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GRANDFATHER'S PROPHECY.

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CHAPTER I. Leaving Home.

(Continued from last week.)

"You know you have it," said the old man and God bless my children and give them a long and happy life together.

At a very early hour next morning the Nortons were all astir making final preparations for the journey. At half past six Mass was celebrated for the girls and with all the fervor of innocent children approaching the Holy Table for the first time they knelt to receive Holy Communion in their own little church for the last time. Margaret was the happier, if possible of the two, and in her thanksgiving she fervently thanked God for her promised happiness in the hope of becoming the wife of the best man she knew.

After Mass when they went in to bid the old parish priest good bye and ask his blessing before starting on their journey she told him in the same trusting tones in which she had been accustomed from childhood to tell him all her secrets, of her engagement. His sympathy had been ever dear to her and now she felt a double blessing in the words of kind advice he gave her after telling her that he was pleased and hoped that God would spare him to perform her marriage ceremony.

"And now, children," he said, "I would invite you to share my breakfast but your dear parents will want you to take your last meal with them, so go home now and I will be over before you are ready to start."

"Why not come with us, Father," said Nellie, "and we can all take breakfast together?"

"Yes, Father, please do," interposed Margaret, "we will be so pleased to have you and I know father and mother will be delighted," and the girls led him to their home before he could frame an excuse.

The train which was to carry the girls away did not leave until nearly noon but the station was sixteen miles distant, so they were obliged to start early in the forenoon. When all was in readiness the poor grandfather wept like a child.

"Poor, dear," he said, "I will be so lonely when you are gone."

"Yes, dear grandpa, I know you will and we shall miss you so much," said Nellie, trying to keep back her own tears, "but you will still have our brothers and sisters as well as father and mother."

"I know that, dear child, and I suppose I should not complain but I love you all so much that it is hard to think of letting even one of you go."

"And just think grandpa, of all the money we can send home."

"I know it, dear, and your father needs it so much. It is hard to be poor but harder still to think that our dear lambs who have never been away from home must go alone to the wicked city to help earn bread for themselves and the ones they have left behind."

"Do not fear us, grandpa," said Margaret, "for we can take care of ourselves wherever we go."

"You may think so, child, but the city is full of dangers especially for one with your pretty face."

"I do not understand, grandpa, why a pretty face should make any difference," said the innocent girl who had never breathed anything but the pure atmosphere of her native hills where truth and honesty had been found among the inhabitants.

The old man sighed and shook his head for the dear children could not be told of the many snares which lie before the poor working girl who was along in the large city. The priest spoke.

"Children," he said, "promise me that you will always be true to your faith. Never miss Mass on a Sunday or holy day, attend the other services as often as you can, never neglect your daily prayers and receive the sacraments as often as you can."

"I promise, father," said Margaret, "to do as you say. Whatever may happen, do not worry for me for I will never neglect my religion."

"And you, Nellie?"

"With the help of God's grace I promise to do as you say."

"That is right, dear, I can ask no more."

The last farewell was spoken. In tears the girls had knelt by the cottage door in the presence of a number of their friends to receive the blessing of their spiritual father, then they were driven away with their father and Jack Grimes, who, as

Margaret's promised husband, had begged to accompany them to the station.

"Poor children; its too bad, its too bad," sighed the old man when they were out of sight, "but it had to be, for we are very poor."

"Cheer up my friend," said the kind-hearted priest, "God will watch over your lambs and bring them back in safety."

"I hope so, Father. It isn't Nellie, I am afraid of, for she was always a good girl, and she'll be all right, but the other one," he paused as if to reproach himself for his uncharitableness, then went on in a kind but sad tone. "Margaret was always a good girl, too; but she is different. She was always fond of fine fixin's and wanted to look better than anyone else and I am afraid it won't do when she is among strangers in a big strange city."

The priest who had baptized the two sisters and watched them from their infancy also had some sad misgivings in regard to Margaret. As long as she remained under the protecting care of her parents and himself she was safe, but necessarily had called her away and he could only leave her in the hands of God now and hope for the best. He would not, however, in the least degree confirm the fears of the sad hearted old man.

"Do not give yourself needless anxiety, for as I have said God will take care of his own."

CHAPTER II. The Great City.

Nellie and her father were so deeply absorbed in their own conversation, which was to be the last for many a long day, that they heeded not the bright plans for the future which the lovers were making; but before reaching the city Margaret had in the most glowing tones told her sister all. The Wray farm situated about half a mile from their own home was one of the best in the vicinity and the happy owner of it had been envied by many of his neighbors, but he would not under any consideration think of parting with it. The old man was dead now and in order to settle his estate the place had to be sold and it was offered very cheap, too.

This place Jack had thought of buying if the owners would accept the money he had saved up and take a mortgage for the remainder until he could earn enough to finish paying for it. It was of that he was telling Margaret and when he saw how her face glowed with happiness at the proposal he felt more than rewarded. For her he would be willing to work early and late. It might take a long time before the property was all paid for and he would not ask her to go in to it until he saw some way out of the debt, but they were both content to wait. After they were settled, and all debts paid they would tear down the old buildings which years ago had been the pride of the Wray family and put up new ones according to their own taste. These and many more bright plans for the future were made and Margaret was very happy. When she bade her Jack good by she felt that in the whole world there could never be a truer, better man than he. She was sure that she could never forget him or his bright promises for even a single hour, and, as the memory of her would help him do his work better, so the thoughts of him would brighten the long weary hours she was to spend in the mill.

Nellie, in the meantime, had been looking upon her native hills. How beautiful everything looked to her now. In some place acres of apple trees covered with pink and white blossoms stretched out before her, exhaling a sweet perfume and various other fruit trees all in bloom added to the fresh beauty of the scene. The sweet songs of the birds just returned from their winter quarters in the sunny South mingled with the rippling music of the stream which had broken their icy bounds after a long, cold winter all added to the fresh beauty of the scene. But the gay, light-hearted Margaret saw none of this and had her sister called her attention to it she might have laughed at her and called her childish.

During the first part of the journey on the railroad but few words were spoken by either of the girls for their attention was divided between their own thoughts and the strange scenes so rapidly whirling past them. Margaret was the first to break the silence and it was she who plunged at once into a recital of all that had passed between her and Jack in regard to their future.

"I am so glad for your sake," said Nellie, "and hope that he will have

good luck so he will not be long paying for the farm."

"I hope so, too, Nellie, but do you not envy me my happiness?"

To be continued.

NEW CHAPEL ASSURED FOR ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Sunday. Committee of 25 Appointed to Raise the Necessary \$30,000.

At a meeting called Sunday to discuss plans for the erection of a chapel for St. Mary's Hospital, the sum of \$3,320 was raised, and definite arrangements made for carrying on the work. The meeting was called to order by Dr. J. W. Casey, William C. Barry presided. Short addresses were made by Rev. F. F. Hickey, V. G.; Rev. Dr. A. J. Breen, Rev. Dr. F. H. Sinclair, Rev. J. A. Hickey, Dr. T. A. O'Hare, Dr. George G. Carroll, Dr. J. W. Casey, Walter B. Duffy, James M. E. O'Grady and Thomas J. Neville.

Mr. Barry was named as the permanent chairman of a committee of all the pastors of the city and seven laymen, to continue the work. Walter B. Duffy was named as treasurer and John H. McAnarney secretary.

BAKER THEATRE.

The Baker Theatre should be crowded to the doors next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday when the greatest melodrama of modern times, "The Road to Ruin" commences a three days' engagement. This play has just completed a successful run in New York, where it met with unbounded success. It is one of the greatest and most sensational melodramas of the day and is from the pen of Theo. Kremer, whose reputation as a writer of originality in connection with New York Criminal Courts and events cannot be surpassed. Matinee on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Lincoln J. Carter is a man of ideas and in his latest play, "Alaska" which opens a three days' engagement at the Baker Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with matinees Thursday and Saturday. The play carries out some ideas that are new to melodrama. Not only has he given each act a strong climax, but the story throughout is interesting and holds the interest of the audience.

COOK OPERA HOUSE.

An attractive vaudeville bill is promised for next week at the Cook Opera House. The Heras Family, Greek acrobats, are said to have some novel and sensational gymnastics. Barrows and Laucser will give a new offering, "A Jolly Jollier, which is said to have a good percentage of laugh.

Lieutenant Noble, a Danish ventriloquist, has a ventriloquist act that is said to be a notch above the American article. Probably no vaudeville performer is more popular here than Artie Hall, "the genuine Georgia girl." Ed. Latell is alleged to be a skillful producer of music, which he mingles with mirthful comedy. Carleton and Terre have good songs to offer, and one of the team has comedy ambitions. Tom Brown and Miss Navarro are clever negro entertainers. Miss Navarro impersonating a Chinese woman, is said to have quite a remarkable make-up. Red and Shaw offer comedy and feats of strength.

This show will be given every afternoon and evening next week at the Cook Opera House.

C. B. L.

State President John A. Henleberry, State Secretary Thomas B. Lee of New York, Francis J. Bourke of Syracuse, W. E. O'Connor of New York, and John H. Dougherty of New York, of the Catholic Benevolent Legion, came to Rochester on Saturday evening last to install the newly-elected officers of the three councils of that organization, viz.: Rochester Council, 207; Flower City Council, 305; and Monroe Council. The state officers attended high mass at the Cathedral, after which they called on Bishop McQuaid and were granted an audience. At 4 p. m. they arrived at Schlitzler's Hall, where the installation took place. Addresses were by the visitors as well as by the officers of the local councils. The speakers said the organization was constantly increasing its membership and today stood second to no other.

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A MODEL CLUB HOUSE.

Thousands Visit the New C. Y. M. A. Building.

Last Sunday was a red letter day in the history of the C. Y. M. A. of St. Joseph's church. It is estimated that 3,000 people attended the opening of their elegant new building on last Sunday afternoon and evening. The library, billiard room and gymnasium were the centres of attraction, but the bowling alleys and bath rooms also received their share of the general admiration. The young men had left nothing undone in the way of decorating and arranging the rooms for this occasion. Palms and potted plants were to be seen on all sides.

Every visitor was greeted at the entrance by President Frank J. Stupp and the shown through the building by one of the members. The latter were present to the full strength of the membership, thus insuring a thorough inspection of the quarters to every visitor. Marthage's orchestra was stationed in the billiard room. Among the many fine pictures distributed throughout the rooms is an excellent portrait of Rev. William Kessel adorning the library. The purchase and hanging of this picture was planned as a little surprise on Father Kessel, and he saw the picture for the first time on Sunday afternoon.

The new C. Y. M. A. has many advantages to offer to the Catholic men of Rochester, in fact something to satisfy everyone both young and old and this fact has been evinced by the number of applications which have been pouring in during the past few weeks. Many were handed in on Sunday afternoon and evening, and among them the association was honored to receive those of several of the older and best known and respected members of the parish.



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Societies.

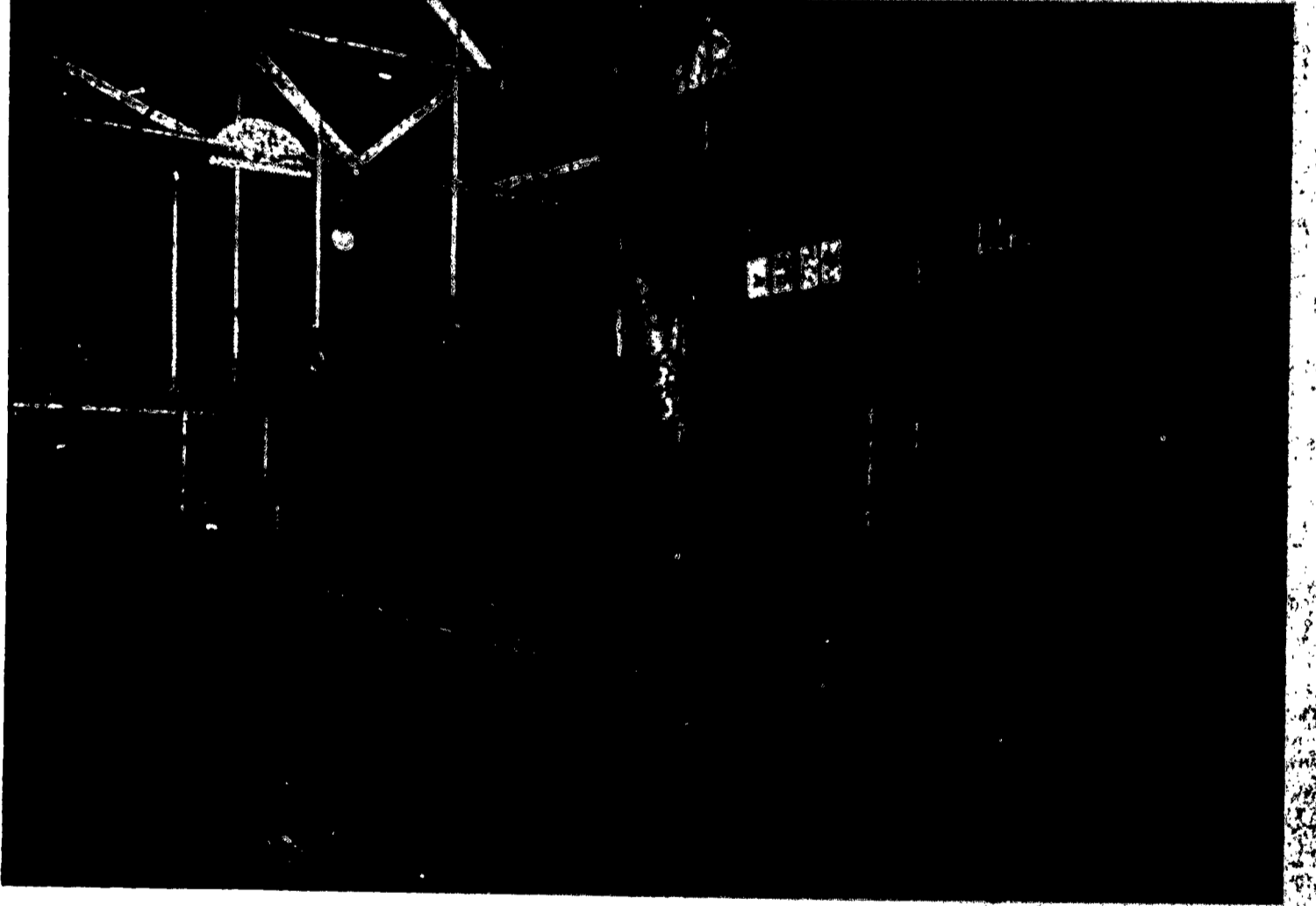
Auxiliary No. 1, A. O. H. will hold a fair and entertainment at Hilbert hall, 198 Main St. W., on Thursday evening, Feb. 5th. Elegant donations have been received by the members of the committee and a good time is promised all. Dancing will be free. Members having books are requested to meet the committee on Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock at their hall.

Ladies Aux 4, A. O. H. will hold their meetings hereafter on the first and third Friday of each month in

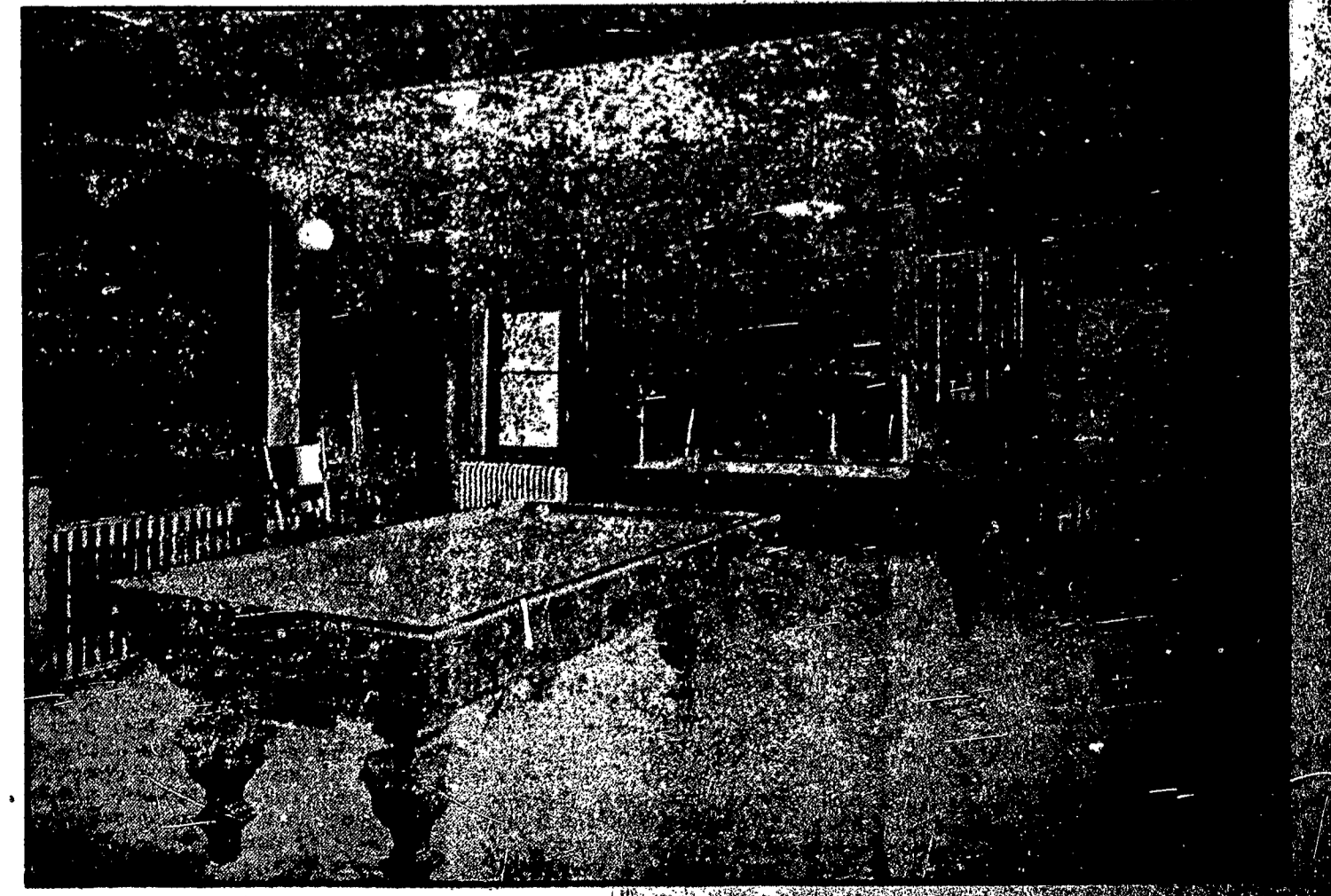
Ackermans Hall, 458 Lyell Ave. At this place they will give a complimentary dance Feb. 6th.

At the last regular meeting of the County Board of Monroe, Ladies Aux. A. O. H. the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Helen Breen; vice president, Mrs. Kate McIntire; sec. Mrs. M. McDermott; fin. sec., Miss Mary Rose; treasurer, Miss Mary Markey.

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