seminary in this city in Secretary M. J. Kane, Supreme January Christ, and to serve him faith.

Transmitter J. R. Torlenblar, Supreme fully by observing His holy laws. In



WILLIAM GLEASON.

In June, 1888, he was graduated "Then I suppose Father James this city. In July of the same year he was ordained to the priesthood by phlet form the first of a course of his Brainen and Martini are consider." from there and immediately came to The Catholic Truth Society of San original Sie Hopkins," will offer her Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, Bis- torical lectures which Rev. Thomas magicians. How do spend your after-

on Frank Street. In October he was Ages" and makes a fifty-four page A matines is given every day except assigned as assistant pastor of the pamphlet. Immaculate Conception Church. At Dr. Shahan brilliantly sums up that time Rev. Father O'Hare, since the manifold activity of the Church

"Why, have you not told your mother, Agnes?"

"Recence I know that the thought his many friends will rejoice in the knowledge of the fact that his promostroyers she has made a world of most band of genuine Indian are carried as his beautiful work. be lavin' the counthry an' niver "Because I knew that the thought tion and advancement are certainly cunning artificers and craftemen; out well as horses and donkeys. of parting with me, especially to let deserved. St. Mary's gains a rector of the slum and slime of humanity "It's meself hopes so, too, said the me go to America, would grieve her. that will be an acceptable one to that the Roman had best down with But I will soon send for her and give every member of that grief stricken the sword and the Greek drew back Agnes Conlin possessed a rare beauty her a home with me, where she can congregation and one whom they will from with horror, she made gentlement such as is often found like a wild be a great lady, wear silk and velvet soon learn to love and esteem. Our like Bayard and ladies like Blanche flower among the poorer class and every day and have servants to wait congratulations are extended to both of France and Isabel of Castile," the new rector and the congregation.

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hop of Rochester, the ceremony taking place in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

For a few months Father Gleason remained at the episcopal residence entitled "Catholicism in the Middle courtsously treated by trained attached.

she's not good enough for him, an' pretty enough, too, to be the wife of a lord, but she's not his kind,"

""Why have you not told your of the was soon to take up the work of the likes of her for a wife. I don't say priesthood, to do all in his power to this foolish affair, had endeared himself to the congregation of the limit three days of the first three days of the mistress. Unit of growing the thirteen years of his work in that parish, Father Gleason had endeared himself to the congregation of the limit three days of the first three days of the fir

It was a long and patient process.

The Church had to lay the very DESSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP. foundations of civilizations, religion The co-partnership heretofore exist- and morality, government and law.

The Supreme Board of Trustees of

Five Minute Seemon

THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

The Trustees conferred with Colonel Henry N. Schlick and John J. Smith Chairman and Secretary of the local Executive Committee of Arrangements for the coming convention. About 350 delegates from the United States and Canada are expected, with 10,000 visitors. There will be a big street parade on June 23 to be followed by a prize drill at the Armory, \$1,000 to the coming of the words of the members of the mem his ordination, spending his last vaschool in the village and after his SS. Peter and Paul's Church Monday successors, God has called, calls, and Theological Seminary in this city in 1880 and was graduated in 1884. Tressurer J. B. Todenbier, Supreme fully by observing His holy laws. In Hupreme Trustee F. J. Lally, Dr. F. Majoney the evening, that is, on the day of mary had been founded, so he went to Chaplain Rev. M. J. Hargariher and Judgment, all these who will have belonged to the Church of Christ. James M. Nolan. who will have entered the Church the Control Control the vineyard—in early morning, at the third, sixth, ninth, or sleventh insurance. District Description, will receive without distinction. Major thought so well

"Many are called but few are thestalled chosen" because there are many who lowing repres by virtue of baptism enter into the vine yard to labor and gain eternal reward but there are few who bleerve faith-fully the holy law and who sarre God with perseverance until death. Only the innocent and the truly penitest Council 44. Che who have perservered to the last will Council 74 and be chosen. We must remember that without grace of God we can do not thing toward our own salvation. Let without grace of God we can do so thing toward our own salvation. Let us live in fear and humality; trust can salves to the devine mercy; pray is the name of Jasua, and the tentille

The promising vandeville bill an neunced for part week at the Occid Opera House contains many head lines mames. A prominent feature of the bill will be Burt Coofe, who will appear in a sketch called . A Lamb in Wall Street. This sketch is not stone Go only samulag, but calls for come able strong character acting. The Seven Picciani Sisters execute many astonishing and sensational acrobatio feats. Mansfield and Wilbur present a clever sketch called a "Bottle and a Bird." Jack Norworth is a sing-ing comedian; who regulary pleases. Miss Louise Dresser is said to be an excellent vocalist. Smith. Doty and Cos give an entertaining musical act. Risks is a speciacular fire descer Carrie Graham, who claims to be the



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