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A BRILLIANT CAREER.

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(Continued from last week.)

CHAPTER XXII.

Before she could reply the clergyman was ushered into the room. Beatrice arose as he advanced towards the bed, and when she saw how kindly he smiled upon them both, she felt that her young friend had no cause to fear. Mr. Snell had explained everything as well as he could, so that but few words from her were necessary, then she softly glided from the room leaving her change alone with the stranger to make his confession. In silent prayer she remained in the front room so as to be near if wanted. In about an hour the priest came out and said:

"Our boy has made his peace with God and we will leave him alone for a time."

"Do you think Father, he is well enough prepared to receive Communion?" Beatrice asked.

"Prepared! I have found few children better prepared than he and he tells me you instructed him. You must have been well instructed from your childhood in order to teach our holy religion as you have."

"I knew nothing whatever of the Catholic Faith until a very short time ago," she replied, and in low, almost whispered tones lest she should be overheard by the Snells she told the wonderful story of her conversion.

"God's ways are truly unfathomable," he said, when she had concluded and his words meant more than she suspected.

"I had hoped, Father," she said, "to be able to receive Communion with Willie, for you see I have been here since September and have never even had the privilege of attending Mass."

"You may, my child, I brought but one Consecrated Host with me thinking the sick boy to be the only one who wished to receive it, but as our dear Lord rests in the smallest Consecrated particle and cannot be divided even though the Host be broken there is sufficient for both."

"Thank you, Father, I am so glad. When am I to make my confession?"

"Any time you wish, child."

Mrs. Snell whose supper had been ready for about fifteen minutes entered the room at that moment apologizing for her interruption and as soon as the meal was finished her husband who was very proud of his possessions took the stranger out to look over the farm and stock. Beatrice who had long since willingly been initiated into many of the mysteries of house-keeping commenced clearing away the dishes, but Mrs. Snell told her to go and watch with Willie, handing her at the same time a dainty dish prepared for his supper. The invalid just tasted the food then said:

"I cannot eat now, Beatrice, I am too happy. Why did you stay so long when I wanted to tell you how happy I was?"

"Because I thought it would be best to let you enjoy your peace of mind alone and I wanted to give you time to think of Him whom you are to receive to-morrow."

"Perhaps you are right. How kind Father—is, don't you think so? He reminds me so much of the priest who used to come to the asylum to say mass and instruct us boys."

The boy talked on in a tone which proved how happy he was, until Beatrice feared he would tire himself and as a means of allaying him she asked him if he would not like to rest while she prepared for her confession.

"Yes, Beatrice, I will keep quiet but I was so anxious to tell you of my own happiness that I almost forgot you."

Very early the next morning our heroine knelt at the bedside of her young friend and with purified hearts filled with tender love, together they received the Bread of Life. For fully fifteen minutes Beatrice remained on her knees in thanksgiving while the priest proceeded to administer the Sacrament of Extreme Unction to the other. When it was over Mrs. Snell, who had brought in a bowl of broth held it to his lips and urged him to drink, but he turned away his head.

"Please try to take a little, Willie," said Beatrice, "it will help revive your strength."

He looked in her face and shook his head. "Not this morning Beatrice, I have received Our dear Lord in

Holy Communion and I need nothing else to give me strength."

Astonished at the strange words she understood not, Mrs. Snell set the bowl down and told the priest and Beatrice their breakfast was waiting. Beatrice said she preferred remaining with Willie until after the priest had breakfasted, but the boy objected.

"You have been so good to me I wish I could live to thank you for it, but I will soon be gone and I will remember you when I am in Heaven. Go now and eat your breakfast and leave me alone with my God for I am so happy." So saying he pressed Beatrice's hand to his lips.

She raised her hand to his brow on which a cold perspiration was already gathering, but she knew not the meaning of it.

"Come," said the priest, "he wishes to be left alone with his God."

Notwithstanding that Mrs. Snell had prepared a most tempting breakfast, the hearts of both were too full to eat, so it was scarcely tasted and but few words were spoken. Suddenly Beatrice made a motion as if to arise but the priest detained her saying:

"Where are you going?"

"To Willie, it does not seem right for him to be left alone."

"I will go to him and watch while you finish your breakfast," said Mrs. Snell.

"Please do not; he desired to be left alone and it is best to regard his wishes," said the priest, so they remained in silence until he arose and silently went to the room.

Beatrice was detained about five minutes and when she went in found the priest standing in the doorway looking very serious. He raised his hand and motioned her back toward the bed.

"What is it Father?" she whispered in alarm.

"God sent you here on a mission my child, and it has been accomplished. Rejoice, for the soul you saved now intercedes for you before the throne of the Most High."

"Oh, Father, he is not gone?" she said in agony. "Do not say so."

"Yes, child, God has taken the poor orphan home and you should not mourn, for he was too pure a soul for this wicked world of ours."

"And I left him to die alone."

"You did what was right for it was his wish. He did not die alone for I reached the room just in time to give him the final absolution as he was breathing his last. There was a sweet smile on his face for his eyes seemed to have lost their mortal vision."

He stood aside now and allowed her to approach the bed. Her tears fell upon the white brow as she brushed back his golden curls just as his mother might have done, then hurriedly leaving the room, she went to impart the sad tidings to Mrs. Snell.

"It seems a strange question to ask so soon," said the priest about a half an hour later, "but I would like to see the spot where you intend to bury the boy."

"In my own family burial lot," was the reply. "You cannot go until the noon train so I will take you over and show you the place in about an hour."

"If Miss Snow knows where the lot is I prefer having her accompany me for I think it best for her to leave the house, for a little while, that is if it is not too far away."

"It is only a quarter of a mile and you can easily walk there in a short time so Beatrice may go with you."

Turning to Beatrice he added, "You may select the spot where you wish the grave dug. Only leave room for my wife and myself next to our dear babies."

As the two walked along Beatrice said, "Father I almost feel responsible for poor Willie's death."

"How so, my child? Surely you were not to blame."

Her tears flowed freely as she told him how the brave boy had risked his life in the storm to come to her thus bringing on the illness which had proved fatal.

"Do not blame yourself for that for God did not take him before his time had come and it is well for him that he went in the innocence of youth, for now his salvation is secure."

"Yes, Father, Willie was a good boy and it is a great consolation to feel he is saved. Perhaps it is better that he had been spared the trial of living to suffer the temptations of this wicked world, but it is hard to see him die so young."

"Say rather that such a death is beautiful. I have something to tell you that may console you. The poor

child told me that many times before you came here he was strongly tempted to give up his faith and go to church with his friends who were so kind to him, but the remembrance of his mother, who had been a good Catholic, and his devotion to the Blessed Virgin kept him back. When you came things were different for your example encouraged him to stick to the truth."

"I only did what I considered my duty, Father."

"By so doing you have saved a soul. Had it not been for you, as Mr. Snell himself informed me, he would have died without the consolations of his holy religion and God will surely reward you for your noble deed."

By this time they had reached the cemetery and Beatrice led the way to the plot where slept Mr. Snell's parents, one brother and two infants. The was still room for several more graves inside the enclosure which was surrounded by a hedge or box, but Beatrice selected the farthest corner under the shade of a pretty drooping willow.

"Here," she said, "I think is the prettiest spot and I will have him buried here."

"You will promise to see that the grave is dug here?"

"I will," said Beatrice, wondering why he asked the question.

He then blessed the grave, after which he explained the ceremony to the convert to whom it was new.

On their return there was but an hour left before it would be time to go to the train. Willie had been removed to the parlor and laid on the couch with a sheet over him. A few of the neighbors were assembled and the priest expressed his intention of performing the last services for the dead.

"Yes, sir, do as you wish," said Mr. Snell, "it seems rather soon for the funeral, but since you must go, better have it over with, for the poor boy never would believe in our religion, and I know he will rest better to have one of his own kind praying over him."

Like her companions, this was the first time Beatrice had seen performed the office of the Catholic Church for the dead, but like the others her eyes were so blinded with tears that she scarcely heeded the short but solemn prayers until called upon to answer the Our Father and Hail Mary. A few touching words were spoken and then it was time for the priest to take his departure. As he was bidding Beatrice good-bye, he said:

"I deeply regret that our boy could not be taken to the church to share the privileges to which every true child of the church has a right after death, but to-morrow morning I will say his funeral Mass."

"You are so good, Father, I am sure he could not ask more and his mother will bless you from her home in Heaven."

She handed him a bill as a recompense for his trouble, but he pushed it back into her hand saying:

"Keep it child, I ask no pay for the little service I have been called upon to render a poor orphan."

Two days later, in a rudely fashioned coffin which the family had made of pine boards, they laid the orphan to rest in the consecrated spot which Beatrice had selected. The rosary, which had been his consolation before her coming, she entwined around his fingers, knowing that he would be pleased to have this precious relic buried with him.

The minister from the neighboring church came uninvited with many others to pay a last tribute of respect to the boy of whom he had known so little in life. He could find no words to express his surprise on learning that another, a Romish priest, had been there before him; but being a prudent man, he took the news with good grace, and for the sake of the assembled friends who belonged to his own flock he volunteered to conduct a second funeral ceremony.

"I can't see the necessity of it myself," said Mr. Snell to Beatrice by way of apology when alone with her, for short as your Catholic ceremony was it was all that was needed, but our minister is a good friend to us all and for appearance sake I could not refuse him. At any rate I cannot see that it will do the boy any harm."

"No, it will do him no harm," was the reply and she was glad that the ceremony was short.

(To be continued.)

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RIGHT REV. CHARLES HENRY COLTON, BISHOP OF BUFFALO.

The new bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Buffalo is a native of New York city and is fifty-five years of age. He succeeds Bishop Quigley, who was recently raised to the archbishopric of Chicago. Bishop Colton has been a priest since 1876. At one time the pastor of the parish in which he served was Father McGlynn, the single tax advocate.

EIGHTH WEEK AT CLIFF HAVEN.

But one week now remains before the close of the season of 1903, yet Cliff Haven is still the scene of life and gaiety. Serious intellectual work will be laid aside during the coming week, when only one course of lectures and that an attractive one by Dr. James J. Walsh, will be given.

The Alumni Association of the summer school is making rapid progress. One of the objects of this society is the raising of a sum sufficient to help materially in paying off the old debts which were contracted in the establishing of the school at Cliff Haven.

An entertainment for the benefit of the school of Stoyd was given on Saturday evening last. About two hundred dollars was raised. This will be added to the fund which is being accumulated for the erection of the new building.

NEW YORK CENTRAL

STATE FAIR RATES

President Roosevelt at Syracuse, September 7th.

From September 6th to 12th, the New York Central will sell excursion tickets to Syracuse and return, including transfer to the grounds and admission coupon, at single fare for the round trip plus admission and transfer; and on Thursday, Sept. 10th, a special low rate ticket will be sold from all stations between Syracuse, Lockport and Batavia. Tickets sold at the one fare rate are good returning on or before September 14th; those sold on September 10th at the low rate, are good going and returning on date of sale only.

The following special trains will be run from nearby stations: On Sept. 7th, 9th and 10th, a special train will leave Geneva at 6:40 a. m., and on Sept. 7th and 10th another special will leave Geneva at 7:15 a. m. On Sept. 7th, 9th and 10th, a special train for Geneva will leave Syracuse at 6 a. m., making all stops. On Sept. 7th and 10th, another special for Canandaigua and Batavia, via Batavia and Canandaigua Branch, making all stops, will leave Syracuse at 6:30 p. m. On Sept. 7th, another special for Geneva and intermediate stations will leave Syracuse at 10:30 p. m. Tickets will be honored on all regular (except limited) trains.

In addition to above special trains, train No. 7 will make all stops on Main Line between Syracuse and Rochester.

The Fair opens on Monday, Sept. 7th, and closes on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Call on New York Central ticket agents for tickets and all information.

\$1.00 To Buffalo or Niagara Falls. One dollar only to either Buffalo or Niagara Falls and return by the West Shore road. Sunday, Aug. 30th, tickets good on all morning trains.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

New Council to be instituted in Province of Ontario, Canada.

On Monday, Sept. 7th, Labor Day, the first Council of the Knights of Columbus will be instituted in the Province of Ontario, at the City of Kingston, Canada. The degree work will be in charge of the Ottawa and Ogdensburg Councils. A number of members of Rochester Council are to make the trip across the lake and arrangements have been made with F. J. Amos and Son to extend their excursion ticket so as to give the members of Rochester Council time to attend the initiation ceremonies, the banquet, and visit the Thousand Islands. Only Third Degree members are invited to Kingston on this excursion.

The handsome and commodious steamer "Kingston" will leave Charlotte, Saturday, Sept. 5th, at 11 p. m., reaching Kingston at 6 a. m. Sunday. Returning will leave Kingston at 5 p. m. on Sunday and Tuesday, Sept. 6th and 8th.

The program for Monday, Labor Day, is as follows: 9 a. m. Pontifical High Mass, celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Gauthier; 10:30 a. m. First Degree; 3 p. m. Second Degree; 7:30 p. m. sharp, Third Degree. Banquet after Third Degree ceremonies. Every member attending the degree work is obliged to be robed.

National Theatre.

"Busy Izzy," which is booked at the National for the first part of next week, is a musical piece, one of the few which made a hit last season. It is played by George Sidney and a company of 45 people. The engagement includes two matinees, Monday and Wednesday.

BAKER THEATRE.

"In the Palace of the King" with all the original scenery, costumes, etc. Miss Viola Allen's magnificent production will be presented at the Baker Theatre, Monday, Aug. 31 for three matinees and three days. This is one of the most expensive productions seen in popular price houses and Messrs. Davis and Darcy without doubt pay the largest royalty for the piece known to having been paid for any dramatic attractions playing the popular price houses.

The following week—the latest comedy success—"Shooting the Chutes" will be presented.

Correspondence Solicited.

If those of our subscribers who fail to find news of their respective parishes in our columns will kindly notify us we will endeavor to supply the omission. We desire a good correspondent in every parish in the diocese, and all favors in that line will be fully appreciated.

FATHER HENDRICK.

Assistant Bishop of Buffalo.

In Consecration at Rome by Cardinal Satolli.

St. Paul, N. Y., Aug. 28.

Rome, Aug. 28.—The consecration of the Rev. Thomas A. Hendrick, Rochester, N. Y., as bishop of Buffalo, P. I., was performed to-day by Cardinal Satolli in the Church of the Franciscan monastery, which on this occasion acquired special importance because one of Cardinal Satolli's assistants at the function was Bishop Harry, the metropolitan of the Philippines, while contemporaneous Cardinal Satolli consecrated Monsignor Cavallari as titular bishop of Philadelphia, Asia Minor, whom the pope has appointed "provisore" of Venice. Thus X. will keep for himself the patriarchate, thus avoiding a revival of the question whether the Italian government has the right to choose the patriarchate of Venice, which it claimed when Carlo was appointed to that post.

The scene to-day was picturesque in the extreme when the red-robed cardinal, surrounded by his aides and several nuns clad entirely in white, proceeded to the symbolic function of consecration. The students of the American college came to Rome from their villa at Castel Gandolfo to assist in the ceremony. A collation was afterwards served in the refectory to two hundred distinguished guests, including Mr. Kennedy and Father David Fleming. Cardinal Satolli later gave a magnificent dinner in honor of Bishop Hendrick, at which Archbishop Harry, Bishop Cavallari and Mgr. Kennedy and Fowler were present. Archbishop Harry has booked his passage on La Touraine, which will leave Havre for New York August 31st.

Rome, Aug. 24.—The Pope to-day received in private farewell audience the Rev. Thomas A. Hendrick, recently appointed bishop of Buffalo, Philippines Islands.

The Pope received Bishop Hendrick in the most kindly manner, remarking that he saw the bishop a year ago in Nice, on the occasion of his former visit to Italy.

The Pontiff added that he had all the good the bishop had done both as a priest and as a bishop, the state of New York and that he felt sure this would witness to the Philippines.

The Pope presented Bishop Hendrick with a beautiful pendant, which he returned to the Pope, saying that he felt sure this would witness to the Philippines. General Benjamin F. Tracy, of New York, then his Holiness, said: "Father Joseph A. Hendrick, bishop of the diocese of Buffalo, who has just been consecrated, a position which he will take the title of monsignor, saying: 'I hope you live long to enjoy it and blessing him and his people and his flock.'"

Later a number of American bishops presented to the Pope, including Frank O'Connor of St. Mary's parish, Rochester, who is a student in an American college in Rome.

MANY PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT.

Clergy of Syracuse Diocese attend Bernard's.

The annual retreat of the clergy of the diocese of Syracuse opened to-day night at St. Bernard's, Bernardine. Besides the Syracuse clergymen, the following priests have entered the retreat:

Rev. J. J. Gleason, of Cayuga; Rev. James A. Hickey, of Rochester; Rev. Walter Lee of Corning; Rev. Bernard Gaffey, of Canandaigua; Rev. John Doran, of Auburn; Rev. Joseph Gaffey, of Rochester; Rev. M. King, of Rochester; Rev. Edmund Rayburn, of Rochester; Rev. John O'Brien, of Rochester; Rev. Hugh Crowley, of Buffalo; Rev. George Fickel, of Rochester; Rev. Philip Guiding, of Hornellsville; Rev. Thomas Harrington, of Ovid; Rev. Dr. Nolan, of Rochester. These will enter this retreat. These last named priests of the Rochester diocese will minister in the various parishes during the general retreat of the Rochester clergy next week.

The retreat was conducted by Jesuit Father and closed Friday morning. The clergymen of this diocese will be in retreat next week.

Nickel Plate Road will run daily special excursion trains to Salt Lake City, Denver, El Paso, D. El Paso, St. Paul, etc. The principal ticket agent is at the corner of Broadway and Canal streets, New York City, and at the corner of Broadway and Canal streets, New York City, and at the corner of Broadway and Canal streets, New York City.