Through Thorny her mental anxiety longer, she asked ing stared at by many and pointed strange to those who do not under-Paths.

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Synopsis of Previous Chapters. Chapter I -- Edward Daton, of America, while visiting in Ireland falls in love with Agnes Con lin, a poor Catholic girl Thomas Conlin, Agnes int, a poor Catholic girl. I nomas Conin, Agnes cousin, who is soon to be ordained a priest notices a serpent ring on her finger and when told it is her engagement ring he tries to persuade her not to marry this Protestant stranger. She however, refuses and is married by the old parish priest after which they depart for the strangers beautiful home in Boston Chapter II. Thomas Coulin is ordained and comes of America as a missionary and arrives at his cousing home. There he learns that while his cousing home. There he learns that while his cousin has wealth and luxury she was not happy. Her husband had selected a circle in which she was to move and as it was strictly. Protestant he said that she might give up her superstitions and become a member of his church. He would not even allow her to attend a Catholic church, she would no, gratify him however and when Father Conlin arrived she insisted that he hear her confession and baptize her little baby son, who had just been bein. Father Conlin goes away with his secret. Agney dies a week after Mr. Daton marries again, a rich Protestant woman, and his son is brought up a Protestant When Edward is eight years old his father dies. When Edward is eight years old his father dies Chapter III and VI—Cece¹ia O Kane an orphan who lives with her sister Nellie, is engaged by who lives with her sister Nellie, is engaged by Mrs Daton, as companion. Her step-son, Edward falls in love with this Catholic girl, Cecelia and marries her against the wishes of his step-motner. Chapter V—cecelia is married eight years and has three children all of whom die and she and Mr. Daton are left childless. Chapter VI—After a lapse of seven and a half years we find Mr. and Mrs. Daton again happy with a daughter Cecelia, who is about to celebrate her seventh birthday. Chapter VII—The husband of Nellie () Kane now Mrs. Cullen, dies and she is left a widow with one child, Agnes, Mrs. Daton adopts her niece and brings her up with her own daughter. Chapter VIII and IX. Cecelia and Agnes are sent to a convent school. The grandmother is very much opposed to this and reproaches her daughter-in law. Chapter X—Mr. Daton is suddenly taken sick and Cece. and reproaches her daughter-in law. Chapter X-Mr. Daton is suddenly taken sick and Cecelia is called home from school. Chapter XI and XII—Cecelia and Agnes graduate and a grand reception is given them. Mrs. Cullen while at her sister is home it taken ill. Cecelia and her grandmother have a dispute over religion. Chapter XIII. Mrs. Cullen recovers and remains at Daton's hom—chapter XIV. Cecelia tells her mother that she intends entering the convent and becoming a num. After a dispute she her mother that she intends entering the convent and becoming a nun. After a dispute she promises to remain at home one more year. Chapter XV--cectia and her grandmother are visiting in a distant city when a terrible fire breaks out making many homeless. Chapter XVI Cecelia visits the prisoner, Charles Coon, who started the fire Chapter xVII—Grand mother Daton tells her grand daughter that she has been convinced that the Catholic church is the only and true church and Mrs Daton becomes a convert. Chapter xVIII—Mr Daton is in fear of losing all he has and Cecelia goes on the stage.

Part Second—Chapter 1. Allen St. Clair and

Part Second-Chapter 1 Allyn St Clair, an infidel meets Cecelia and falls in love with her Chapter II Allyn St Clair accidently finds a book belonging to Cecelia entitled "Following of Christ" He reads it and becomes interested Chapter III—Allyn and the manager attend the services at the Catholic Cathedral where Cecelia sings Chapter VI—Allyn asks Cecella to marry him and she refuses. Chapter V—Mrs Cullen discovers that Charles Coon, a criminal, is her long lost brother. Chapter VI Allyn St Clair visits at Cecelia Daton's home Chapter VII

> (Continued from last week.) PART SECOND. CHAPTER VIII.

When Allyn was ready to take his departure his mind was filled with many anxious thoughts in regard to the darkness in which he had been educated, but this he would not tell. for he felt that perhaps the influence of kindness might have dulled his perception. He wanted time to recover his strength of mind as well as body and to think it all over by himself. He gladly accepted the "God to call again soon.

ed from the blow she had received or ing Aunt Nellie, who, while she had she regretted as soon as the young did she, like Allyn St. Clair, suffer a severe and purifying illness in atone- see her give herself up to God. ment for her imprudence?

scarcely spoke a word to her compansympathy of him whom she had refus- home of her own." ed to marry. As far as she herself was concerned, she was glad of the strength she had shown in rejecting him, for she still strongly felt that marriage was not for her, but the time which should have been spent in prayer was given to idle lamentations for him. She never suspected that he was following her home. The walk had given the others a keen appetite, but she could eat no supper and appeared to be ill. When asked by her superior if she were not well, she sim- she was home to stay, and to please ply replied that she was quite tired the members of her own household she and was told to retire early so as to be had to accept them with good grace avowal, to which she was obliged to refreshed for the retreat.

Cecelia thanked the kind superior and went away feeling that she might have done better had she told her all that had happened, but it was hard She fully appreciated the love of her for her to bring herself to speak of it. She went to the chapel and prayed for a time, but no solace came to her troubled mind and she retired filled with remorse and bitter agony of heart. be enjoyed throughout a happy etern-The next morning found no change. She entered upon her retreat with the others, but she was far from happy and the words spoken in the opening instruction did not bring her any of the peace she had expected. In silence she prayed for comfort and grace to feel the sweetness of devotion which there was none of the glitter and she had hoped the instructions would luxury that surrounded her here. incite, but Allyn St. Clair's face was ever before her and she felt afraid even to lift her eves to meet the pene- sleep came to her release. trating gaze of the preacher. At the end of the second day, unable to bear in company she knew that she was be-

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for a private interview with the priest out to strangers as one who had left stand. I see no serious objection to

and knew that something was wrong. After spending six months at home, you of the matter, for I feel that one she threw herself upon her knees be pondence with the Sisters, she wrote her his blessing and bade her arise impatiently for the answer, which was and tell him what was troubling her, long delayed, and when it did come, which she did with the same clearness she was refused admission on the with which her would be lover was to ground that she evidently had no votell his story a few days later.

most unfortunate affair, and I am very not wholly pleasing to her. sorry for you. Do you feel that you could care enough for this young was a continual remembrance of Allyn man to marry him if you were not St Clair and the scene in the cemetery. here?"

marry. I feel that my place is here that he might never again cross her and I want the holy habit."

be your vocation, what then?"?

"I have never thought of such a thing. I have no doubt whatever them. The manager, who called upon leaving the convent. but that my vocation is in the con- her as an act of courtesy, stated that

where ourselves are concerned, so it is mother, promising soon to return, but me it would have come before this." better to take counsel of one who is he had failed to do so and could not older and more experienced in these be found. Even his most intimate this evening and decided to bide his

"Who would that be, father?" "Go to your reverend mother, give her your confidence, and tell her all as you have told me. Then, if she will be best to leave."

am so near the habit."

'It would be harder to take this to return to the world."

was very sad.

whatever may happen. If God wishes never to remain alone with him. On He does not, you have no right to re- invited Cecelia and Agnes to attend main, for it would certainly be a the theatre with him Cecelia had acgrievous sin."

easy task. The good father was not she would of going with a relative. surprised when, a short time later, he learned that she had left the order and Cecelia was alone with her grandreturned to her home. But he felt mother, the other ladies having gone grandma, I should not have invited very sorry; he believed that she had out to attend a lecture, when Mr. Cara true religious vocation. Still, there roll was announced. Cecelia asked was something lacking.

a telegram was received telling them her, she declined. not to come; no more word came until the following day, when another message stated that Cecelia would be and cannot entertain him alone." home on the evening train the day she was to have received the habit.

bless you'' extended as he took his was greatly missed, and many were the elderly person is usually a bore when departure, as well as the kind invitation conjectures as to why she had left. their gentlemen friends call: but, then, Among her companions the truth re- | Cecelia never was like other girls, But how fared it in the meantime mained a secret. At her own home and the old lady promised to be down with Cecelia? Did she escape unscath- there was great rejoicing by all except- in a few minutes, a promise which missed her niece, had been glad to girl was gone. After putting a few

said Mrs. Daton, "and I hope my then went to keep her promise, feeling dutiful daughter, and when she knows During the long walk home she daughter will now know enough to that she was about to intrude. As her father wishes her to marry you I ion, for she was too full of humiliating appreciate her home and friends until she neared the door she heard Mauthoughts of what she had done and of she has a husband to take her to a rice's voice in low earnest tones, but her."

CHAPTER IX.

"No more than might have been expected, "was the verdict not only of Mrs. Daton, but many of her friends. and Cecelia, who was looked upon as having taken one foolish step in life which she had wisely regretted ere it was too late, was gladly welcomed back to her place in society. Many invitations her whom he loved, Maurice would to attend social gatherings poured in upon her as soon as it was known that and go in spite of her own wishes.

It is almost needless to say that Cecelia was far more unhappy now fixed upon the carpet and she never then she had ever been at home before. own and all that was done for her, but having tasted the joys of a far purer. holier life which is to the true religious only a beginning of the bliss to ity, she found it hard to be content with her present life. The first night spent at home a dread homesickness took possession of her, and she would gladly have sacrificed everything the world could have offered to be back again in the poor little room where

"Too late, too late," seemed to sound

Then when she was forced to go out to marry.'

and was left alone with him in the the convent, and she felt it keenly; but such a person afterwards marrying if this humiliation was nothing compared she feels that she is called to it by God. He had noticed her in the chapel to the remorse burning in her heart. I am not afraid to speak plainly to He was not surprised, therefore, when during which she had kept up correst of your education can understand." fore him and brust into tears. He gave and begged to be taken back, waiting cation. The letter was kindly written, "Poor child, "he said, "this is a but brief and to the point which was

She yearned to know what had be-"No, father, I have no desire to come of him, but earnestly prayed path. Her prayer was answered, for "But, child, if it should prove not to it was several years ere she heard of St. Clair had left the company several now to be able to decide, and I feel goods and went away.

Maurice Carroll, who had accumlatthinks you have not a vocation, it ed quite a fortune of his own in buying "It will b" very hard, father, when home to remain, and no more welcome frankly that I cannot be so easily pervisitor than he was entertained in Innisfallen. In Cecelia's presence important step and to learn afterwards Mrs. Daton now never referred to the said grandma, who went to meet Cecewould then have the greater humilia- Maurice her son in-law, and as he aption of giving up the religious habit peared to be a friend of the family rather than of herself in particular, Cecelia did not reply, but her face Cecelia saw no reason for not trying to make the hours spent at her home "You should not be unhappy pleasant, her only precaution being you here, you will not be sent away; if two or three occasions when he had Cecelia turned away and hastened be her escort to supper at a few parties to obey the command, which was no thinking no more of the matter than

One evening just before Christman At Cecelia's home preparations were parlor, but, thinking that the young being made to go to New York, when people could get along better without

"Please do come down, grandma," she said, "for I feel very dull to-night

Mrs. Daton smiled, thinking how different Cecelia was from most young At t'e convent our young heroine ladies to whom the presence of an touches to her somewhat disordered "It is no more than I expected," toilette, she sat down for half an hour, could not understand a word. Very cautiously she advanced until she stood half concealed behind the portieres hanging over the opening lead-

> noiselessly back to her room, thankful that she had shown wisdom enough not to go to the parlor with Cecelia. Finding himself at last alone with not let this golden opportunity pass without seeking some return for the affection so long entertained in silence. Drawing his chair close he made his listen, when she would gladly have flown from the room. Her eyes were once raised them, while her heart beat violently. It was at this point grand-

ing to the hall then she beheld a might

which caused her to smile and glide

mother looked in and retreated so well satisfied. "Now, Cecelia,"he said, in conclusion 'can you not give me the love for which I have waited so long and promise to become my wife?"

"As a friend I have always esteemed and respected you, but I cannot marry you.' "Surely you cannot mean it, Cece-

"I do mean it, Mr. Carroll. I am not one to say one thing and mean another.'

"You are very cruel; but perhaps in her ears, and she wept bitterly until vou think that one who has failed in

'I think, Cecelia, that I comprehend your meaning, and you would have me understand that you have no objection to me, but you feel that you are not called by God to marriage."
"Exactly so," she said.

"Cecelia, if I could be convinced of this, much as I have loved you, I would be content to give you up. But To increase the trouble, in her mind I fear you do not know your own mind. Would it not be better to wait a little longer before you say the final 'No' which both of us might regret all through life?"

"My decision is final. I cannot change it."

"Perhaps, " he said, "I may have him again. In the winter the Clintons been a little hasty in asking you to came to the city, but he was not with promise to marry me so soon after your

"I have been outside long enough "We are not always the best judges months before on the death of his that if there could be any change in He saw that she was immovable friends at home only knew that a few time, allowing her opportunity to forweeks after his mother died he had get the days spent in the convent. On made a public sale of his household one thing he was resolved, and that was to speak to her father on the subject without delay.

"Cecelia," he said "you have tried and selling Western land, was now to discourage my love, but I tell you suaded to give up all hope."

"How early Mr. Carroli has gone," that you had made a mistake. You hope she had entertained of making lia as she came up stairs. Mrs. Daton was a little disappointed at the absence of the happy expression she had expected to find on Cecelia's face. "Yes, grandma, it is quite early, but

you could not expect him to remain late when there was no one to entertain him but myself?"

vn to the parior. as you promised? " Because I thought young people would be happier without an old wo-

man like me. " If I had not really wanted you.

you down." "Our guests are to be considered as the old lady to accompany her to the well as ourselves," she said, with a meaning smile. Grandmother was curious to know if there was any signficance in what she had witnessed but she did not wish Cecelia to know Church, but much troubled about cer, withened the impressive and solem that she had been so near and gone tain objections, which she had been ceremony with the greatest interest.

back to her room. Acting upon his resolution, Mr. Carroll called on Mr. Daton and was pleased to learn that he was held in the highest esteem by the family, who would most gladly welcome him to their home as one of their members. He promised to do all in his power to win Cacelia's consent to the marriage.

her?" asked the ard int lover. think you will not find it hard to win

"Thank you with all my heart," said the young man, "and when we are married I shall feel that I am

Mrs. Daton, smiled her approval, while Cecelia blushed deeply without

"Ah," he continued, "you rightly suspect what he came to tell me that he has offered my daughter the great her soul was stigred with God's oull to honor of becoming a wife."

"He did, but I respect my daughter none the less for the maiden deliency she exhibited in not being too hasty in accepting an offer of marriage."

that I declined the honor."

Carroll asked you to marry him?" "Yes, mother, he did." "And why did you not tell me, you own mother?"

"Because I was certain that much as I love and trust my dear mother she would only cause me great sorrow by insisting upon a marriage I cannot enter into.

"Cecelia, what have you against Maurice Carroll? He is a man who you think that one who has failed in would make a good husband for any A. O. H. Young woman," said her father.

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(To be continued.)

NON-CATHOLIC MISSIONS.

FATHER DOYLE TELLS OF THE TRIALS AND TROUBLES OF THOSE WHO ENTER OUR FAITH.

There are very few who come to the church by conversion, who have not some bitter trials to undergo. A minister who had been received into into the Order of Sisters of St. Jones the church in England a few years of several young ladies took place a ago recently informed me, that his Nazareth convent chapel on Jay acres wife keeps up a bitter opposition. She Tuesday morning. The cremosy threatens to steal away the children was a three-fold one consisting and send them to her folks in Eng. giving the religious garb to ten of the land, and latterly she is devising ways young ladies, who had completed their and means of having me declared term of probation at the Nazarati ing de, so that my charge of the Normal Training School, corner of children may be destroyed, and my Dewey avenue and Augustine street influence over then may be weakened. the admission to first vow of eleven

young lady of good family and some years' novitiate, and the making of social distinction, after due instruction final vows by eight who had completed was received in'o the church at a the seven years novitiate. The chiefel mission by the Paulists Fathers, is a beautiful one, and its beauty Though the young lady was of age, greatly enchanced by the brilliant yet, nevertheless, she sought and secur. morning sun, its gleams redolent of ed the consent of her mother. Her the perfume of masses of flowers, and father was so bitterly opposed to the the myriad lights, together with the step, that she knew it was useless to magnificent episcopal roles of Right consult him in the matter at ail.

While she made no concealment of ed the ceremony. And A. Bress. her reception into the church, yet, abe The bishop entered the characters did not go out of her way to inform the appointed hour, by the great trial to subject one to.

quite determined answer. "Father." couple bearing between the said she, "my soul is worth more than kels containing the habits and y \$50,000, I would not do what you of the novice. The postulants on

anxiously studing for over a year. The names of the young ladies who she then gave a list of her difficulties, were admitted into the order, together

Then her troubles began, or rather Flavia Whyte Sheer M. Bart thickened, for she had encountered roy, Sister M. Carlotte Hor Man doubly blessed in having so good a father-in-law as well as the loveliest of wives."

"Cecelia," said Mr. Daton that evening, when alone with his wife and daughter in the parlor, "Maurice Carroll spoke to me to-day concerning wanguished them all. At last she parlor, "Maurice Carroll spoke to me to-day concerning to the same assured me that she had into the short and into was received into the church, and Sister M. Ladielen Land God granted her the usual consolations Barbara, Bobotta, Baran and spiritual joys of newly received and Keman, Slave Toron converts, perhaps even more, And O'Comnor and States Marte & certainly her fortitude was specially Carroll rewarded, when, after years of waiting a life of prayer, seclusion and chant, "And he told you, too, no doubt in the Order of the Good Sheperd.

REV. A. P. DOYLE, Pauliet.

"Cocolia, is it true that Maurice Saratoga Springs Sept. 2nd. U. H. stemer to Charles arroll asked you to marry him?" Monroe Co. s Mrs. Anna Powell, state Monroe Co. Mrs. Anna Powell, state
sec., Miss May Murray, Co.president;
Miss Margaret Powell; Miss Mary
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INTERESTRIC AND BEST CEREMONY ST. BEST. QUAD.

Young Woman Receive the Vall Take Vowe as Need Co

The beautiful ceremony of lec-A story came from Los Angelos. A novices, who had completed their two Rev. Bishop McQuald, who warterm

him of it, because she knew it would aisle, accompained by Wery Rev. cause a scene. Her conversion finally came to his knowledge. One morning the diocese, and the following cleany. at the breakfast she found under her men: Rev. E.J. Hanna, D.D.; Rev. E. plate a statement from her father as Bader, CSS.R.; Rev. A.B.; Meshan, D. follows: "I have my will made, under D.; Rev. A. E. Meshan, D. D.; Rev. which you are a beneficiary to the ex- John Petter, Rav George Elder, Bir tent of \$50,000. If you will renounce Joseph Netzel, Rev. John J. Van Mosc, the Catholic Church, it will stand. If Rev. A. A. Hugher, Rev. B.W. Gottag you do not by this day week, it will be menginger, Rev. J. P. Schallharn Rev. so modified, that at my death you will P.J. Nevirle, Ray, J.J. Kettan, Ben II. be homeless and penniless." It was a Szadinski, Rev. George, V. Busta Rev. William Gleason, Rev. Emil Ge-The step to the church had not been feli, D.D. Rev. Colman F.O. Louish made thoughtlessly. The young oon- and Rev James Gefall Following two or three occasions when he had invited Cecelia and Agnes to attend the theatre with him Cecelia had so cepted and had also permitted him to be her except to supper at a few parties.

Tain him but myself?"

Vert was mindful of the consequences, then were the young ladies, the sudden precipitation of the cession headed by Miss Mas Grady.

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Orange and the appointed time purpose. When the appointed time purpose. ask for all the wealth of the world." next with bridgly vale and on "While I was giving some non- blossoms, while the ninetee Catholic missions in a Western State" brought up the rear. The silver has said a missionary of our acquaintance, "I received a long letter from a young lady, a school teacher in a small country town. She said she was crowded with friends, relatives as deeply interested in the Catholic acquaintances of the young ladies wh

> adding that there was no priest in her with their names in religion, are town and very few Catholics, none follows: Miss Anna Kally Sets Mark whom she could consult. I prepared Miss Mary Whelan Sister Mary carefully an elaborate answer to her centia; Miss Katherine Hyland His objection and mailed it. But her reply Catherine Charlotte Miss Julia which came immediately, surprised Schemek, Sister M. Hornes, Miss State me. She said that the moment she Corocran Sister M. Berellie Mill "Thank you with all my heart,"
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> She said that the moment she had mailed her first letter to me she felt ashamed of herself, for she then a she felt ashamed of herself, for she then the felt ashamed

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The Ladies Auxiliary of A. O. H. Novpost and the life hold the character of A. O. H.