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~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ Through Thorny Paths.

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CHAPTER VI.

Mrs. Daton listened with a happy smile to the fairy tread of the little feet, then, *vs* if impelled by some strange impulse she could not understand, the silently followed and hid herself just outside the door. The pet of the household had sprung into the ever wide open arms of the elderly lady, kissed her lovingly and then stood back from her, asking her how she liked her new dress.

"Very pretty, pet, very pretty," was the reply. "I never saw my little girl look so well. Strange mamma never thought of putting red on her before, when it is so becoming to that lovely brunette complexion!"

"It was because I was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin, grandma, and had to wear blue and white. They are her colors, you know."

"What?" exclaimed the lady, in mingled disgust and dismay. "I do not understand what you mean. Please explain, child "

"I cannot explain, grandma; that was all mamma told me, but I thought you ought to understand. You are older than mamma.'

"Yes, darling, true I am older than your mother, but she does many strange things which grandma cannot understand.'

"But they are right, grandma; I know they are, for mamma never does anything wrong.'

"Not consciously, darling, not consciously, I hope, though I cannot understand all she does.

Through the crack of the door Mrs Daton could see clearly without being about and I thought it was me."

passed and not wishing to be observed Mrs. Daton stole back to her room as

buried her face in her jeweled hands could ever meach them. and sat reflecting on her child. She longed for some one to talk to about her pet, and naturally her mind turo. ed to the one who should be a married woman's truest friend and confident, hers, but, like Cecelia, she was doom. other years held her own dear sister namely her husband; but here another ed to have them taken from her, and, in one long loving embrace while she

pretty clothes, in which, proud father spring morning, but when little Agnes that he was he was always interested, was nearly a year old the mother garment. but on the subject that touched the awoke to the fact that she was a been so long, so very long, since I

two little hands encircled her wrists. Pointed to the truth of the warning, "What is the matter mamma? You she trusted her husband too thorough-

look as if you felt badly about some. Iy and loved him too tenderly to bething." "Nothing, my precious pet, nothing; Others, he would occasionally take a

I was only thinking." "Thinking about what, mamma? '

me?'

Nothing makes me happier than to and a besot ted, improvident companbut maybe it was your other little of her unhappy state.

rebel against God for having robbed dolls and other nice things to play her child before her birth of the com- | with?"

panious the should now have had. " The mother did not reply, but Once her mind turned to her only gazed sadly at her, thinking of how sister, from whom, through her own unequal were the positions of the two carelesness she had not heard in four children. She wassitting in the same years, Nellise at that time being the room where years before little Cecelia happy mother of two boys, and she O'Kane had awaited the coming of observances of the event than a low ment and seconce the hermit thought as she had once before in an the grand Mrs. Daton, and she could mass of thanksgiving, which he cole hour of envy.

almost hear the bearing of her own "God has given children to her who heart when the sound of a light foot- delphia. noiselessly as she had come: She had scarcely has the means to provide step and the rustle of silk fell upon always known her child to be possess. properly for one, but I, who have her ear. The anxious moment of ed of a bright intellect far beyond her abundance, am doomed to bring up which she had dreamed for many years, but her words to her grand- my one child without companionship. days had come, and she knew well mother revealed her in a new light, It is unjust" And she bowed her that it was to be moment of supreme which convinced the mother that the head in despair instead of thanking happiness or supreme sorrow. All days of innocent baby hood were for God that her darlings were safe in depended upon the reception her Cecelia really a thing of the past. She heaven, where no harm or suffering sister was to give her.

But all doubt was soon dispelled God in His infinite goodness had for True Nellie had been blessed with heart of the haughty woman with true children after her sister having lost sisterly love, and the little Cecelia of glaring proof of the sorrows of a like her poor mother, the ever patient showered tears of true affection upon divided household stood out before woman seemed doomed to a life of ber face. For once the critical eye of her. She could talk with him of the suffering The beginning of her the proud creature had penetrated physical comforts of Cecelia or of her married life had been like a bright the loving heart beneath a poor

very core of her heart she must be drunkard's wife. She had been warn- heard from you." And then relaxing silent. So absorbed was she that she ed of this long before, but, notwith her hold, she turned to the little did not hear the light footsteps until standing that many little indications golden baired girl, who reminded her of one of her own dead children.

"And this is your little Agnes?" lieve it. She knew that, like many in the world now.

"And where are your boys? Your glass of liquor, but, firmly believing widow's garments tell me that you bis head, a fact to which Cardinal Gib-

"Ine boys Uccena, they, too, like ask so strange a question?" and the five years after her marriage she "And you never wrote to tell me "The boys Cecelia, they, too, like mother's face was now all smiles. Found herself with three small children about it. Why did you keep silent." "And you never wrote to tell me

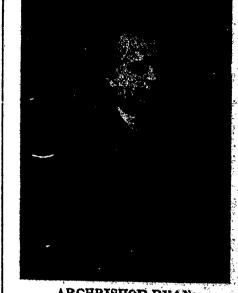
> younger when he was but a few weeks "Still the same loving, unselfish

ARCHDISKOF BRAN

Philadelphia Prelate Oelebrates His Seventy-Wires Mirthday,

Lonrnal

Archbishop Ryan was 71 years old on Feburary 20th. In accordance in the state of Naw York, with his wish, there was no other unfortanates receive select brated in the Cathedral at Phila



ARCHBISHOP RYAN

Fow persons outside of clerical ciroles are aware that he has passed the belonged to the Syraouse dioses. It alotted span of three score years and belonged to the Rochester diocese of en. for he stands as erect now as when "Yes, Cecelia. She is all I have he mounted the seat of the late Arch+ he mounted the reat of the late Arch-bishop Wood of Philadelphis, eighteen years ago. There is not a gray hair in bishord a fact to which Condinated City

that he wass strong enough never to have lost your good husband, for bons of Baltimore playfully alluded at "Only my own dear little girl." "Does it make y u sad to think of baby. All too so n the times came have lost your good husband, for the recent banquet of the Poiladelphia boys?" "The boys Cecelia, they, too, like Archbiahop Ryan was born pear

Thuries, Tipperary county, Ireland. When 16 years old he entered Carlow bout it. Why did you keep silent." college, where he received his coclesi- The bishop of Brooklyn. "Because I knew that my dear astical training. In 1852 he left ire. The diocess of Brooklyn. college, where he received his ecclesithink of you, my own little darling." ion. She wrote to Cecelia about her "Mamma dear, you did look sad, little boys, but hid from her the secret hat maybe it any dear land for this country and became con-without being burdened with a know. I and for this country and became con-method with the archdiocese of St. The blakop of Syraces The diocese of St. The diocese of St. girls in heaven you were thinking God in His infinite mercy took the ledge of my troubles until it was Louis. He was consecrated condition

bishop of St. Louis in 1872, and while The bishop of Buffalo

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the whole state 1. It is the out 2. No cas meede about alderalion more than Ind tice, taken for the most parts

S. Very few, if any or the seatory people one do maything sprease is ng a church. 4. They had a right to the charitably disposed to a their montance.

5. The state was justified in ing to build a separate chiles Catholics for what it did for Catholics it would have to do for every m demomination that saked for the se favor or right.

6. These suffaring spilepiles have come from every solice of the state at this paper demonstrates In January of 1902 there we the colony 755 epileptics, of wi 267 were Catholics. Of these 267 Catholics, 129 belo ed to the New York areh diosen belonged to the Bronklyn dicess. I belonged to the Albany diosess in belonged to the Odgeneberg diosessi belonged to the Buffalo dioone. Roohester

The archbishop of New

York. St. V. de Paul's confertrom the arch-diooses of New York

CHAPTER VII.

Catholic

her mother-in-law caused her to feel like grasping her child and fleeing forever from the woman's presence. It was only one of the sad remarks found in a divided household where there is no unity of faith. It was plainly evident that Mrs. Daton loved her little grandchild almost to idulatry but her face revealed to the watcher that she believed the innocent child was being misled by an erring mother. who would bring her to ruin. What was she to do, reveal her presence and take her pet away from this bad influence or wait and see if anything worse was said? She felt to do the first might cause ill feeling, which she dreaded. especially from this woman, whom she had always scrupulously endeavored to please

"Grandma," asked Cecelia, looking straight into her face, whose expression she did not like, "don't you love the Blessed Virgin?'

"Why should I, darling, when I know nothing o' her?"

"Oh, grandma, you don't mean it Don't you know anything about God?''

"Certainly, child; I am a Christian and of course I know all about God." "If you do, you ought to know

something about His Mother " "It is enough to know God and serve Him, without worshiping His Mother or any other woman.

"I love her just the same, grandma, and I know you will when I tell vou all about her, which I intend to do sometime when I learn more."

"Poor, deluded baby," thought the grandmother; "it is to bad, but she is no child of mine and I can do nothing for her. When she gets older and can understand the will know better, and if her intellect developes as it promises to now, she will never submit to the errors of Romansim."

Little Cecelia in the meantime was buried in deep thought, but suddenly, the mist clearing away, her face brightened and she said:

"1 will say a Hail Mary every day for you that the Blessed Virgin may teach you to know and love her."

every day for my little Cecelia that to the heavenly Queen, telling her little Agnes. God may make her a good girl and how she was to take off her colors teach her to know and love Him as to morrow and begging her always to that Cousin Cecelia?"

The compact was sealed with a own little girl; then she prayed for said Nellie who would have recognized loving hug and kiss, and, contrary to her grandma, saying the Hail Mary her sister's child among many. the expectations of the woman listen- she had promised, and lastly, as if

"How well you guessed it," said the mother, glad of an excuse.

could have somebody to play with the Angel of Death came, and this I get so lonesome sometimes.

best, and they are safe from harma." this dress off. I must not wear it neglected for a long time to write to to d**ay**."

"Don't you want to keep it on lady would take the news, she resolved until papa comes, it is so pretty?' "No, mamma; to morrow will be come to her But none came. time enough for him to see it. If he A year passed and the drunkard's saw it he might ask me questions like widow had many a hard struggle with

wish "

"Yes, mamma, for if this is the been the scene of her married life. ast day I am to wear the Blessed It was hard to think of leaving for-Virgin's colors, I want to keep them ever the graves of her boys, but had on as long as I can." A little blue chambry dress which return, there still lingered in her heart

little grotto of Lourdes, which had resource, but Nellie fully intended reheen a sacred spot to her from the placing it as soon as she could earn dawn of her reason. She went from enough.

gay red and yellow blossoms she had the city on the morning of Cecelia's always admired, she selected only blue seventh birthday, and after taking and white, for now that she had been an hour to refresh themselves at a told that these were Mary's colors, she would offer her nothing else. The whose name was now Mrs. Cullen, flowers of brighter hue which she proceeded to her sister's home. She herself had placed on the shrine the trembled with fear and little Agnes day before were carefully picked out clung closer to her as she ascended and thrown away now, not even a the stone steps leading up the terrace But Mrs. Daton had noted the effect ered to build and equip a Catholic When all was done Cecelia looked feeling was nothing new, for a visit over her work with an air of satisfac. to Cecelia's home always inspired her tion, then knelt down to pray.

In the prayers said in whispered

watch over her and keep her for her

consisted chiefly in being a member of her child had found her. Cecelia had know I shall love Cousin Cecelia, and Rochester daily except Sunday at the appeal is but for a small sum

"I wish," said Cecelia, sorrowfully, little Agnes, who had grown to be a "that God had left me just one, so I beautiful child. For a third time together !" time it took the tather. Nellie's first "I wish so, too, pet, but God knows impulse was to write to her sister, to whom she should naturally look for "Mamma, I wish you would take consolation and help, but Cecelia had her, and not knowing how the haughty

to wait, hoping that some word might

had been consecrated to the Blessed borne it uncomplainingly, but her Virgin and he said he did not believe Child's future was a source of agonizing braced the child of her sister, then cards: in h.r, it would make me feel, oh, so worry. She thought again of making presented her own, who received them

an appeal to her sister by letter, but ata d pet; but if she did she would and take her child with her. If she love the Blessed Virgin as well as we failed, she knew that she could earn do; but come, take off the dress if you her support as well in the city of her early struggles as in that which had

there been no other reason for her

had been discarded was quickly donned a tender love for the sister her dying again, and like a singing bird Cecelia mother had left in her care. Agnes' flew away. Down stairs she went gift from her aunt had to be taken singing a few words of a hymn to the from the bank now to pay their on the other. Blessed Mother of God and out to the traveling expenses, for it was the last

choice buds, but instead of taking the the mother and daughter arrived in with awe. Half way up the walk a little fairy figure in red and white

"And I will say the Lord's Prayer accents she first recommended herself at them, then smiling sweetly at "Mamma_" queried Agnes, "is

told her what she needed and in her I wish I might live in this big house 7:45 A. M. arriving in Pittsburg from each one and for the male Warned that the danger was now heart she was strongly tempted to with her, I wonder if she has lots of

Old, and the other boy went to his Nellie you were years ago, when we honorary title of archbishop of Salawere two poor little lone orphans mina by Pope Leo XIII, On June 8

> of her own early life or family in the late Archbishop Wood, presence of her child, but she was too happy in the company of her only sister to care even when she discover. States MeQuald Exhuits a " intemant ed that her little one had followed her

into the room and stood gazing In the spring of 1900 the bishop of wonderingly at the strangers. In Rochester having obtained permission Vestments, casedle reality she was possessed of a most by a resolution of the board of teuder nature, but her natural pride managers of Craig Colony, to bui d had been nursed by a contact with on the grounds of the colony a chapel Printing, postage and sundrise her husband's mother and a desire to and a resident chaplain's cottage, sent grandma did, then if I told him that proverty. For herself she could have network had been almost of the bishops and pastors of the line could have nature had been almost crushed. state of New York the following The chaplain's cottage She turned now and tenderly em- circular, together with contribution Furniture

"The state of New York owns Chanel, etc. "Poor grandma does not under. Einally determined to go back in person Soon Cecelia was seated on a low where it is founding a home for the as kindly as her mother had done. nearly 2,000 acres of land at Sonyes. House, stores diven with her arm thrown lovingly judicious and scientific treatment of Receipts. around her cousin, as if she had the indigent epileptics of the state always known her, and \a pretty "They are from the poorhouses of picture they made, though the conall the counties of the state. trast in the part smote Nellie sadly. The dark eyes and raven tresses contracted strongly with the blue ones of the epileptic. and golden locks, and both mothers saw it; but what claimed their attention most was the costly gown on one epilepsy or falling sickness. and the neat but cheap muslin dress

> "See, Nellie, how kindly our little are being admitted at the rate of 40 also offerings from frends of the girls take to each other," Mrs. Daton per month. Between thirty and forty. The chapel is of brick with said penetrating her sisters and per cent, are Catholics. thought. "You would almost think "Prevision has been made for two accommodations for are tare they had known and loved each other resident chaplains; one Catholic, one dred. always. Each being the only one non Catholic. The hall in which It is confidently expected left, it almost seems as if the proper religious worship is held on Sunday is well disposed, and who thing would be to keep them together." used for other purpeses during the the first circular, or who Mrs Daton scarcely knew why she week. had made the last remark, but it "A resident Catholie chaplain and receipt of this report, send a soa

sister's face. The light faded almost devotions and instructions: a house as quickly as it had come, however, of prayer always open and ready for for Nellie dared not entertain the use. of her words and did not forget.

chapel and a residence for the chap "What a pretty dress you have," Agnes was saying, and she laid her offer has been kindly scorpted. little hand reverently on the gaudy folds. "I wish I had one just like will inspire these afflicted children of it, only blue. Mamma says I always the church with the hope of a happier look best in blue." life hereafter through the companion

(To be continued.) The Best Route to Phitsburg.

By this time the child was fleeing Railway is the only line operating the hand of God has weighed heavily ing at the door, it was kept for years. Little in reality could be expected she asked for a little sister to play from a child of seven, while no nore with. might justly be looked for from the The mother in the meantime sat in admitted by a liveried servant. The mother in the meantime sat in admitted by a liveried servant.

The whole smooth 1884. he was trausferred from Sta The cest of the Cecelia had never before spoken Louis to Philadelphia to succeed the turniture; etc., has The chapel The pews Art glass and plain wir

CHAPEL AT CRAIG CULONY.

What Has Been Accomplished.

Alter and calvary. Vestments once and wardrobe Carpets and matting sticks, etc. htensorium

ns of the cross.

Balance due. The art glass windown "There is no condition of suffering there, depict scenes in the humanity more deplorable than that Blessed Savior, chiefly Hi COM DEMON COWLED IN BUCK "There are in the state of New York There ten windows are exceeded over eighteen hundred victims of from friends of the ecloser being executed in Innepreck "In April, 1900, there were 560 are to be in place by the sight of hundred patients in the colony; they The fourteen stations of the

advert to its significance will brought a joyful expression to her his flock needs a chapel for daily man, tion to help pay the debt still Remittances can be chronic the Very Rev. T. P. History resource of this fund. R. V., or lo Bay J. A Miles chapiain, at Oralg Co Liviognon coonty, R lain, without cost to the state. His No offerings are relicionts not of Alew Vert a The Catholic chapman Designed (respective) and in the money for their paren Level 11 and the line of the state of the

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"This appeal is addressed to the tender hearts of all who, graceful to God for mercies to them and theirs. The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg are not unminded of those spon whom

"The work of the chapel and priest

ate love of their Divine Savior, who loves most those whom He tries most

