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## CONSCIENCE

Or, The Trials of May Brooke.

AN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STORY

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(Continued from last week.)

CHAPTER XII

"Yes; that, and ten thousand times more. Think of Him, dear uncle, 'who was wounded for our transgressions, who was bruised for our was upon him, and by his bruises we are healed.' "

"What must I do besides?"

"Believe, and be baptized."

"Baptized! I was raised in the belief of the Friends, and have never been baptized," he said, musingly.

"Better so, sir, for now you can receive properly the waters of reso much need them, all the graces that flow from baptism into the believing soul," said May.

"I know the doctrines of your faith, May. I have read-I studied it in my days of vision and unreality as an admirable system of human philosophy; but you, child, in your divine.'

"Oh, uncle, not me-not me! I have done nothing but duty," said May, covered with confusion. "It is the mysterious hand of Almighty tismal stream; his eyes and ears had God, leading you, guiding you to the truth."

"It can never-never be now! It derided time-now the night cometh when no man shall work," he said, with an expression of anguish.

from his soul, as it rung down into its frozen depths. And the strong angel of God, who had been contending with the powers of evil, to wrest it from eternal loss, bore up the glad news to heaven, that the hoary sinner repented at the eleventh hour; and there was great joy among the angels of His presence, before Him.

### CHAPTER XIII

Father Fabian came. Miracles such as this never amazed him. He knew too well that the Spirit of the Eternal God which abides with His Church forever, was as powerful then sins; the chastisement of our peace He still condescended to add miraas it had been in ages past, and that cles to the testimony of revelation, to glorify the faith He planted. With the angels, he only "rejoiced, and was exceeding glad," giving thanks to God for this new manifestation of His clement love. Long, and earnest, and touching, was the interview between the priest of God generation, and experience, when you and the dying penitent. He saw the depths of an old and embittered heart broken up; he heard its plaintive cry, as it floated out towards the dark ocean of death, of, 'Save, Lord, or I perish!"and its imploring prayer for the waters of regeneration, and the sadraments of the Church. All earth had failed him humanity-in your patience and in his hour of need; and from the long-suffering-in your cheerful do- deep abyss of his misery he expected cility, have taught me that it is no deliverance but through them. But at last, Peace was whispered,

and into his soul was breathed the holy sentence of absolution; and on his hoary head was poured the bapbeen opened by divine power; and, like Siloa's wave, it washed him clean. What was the leprosy of those men

is too late. I have wasted the hours of old, to the corroding infection of -I have buried the talents-I have Sin, which had for so many weary pride prevailed; and, after many re-They were healed by a miracle of power,-he, by a miracle of grace.

the promises of Christ; he has the ly become like a little child, so sin- family.

Or The Church of the Catacombs, Father tell us, to drop negligently a By His Eminence Cardinal Wiseman

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Catholic

FABIOLA

#### MIRIAN'S HISTORY

Matters grew worse and worse; creditors pressed; property had been injudiciously disposed of, when a mysterious person, called Eurotas, made his appearance in the family. No one but its head seemed to know for she continued its use. him; and he evidently looked upon him as at once a blessing and a curse, the bearer both of salvation and vent preparation by prayer, proceded of ruin.

Eurota's own revelations. It is gone! Like Mary Magdalen at the sufficient to add that, being the elder sepulchre, she wept bitterly, because brother, but conscious that his rough they had taken her Lord, and she morose and sinister character did not knew not where they had laid Him, fit him for sustaining the position of Like her, too, "as she was weeping head of the family, and administer- she stooped down and looked" again ing quietly to settled property, and into her ark, and found a paper, having a haughty ambition to raise which in the confusion of the first his house into a nobler rank, and in-glance she had overlooked. crease even its riches, he took but a moderate sum of money as capital, sought was safe in her brother's vanished for years, embarked in the hands, and might berausomed. She ran desperate traffic of interior Asis, at once to him, where he was closeted penetrated into China and India, and with the dark man in whose presence came back home with a large for- she always trembled; threw herself tune, and a collection of rare gems, on herkness before him, and entreated preme officers will conduct the cerewhich helped his nephew's brief him to restore what she valued more monies. This initiation is the greatcareer, but misguided him to ruin in than all her wealth. He was on the est one that has ever taken place in Rome.

Eurotas, instead of a rich family, years diseased and defaced his spirit? proaches and bitter quarrels with his brother, but concealed from all else, he paid off his debts by the in what you offer? "Shall I bring Father Fabian? He Mr. Stillinghast was much exhausted extinction of his own capital, and can strengthen and cheer you with but calm and humble; he had sudden- thus virtually, and of the entire have, to resoue from profanation the

After a few years of weary life, TUGD SIGD THE the father sickened and died. On his tas, with a sneer.

that its contents were more prized came to bring salvation to the house than silver or gold; that, as the of Fabiola.

crumb of the consecrated bread was considered a orime; and that the name of "pearl," which was given to the smallest fragment, showed that it was so precious in a Obristian's eye, that he would part with all he day for the various branches of the

daughter valued it both as a dear in. isation on this occasion and the au- elected heritance, and as a consecrated object

One day, early in the morning, she knelt before her ark; and, after fer-

to open it. To her dismay she found The reader is in possession of it already unlocked, and her treasure

It informed her that what she

word. We wish to put the earnest- were equaly alive to that occasion, ness and reality of your faith to a sufficient test. Are you truly sincere

"I will surrender anything, all I Holy of Holies."

Br.12, 6; Br.84, 10: Br.80 81, 25; Br. 82, 35; Br. 87, 18: Br. Br. 08, 80; Br.117, 50; Br. 18 [To be continued.] Br. 181, 10; Br 189, 10; Br 1 Br. 196, 10; Perpetual Help. C. M. B. A. INITIAIION.

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The twenty bird annas possessed to rescue it from sacrilegi-ous profanation. The scarf, richly embroidered with St. Joseph's Hall, at which all the most successful convent

Edward L. Hearn supreme ka

New Haven, Conn. Patrick L. McArdle, deputy preme knight, Chicago, Ill. Daniel Colwell, national seer New Haven, Conn. P. J. Brady, national treat

Cleveland, Ohio, William T. McManus, M. D tional physician, New York Cl James E. McConnell, national Rev. P. J. MoGivney, M. maplain, Middletows, Comm

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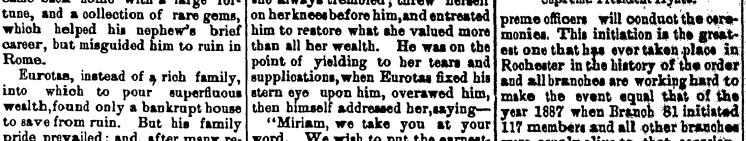
the place for the next annual men ing and it is hoped then to oee the national home now in course erection.

A resolution was adopted making the four surviving incorporators. the order life members without vote on insurance matters. Th are Damiel Colwell, William Ge Dr.M.C.O'Connor and O.J. Driv all of New Haven.

. An menendment to the comet was ratified changing the date of meetings of the State Councils for the first Tuesday to the Tuesday in May of ston your



### Supreme President Hynes.





Next Thursday will be a red letter

pearls, which has more than once candidates for membership enrolled the order and the reports of affected our narrative, was the outer during the last two months will be Supremeofficers how that the covering in which Miriam's mother initiated. More than 800 candidates is in a most flourishing condition had preserved this treasure; and her will become members of the organ- The following officers were

Lowrwell

power and authority from a divine source to absolve and prepare you for your passage into eternity. Oh, sir, let me go.

"Do with me what you please, strange-strong-wise little one! cousin for him." Just then Helen made her appearance, elaborately and beautifully dressed, as usual, and was shocked at the change in her uncle's appearance, which a few hours had made. She inquired, how he felt.

"I believe I am ill. I wish you to take a note from May Brooke to Father Fabian left the room. her confessor. She must remain with me," he said, in his old way.

"I will go instantly," she said, glad to escape from such a scene, and wondering what the strange old man could have to do with a priest. May scribbled a few lines on the blank leaf of a book, tore it out, directed it to Father Fabian, and gave it to Helen.

May, gently.

"I have no time for sleep-tell from May's hand. me of Jesus Christ!'

And May took down from the shelf an old, mouldy Testament, which had not been opened in years, and read, in clear, steady tones, and with sweet pathos, the Passion of our Lord from Getheamane to Calvary. When she finished, and looked up, the lips of that pale visage were firmly set, and from his cold, dim eyes, tears were falling apace-the first he had shed for long, dreary years-the first of contrition that had ever welled up from his soul.

He did not fear death-the mere act of dying, even the thought of annihilation, would not have stirred a ripple of fear in his heart, because, physically, he was bold, reckless, and definant of personal danger-but the eternal instincts of his soul, developed by the providence of God, at the eleventh hour, sought their true destiny; they shrunk, with dread, from the scrutiny of Divine Purity, yet longed for immortal life and immortal progress. Suddenly the veil had been torn from his eyes; suddenly he felt all the gnawing, hungry needs of his soul; suddenly his weakness, his wanderings, his infirmities, his tacit unbelief and indifference. were revealed to, in all their frightful deformity,-and how? By a still, calm voice-the voice of a child, which had rung down the warning into his soul like thunder. "What will it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" it had said; and earth and earthly affairs had assumed the shape moniac weight of darkness and pride | wabounded energy, charity, seal.

cere and entire was his repentance. "I will come again in a few hours and administer to you, my poor friend, the Sacrament of Extreme

Unction; and if I find that you are sinking, will bring the Holy Viaticum Only never leave me. Send your for your refreshment and consolation in the dark and trying hour. would advise you now to settle all your worldly concerns, so that nothing may interfere between your soul and God."

"How is with you now, dear uncle?" said May, who came in as

"Unworthy, child-all and utterly unworthy, but hoping humbly, through the infinite merits of Jesus principle that nothing was too great given to her of the necessity of mov-Christ," he whispered.

"Mr. Fielding and Doctor Burrel are here!" said Helen, coming in. "Ia Father Fabian still here?"

"He is, sir."

"Request him to come back." Soon after the three gentlemen came "Try to sleep a little, sir," said in together. "Leave me a little ay, gently. while, "he said, unclasping his fingers

Mr. Stillinghast," said the doctor.

of your sanity. Your mind has been her days. She was now just of legal house.

that desk, and you will find parch- be got rid of at any cost. ment, pens, and ink. Now, come sit usual preamble and formula."

minutes.

To be continued.

#### All May Be Offered.

All lawful things-eating, conversa tion, amusement-all these may be offered to God and have the value of dare reveal, offered him the best remaining passengers and crew. prayer. The morning offering-made chance of success. with the heart more than with the lips -the offering to God of the whole day of His children in order that souls may be saved-that is the exercise of the first and most universal of all apos-

death-bed he told Orontius that he | She took the pen in her hand, and had lived on for some years, the very after running her eye over the doonhouse over his head, belonged to his ment, signed it. It was a surrender friend Eurotas, whose relationship he of her entire property to Eurotas. did not further explain, whom he Orontius was furious when he saw must look up to entirely for support himself over-reached by a man to and guidance. The youth thus found whom he had suggested the snare himself, while full of pride, ambition, for his sister. But it was too late; and voluptuousness, in the hands of he was only the faster in his unspara cold-hearted, remorseless, and no ing gripe. A more formal renuncialess ambitious man, who soon pre- tion of her rights was exacted from scribed as the basis of mutual con- Miriam, with the formalties required fidence, absolute submission to his by the Roman law.

will, while he should act in the capacity of an inferior, and the understood soothingly; then hints began to be or too little, nothing too good or too ing, as Orontius and his friend inwicked to be done, to restore family tended to proceed to Nicomedia, the position and wealth.

To stay at Antioch was impossi- sent to Jerusalem, where she would ble after the ruin which had over obtain admission into some communtaken the house. With a good capital ity of holy women. She was accordin hand, much might be done else- ingly embarked on board a vessel, where. But now, even the sale of the captain of which bore a suspiciall left would scarcely cover the ous character, and was very sparingly liabilities discovered after the fath- supplied with means. But she bore er's death-There was still untouched around her neck what she had given "I fear that you feel very feeble, the sister's fortune; and both agreed proof of valuing more than any that this must be got from her. wealth. For, as St. Ambrose relates "I feel it, sir, but I have a work Every artifice was tried, every per- of his brother Satyrus, yet a catechuto do, and the 'day is far spent.' sussion employed, but she simply and men, Christians carried round their Could you ascertain, in any way, so firmly resisted, both in obedience to necks the Holy Eucharist, when emthat you could swear to it, that I am her mother's dying orders, and be- barking for a voyage. We need not in my sane mind;" he asked, eagerly. cause she had in view the establish- say that Miriam bore it securely "The subject requires no investiga. ment of a house for consecrated vir- folded in the only thing of price she tion, sir. I have not the least doubt gins, in which she intended to pass cared to take from her father's

quite-nay, uncommonly clear since age to dispose of her own property. your recovery," replied the doctor. She offered them every advantage instead of coasting towards Joppe or "Gentlemen," he said, addressing that she could give them; proposed any port on the coast, the captain the other, "I am perfectly and entire- that for a time they should all live stood straight out, as if making for ly in my senses; I have not a single together upon her means. But this some distant shore. What his pur- 88 and Supreme Trustee James L obscure or confused idea. All this did not answer their purpose; and is clear and calm. Fielding, I made when every other course had failed, ture; but his few passengers became C. M. B. A. members will furnish wealth of ability and energy a will a short time ago; I wish to Eurotas began to hint that one who alarmed, and a serious altercation music and a light lunch will be became recognized as one of change-to make another. Open stood so much in their way should ensued. This was cut short by a served.

familiarized him gradually with it, pieces on a rocky island near Cyprus. mated number from the branches: "It is done, sir," said Mr. Fielding till-shrinking yet from the actual Like Satyrus, Miriam attributed her after writing rapidly some ten commission of fratricide-he thought reaching the shore in safety to the he had almost done something virtu- precious burden which she bore. She ous, as the brothers of Joseph imagin- was almost the only survivor; at ed they did, by adopting a slower least, she saw no other person saved. and less sanguinary method of deal- Those, therefore, that did live besides ing with an obnoxious brother. on returning to Antioch, reported

Among the privileges of Chris- by men who lived on such spoil. tians in the first ages, we have al- Destitute and friendless she was ready mentioned that of reserving sold to a trader in slaves, taken to the Blessed Eucharist at home for Tarsus, on the mainland, aud again tolates, the apostolate of prayer, the domestic communion. We have de- sold to a person of high rank, who arst apostolate of our Lord Himself, scribed the way in which it was en- treated her with kindness. the distinctive apostolate of His Moth- folded in an orarium, or linen cloth. et and countless saints, a ministry again often preserved in a richer ed one of his agents in Asia to prove of nothingness; the tough, hard which His apostles preferred to the cover. This precious gift was kept cure a slave of polished manners and work of years was scattered-like a preaching of the word, one in which in a chest with a lid, as St. Cyprian virtuous character, if possible, at any

For a short time she was treated

imperial residence. She asked to be

When the vessel was out at sea,

sudden storm; the vessel was carried

Stratagem and which no one would her death, together with that of the

She was picked up on the shore

After a short time. Fabius instructpotent lever it lifted away the de- each one of His servants can exercise has informed us. Orontius well knew price, to attend on his daughter; and Perpetual Help parish, the nineteenth this; and he was moreover aware Miriam, under the name of Syra, in this oity, will also be instituted.



The meeting will be called to order by Oharles M. Bayer, chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the Central Council and Supreme Pres. Hynes will preside. After the initiation addresses will be made by Supreme President Hynes, Suprems Recorder Cameron, Grand Secretary Ryan, Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, spiritual adviser of Branch

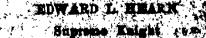


Supreme Trustee James L, Whalen pose was, it was difficult to conjec- Whalen. A double quartette of showed himself the possessor of

Orontius shuddered at the first forward at the mercy of the winds to be admitted is from 18 to 20 Knight at the National Conven near me so. Begin and write the proposal of the thought. Eurotas for some days, and then dashed to years and the following is the esti- of 1899



Chairman Charles M. Bayer. A new branch for Our Lady of If the Achildren in



Edward L. Hears, Supreme of the Knights of Columbus? born in Dorohuster, Mass. 1 became identified with the through the Natiok, (Mass. ) in 1893, while a resident of Farmingham. Shortly afterwards was instrumental in organization promising Council at South Sar inghans and was its first to Knight. Further bonors were bestowed upon him. He was show by the Massachusetts State Course as a delegate to the National Con cil in 1895 and afterward merve the National Board of Directors District Deputy and later St Deputy of Manuschusetts to was position he was elected in 1897. The average age of the candidates leaders. He was sleeted Supr

Fighting Jape Diet

The Japanese army, in camp times, bas as its bill of fare no dried fish. This is the uniform The rice is propared in a that makes it most nutrition first bolled until it is thick and inous. Next It is placed on slab, rolled out and cut into The squares are then placed sun to dry and left until th as hard as a ship biscuit ready to be stored. A certain number o lowed to each soldier a day The moldier pr breaking up a square and sugar the dire and minutes he has a thick nus colorisonities and an

