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## A BRILLIANT CAREER.

A Beautiful Catholic Story Written For The Catholic Journal.  
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(Continued from last week.)

## CHAPTER XXXII.

"Would you not like to go with me?"

"No thank you, the church I have attended from childhood is good enough for me, and I wish to hear none of his apologies for having changed his religion. I do not approve of such things."

"Nor I either, but I have never been inside a Catholic church and I have always wished to go, besides he is spoken of as being such a splendid orator that I am anxious to hear him."

"Go then, but please excuse me." The lady taking her departure soon after unintentionally left behind her the paper containing the announcement. No sooner had the door closed after her than Mrs. Lenton took it up and read every word.

"He is my own child," she said, "and I will go, but not with her, for she must not know that he is anything to me."

After supper she brought out her widow's bonnet and best black dress which had once been beautiful, but had become very shabby after years of wear. She knew how poor they looked and with them she could not have dared to appear in the fashionable church she had once attended, but where she was going nobody could know or notice her and she did not care. Just as she was ready to go she saw her neighbor passing and not wishing to ride on the same car with her she lingered a while to wait for the next. The second was delayed so when she reached the great church it was packed to its utmost capacity but she managed to gain admittance.

The church was one of the largest and most fashionable in the city and the congregation who thronged to it to-night was a varied one, consisting mostly of the higher classes of all denominations. It had been told among the higher circles whose son the convert priest was, and curiosity alone had brought many to hear him. When he ascended the pulpit and gazed over the vast sea of faces all raised toward him, he saw a gorgeous array of fashion, silks, satins and costly laces and ribbons which told plainly that it was the rich who had come to hear him. He heeded none of this, but raising his eyes toward Heaven as he breathed a prayer, he calmly made the sign of the cross and commenced his discourse. Soon all were spell bound by the effect of his splendid eloquence and touching words, and not a few were moved to tears. Suddenly he stopped and it was noticed that the light on his fine face brightened as he strained his eyes toward the door where there was a slight commotion of some one pushing through the crowd. It was only a poor woman in a widow's garb to whom a man near the door had given a seat.

"Please bring the lady to a front seat," he said.

The usher at the door looked at him, then at the stranger but did not make any sign to obey.

"Will the usher please to bring the lady who has just entered to a front seat," he said a little louder looking directly at the man, then added in a more tender voice. "She is my mother."

Many eyes were turned from him toward the poor blushing woman who could find no alternative but to walk down the broad middle aisle with the usher. The priest pointed to a seat directly in front of him in which were only two occupants; a well dressed gentleman and lady who had selfishly kept all intruders out. The gentleman resolutely making the best of the situation politely arose to let her in, but his companion drew aside the folds of her dainty organdy skirt as if fearing that it might be soiled in coming in contact with the poor widow's garb.

Father Lenton's quick eye caught the movement. He cast one withering glance upon the young woman which she remembered long afterwards and she was too humiliated to dare to even raise her eyes to his face again. One sweet smile was bent on his mother's face and then as if oblivious of all surroundings he continued his sermon.

When it was over not one word had been spoken which could have hurt the feelings of the most sensitive Protestant. Even his mother saw nothing in it which would have given her reason to censure her son, for he had only sought to prove in the most

eloquent and touching words without criticizing other religions that the Catholic church was in reality the one true Faith of Christ. Many hearts were touched by his sermon, but not a few were there who were more deeply touched by his mark of tender love for his mother. It was one case where example is far more eloquent than words, and Mrs. Lenton herself felt it.

When all was over, and her boy, to whom she could have listened for hours had disappeared into the vestry, she remained in her seat inhaling the sweet fragrance of incense which still floated through the air after the benediction, and watching the scarlet robed altar boy who put out the candles one by one. When the last one had been extinguished she called to him and asked where she could find Father Lenton.

"He has gone to the house," was the reply, "if you wish to see him come with me," and the boy led the way to the presence of her own son, to whose religious habit she did not object so much.

After the coldness with which she had last parted with him in her own home, she hardly knew how to address him, but his kind welcome soon put her at ease and the remainder of the evening was most pleasantly spent together. Before they separated the old confidence which had existed between them in George's childhood had been fully restored, and the mother expressed an earnest desire to know more of her son's religion. The result was that ere long she became a sincere and humble Catholic, and when asked what first led to the change, she frankly admitted that the beginning of it had been her son's kindness in not being ashamed to recognize his poor mother in the presence of a rich congregation.

## CHAPTER XXXIII.

"Please tell me the truth Eugene, is there any permanent help for her?" asked Beatrice one day when they were talking about Blanche.

"Why is it dear wife that you will persist in troubling yourself about that? Blanche has been with us over a year now and I cannot see that she is any weaker than when I first saw her. If anything I firmly believe that her western trip greatly benefited her."

"Yes, Eugene, I believe that the change of climate combined with your skillful care has had a great deal to do with prolonging her life. I know that as a physician you have done all in your power to save her, but still I often have sad misgivings about her. Indeed, I sometimes fear that when we least expect it she may be carried away from us."

The doctor feared the same but he did not wish to tell his wife. "Beatrice," he said tenderly, "it grieves me sadly to see you thus troubling yourself about what may happen. Any of us is apt to die suddenly, and as for our dear sister she will undoubtedly outlive many who are well and strong to day, so please try to think no more of such gloomy things."

She looked searchingly at him for she knew he was only trying to evade her question, as he had done many times before.

"Beatrice," he said trying to change the subject, "we have not yet fully decided on baby's name and you know she is to be baptized tomorrow."

Like all mothers when a dear child, especially the first is in question Beatrice could now quickly turn the subject. "I have fully decided," she said, "to call her either Blanche or Magdelene, but which name she will bear I cannot yet make up my mind."

"Either would be very pretty, but I leave it to your choice."

"I know Magdelene would please your mother most, but I hope you will not consider me selfish if I say that I would like to have it Blanche."

"Blanche is very dear to my mother as well as ourselves, and I do not think she would feel at all hurt to have our baby named for her."

"Then Blanche it will be, but you did not answer my question. Do you think my sister can live?"

"Beatrice you are too persistent in trying to make me say what could not possibly add to your happiness."

"Eugene Mayburn, I am your wife. During the thirteen months of our happy married life you have never once tried to deceive me in anything and I feel that I can trust you to tell me the truth now about Blanche."

"The truth is often hard to tell, and in such cases I think that silence is far better."

"Then you have given up all hopes?"

(To be continued.)

## JESUITS AT WORLD'S FAIR.

An Educational Exhibit by American Members of the Order.

Father Louis Martin, superior general of the Jesuit order, has granted the American Jesuits permission to have an exhibit at the world's fair in St. Louis next year, says the New York Times. Ex-Congressman Glynn, who has charge of the Catholic educational exhibit; the Rev. Dr. William Banks Rogers, S. J., president of the St. Louis university, and Father O'Gorman, prefect of studies in St. Francis Xavier's college, are preparing maps, histories of the early explorations of the Jesuits in the northwest and southwest, led by Marquette, and an illustrated catalogue of the entire exhibits.

According to the present plan, the exhibit is to be divided into several groups and is to be entirely separate from the one which the government has requested from the Jesuits concerning their work in the Philippine Islands.

One of the most striking features of the exhibit will be the gallery of immortals, containing sculptured busts, old paintings, etchings and drawings of celebrated men who received their early training from Jesuit teachers. Among the notables will be the poets Tasso, Calderon, Moliere and Corneille; scholars such as Galilei, Descartes, Vico and Muratori; such distinguished generals as Tilly, Conde, Wallenstein and a score or more of Roman pontiffs, including the late Pope Leo XIII.

Ex-Congressman Glynn, who will take the precious exhibits to the fair, says that the Jesuit exhibit will prove to be "one of the marvelous educational features of the fair."

"Here are men," he continued, "whose missionaries have tramped through the virgin forests of America from Hudson bay to the remotest districts of the region along the Mississippi. We have not lived yet to see Marquette given that honor which he deserves of this country. The Jesuit exhibit will teach this lesson—that this notable body of religious men have been a great factor in the upbuilding of the American republic."

## Origin of the Angelus.

Some interesting facts relating to the origin of the Angelus were related at Rome recently by Mgr. Esser, secretary of the congregation of the index.

The first clear documentary proof of the custom comes from Hungary (diocese of Gran) and dates from the year 1807. In 1817 the practice was common in Montpellier, in France, and the following year Pope John XXII, granted an indulgence to all who took part in the devotion in the Church of Saints. In a few years the practice was generally observed in Spain, England and Germany, and in the year 1827 the same pope ordained that a bell should ring the Angelus in one church of every diocese or district in the Eternal City at nightfall, granting an indulgence of ten days to all good Romans who recited the angelical salutation.

The ringing of the Angelus in the morning became common in less than a century after the practice of ringing it in the evening had taken root. As far back as 1880 a bell used to be rung at noon at Prague to remind the people to pray in honor of the five wounds, but the first notice we have of the midday Angelus comes from Imola in 1808.

## Archbishop Ryan's Mother.

Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia was a poor boy. But he was rich in the possession of a mother who when her son was yet small fondly saw in him much promise of future greatness. His red hair covered a great head, she felt certain.

At the ceremony by which Father Ryan was elevated to the archbishopric several years ago an incident occurred which is often related by Joseph D. Murphy, now cashier of the United States mint in Philadelphia.

It was during the benediction, when every one was supposed to remain with bowed head. Mr. Murphy raised his eyes to the new archbishop. Just as he did so the latter bent down over a little old woman who sat near where he was standing and fondly kissed her cheek. She raised both hands and softly stroked his red hair. It was his mother.

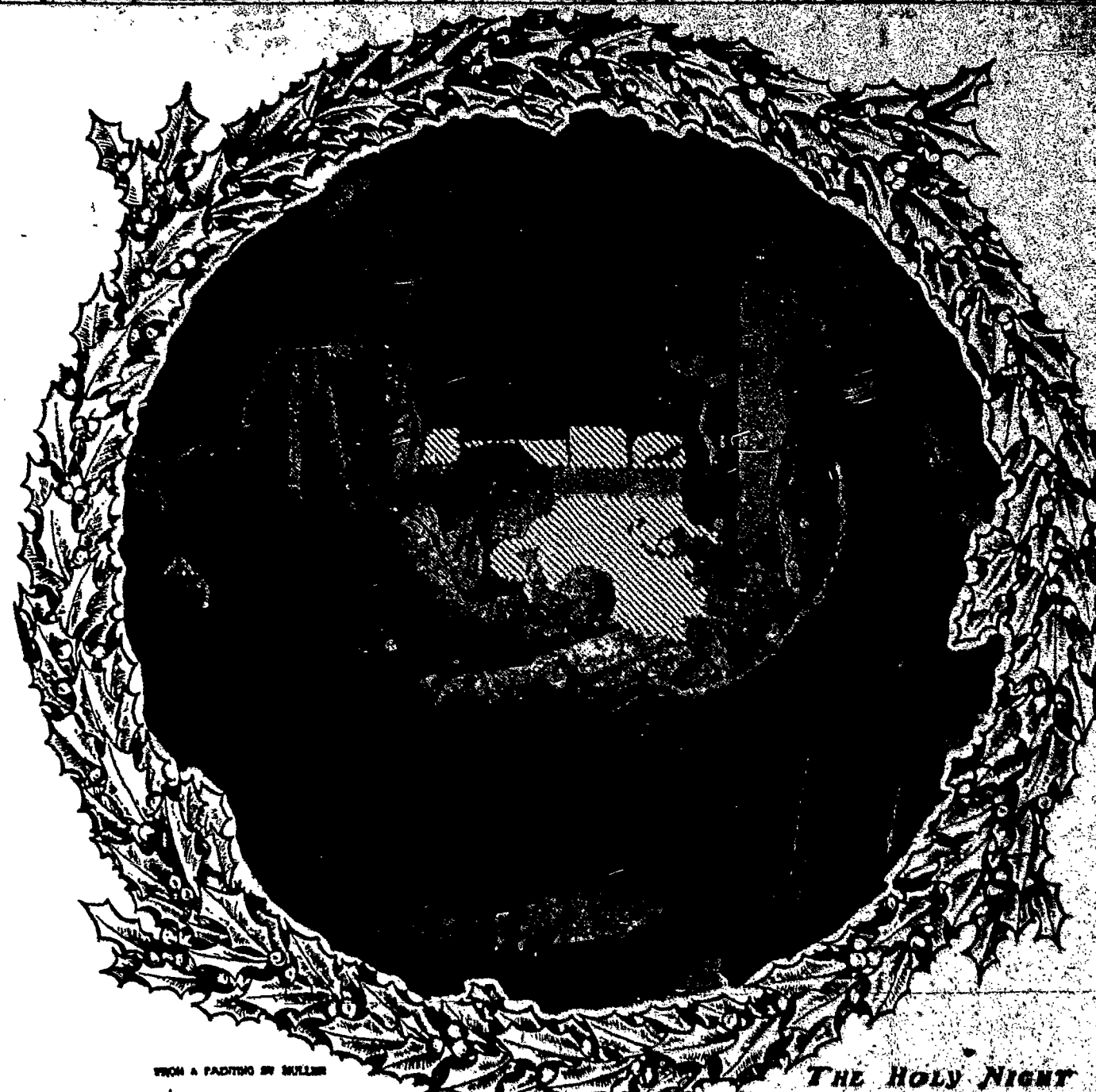
## Pius X. and the Bible.

Pius X. is a strong advocate of the Bible for the people. While patriarch of Venice he secured many thousand copies of the new edition of the gospels for his people and declared he would never be satisfied until every home in Venice was provided. The Pius Society of St. Jerome, founded in Italy for the diffusion of the New Testament among the people, has in one year introduced no fewer than 200,000 copies of the gospels and the Acts into Italian homes. Pius X. is backing the efforts of the society in every way.—Church Calendar of West Virginia.

## SHORT SERMONS.

Poverty is in want of much, but avarice of everything.

Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God trusts God, and he that trusts God obeys God.



FROM A PICTURE BY BULLER

THE HOLY NIGHT

## Lecture by Dr. E. J. Hanna.

The Rev. E. J. Hanna of St. Bernard's Seminary, delivered a lecture before the graduates and students of Nazareth academy Friday evening. The topic was "Culture as a means of Enriching Life."

## Father Payne Wins.

The equity team action of Frederick W. Smith, as committee of the property and person of Thomas McGrath, against the Rev. William Payne, of Charlotte, was decided in favor of Father Payne this week.

## FAVOR INCREASE.

C. M. D. A. at a Mass Meeting Indorse Action of Supreme Council in Raising Rates.

A mass meeting of the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was held in the Common Council chamber Tuesday night, to consider the change in rates that was decided upon at a recent convention of the Supreme Council of the order in Pittsburgh. Supreme Recorder Cameron took up the question of the increase in the assessment and showed the members that it



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was a positive necessity. He said that if it had not been done at this time the organization would have been forced to dissolve, for with the rates that had existed since the foundation of the organization the order would in a few years be obliged to suspend payments altogether.

The Catholic religion is the only religion that can keep its identity without losing its life and that can keep its life without losing its identity.

The Catholic church is the only historical religion that can conceivably adapt itself to the wants of the present day without virtually ceasing to be itself.

Only fools say that youth is the season for amusement. Youth is the season for forming those habits of observation and wise activity which bring far profounder and more solid amusements in maturity and old age.

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## Five Minute Sermon.

John's Mission and Preaching.

Isaiah, in foretelling that the valleys would be filled up, the mountains made low, and the crooked ways straight, announced that the grace of God would remove all obstacles, that make our salvation difficult; that by means of grace the weak and lowly would be filled with heavenly strength; that the proud would be humbled; that the erring would return to the straight path; that our affections would be regulated and our passions overcome. The history and annals of the Church show that this prophecy has been fulfilled.

We are to learn from all this that we should be strengthened in our holy faith by considering that everything regarding it had been prepared, foretold, and completed by the wisdom, power and goodness of God. We should also learn from the words of St. John that the only means of participating in the graces of the nativity of Our Lord is to do sincere penance for sins committed, reform our ways, and return to God with all the affections of our heart.

## COOK OPERA HOUSE.

A fine vaudeville entertainment is promised at the Cook Opera House for Christmas week. Chief among the players will be Davis and Macaulay in a new sketch called "Pals." J. Joe, the famous tenor; Raymond and Caverly, the German comedians; the Carmen troupe, new to Rochester, will give an acrobatic act, and several other excellent numbers in keeping with these splendid headline attractions, will appear. Matinee daily.

## BAKER THEATRE.

The attraction at the Baker Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with daily bargain matinees will be the sensational success of the season, "The Heart of a Hero," an English melodrama from the pen of Lingford Garson.

The grand, gorgeous Christmas offering will be a big revival of the popular, everlasting and only great English pantomime now in this country, Cornell's famous twentieth century production. The mammoth, elaborate, complete and dazzling play of "Old Mother Goose's Fairy Story" will be handsomely presented by a large cast on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24, 25, 26 with matinees daily.

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## Forty Hours Devotion.

The devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be held in the churches of the diocese of Rochester as follows:

January 1—St. Mary's, Rochester.  
February 1—First Sunday in Lent, Holy Family, Auburn; Convent, Newark.  
February 2—St. Michael's, Mt. Pleasant, N.Y.  
February 3—St. Michael's, Mt. Pleasant, N.Y.  
February 4—St. Michael's, Mt. Pleasant, N.Y.  
February 5—St. Michael's, Mt. Pleasant, N.Y.  
February 6—St. Michael's, Mt. Pleasant, N.Y.  
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