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## CONSCIENCE

Or, The Trials of May Brooke.

AN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STORY

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### CHAPTER XXVIII

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"And why now, Helen?" inquired May, with a look of surprise.

"Why, you see, May, I was so delighted with the eloquence of the preacher the night we went to the Mission, that I stepped in several times afterwards, and was considerably enlightened on some points; in fact, a great deal of prejudice and intolerance were removed by the clear, close, cogent arguments I heard. It would be a terrible thing for me—a devilish thing, to be guilty of soul-murder!"

"Terrible indeed. I cannot believe now that you would on any account oppose Helen in the practice of her faith?"

"No, unless it makes her gloomy and moping. But here we are, do run up to her room. I will be down to the post-office, and be in a quarter of an hour," said Jerrold, handing May out, and jerking the hall-door for her.

May ran through the gorgeous hall and up the marble staircase, to her room, where she found her father sitting at his desk, with his head buried in his hands, and his eyes fixed on the floor.

"What is it, Helen?" asked May, while the color faded from her cheeks, and she looked with mingled sorrow and dread on the miserable one.

"Hush! there is Walter's footsteps!" she exclaimed, starting. "Oh, May, I could not bear to lose my husband's affection—to be spurned by him."

"How are you now, Helle? Better I hope, now that May is with you?" said her husband, coming in. "And ready to pardon me for my insensibility to your happiness?"

"Oh, Walter!" said Helen, covering her face with her hands.

"I had hoped that these clouds would all be dispelled by the time I returned home. May and I were talking about you as we came along, and if she had not succeeded in making you believe that I wish you to be happy your own way, let this be a gage between us," said Mr. Jerrold, unfolding a small parcel he held in his hand, and handing her a Catholic prayer-book. It was bound in ivory, with an exquisite miniature painting of "Ecce Homo" on one back and "Mater Dolorosa" on the other. The paintings were covered with crystals, and set with a rim of gold and pearls. The edges and clasps were of the same exquisite finish. "If you will only promise to be happy, dear Helen, I will buy a pew in the cathedral for you, and escort you thither whenever you wish to go."

"Dear Walter, why bring me so costly a gift?" said Helen, looking at the sorrowful and sacred faces on the covers of the book, with a shudder.

"Indeed, I am not worthy of such tender and restless affection," said Mr. Jerrold, looking up, "my love! I am prouder of you this day than any king could be of his crown, but if religion is going to make you abject and tame, and mistrustful, I will have none of it," said the worldly man, in an impatient tone.

"Religion gives birth to nothing gloomy. Even in her proudest tears, there are rainbows," cried May.

"She is the mother of all that is lovely, cheerful, amiable and perfect. Even our tribulations must be borne with joy, because the divine hope which sanctifies them leads the soul up to God's Father."

"That seems right—it sounds right. I know positively nothing about it, and wish I did. If I could only get Helen out once more, I should be the happiest fellow on earth," said Mr. Jerrold, with a sad and puzzled expression on his face.

"I suspected all along that perhaps some religious crank had got into Helle's head, from the circumstances of her allowing me to come into her room. It was a queer fancy in one so devoted to paintings as she is. I have been wishing ever since she got it to buy a pendant for it. I found an splendid 'Niobe in Tears'—paid an exorbitant price for it—brought it home, thinking Helen would be charmed, but she banished it to the library. Then I purchased a 'Hecate'—a wonderfully beautiful thing, but that was also condemned and sent into banishment. Was it not so Helen?"

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ploughshare—put it under foot to be spurned and crushed! The storm it would raise would rage so wildly that I should become like a piece of drift-wood, at the mercy of wind and waves."

"If your eternal interests are at stake, let the burning ploughshare go over it, Helen, for it is better to suffer here than where the fire of wrath is everlasting; but, indeed, Helen, all this sounds exaggerated and impassioned to me! These spectacles which you dread must be temptations to deter you from the holiest duties. If you anticipate any difficulties from Mr. Jerrold's opposition, make your heart easy. He is quite miserable about you, and declares that he has not the least objection to you practising your Faith."

"Did he say that, May?"

"He did, indeed. I suggested that your happiness might be involved in these momentous questions when he expressed not only his willingness, but his anxiety for you to do whatever your conscience demanded."

"Oh, May! Oh, little woman! simple—good soul!" cried Helen, bursting into tears. "I cannot tell you all. You do not understand. There is a terrible mystery, which, like an incubus, is brooding day and night in my soul, and drives back all good angels who would enter. I am its slave, May."

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## 11,000 PUPILS REGISTERED

Catholic Parochial Schools of Rochester Make a Grand Showing—Educated by Private Resources

Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Rochester, has made public the registration, up to last Friday, of the pupils in the twenty Catholic parochial schools, the Catholic academies and the orphan asylum schools. They show a total of 5,474 boys and 5,558 girls, a grand total of 11,032. Figures by schools are as follows:

School	Boys	Girls	Total
Cathedral	631	592	1,223
Holy Family	532	529	1,061
Immaculate Conception	499	471	970
St. Michael's	474	432	906
Holy Redeemer	458	435	893
Corpus Christi	341	329	670
St. Peter and Paul's	324	272	596
St. Mary's	284	254	538
St. Francis Xavier's	240	212	452
Holy Apostles	232	229	461
St. Bridget's	200	222	422
St. Boniface	220	175	395
St. Joseph's	186	207	393
St. Stanislaus	214	168	382
Blessed Sacrament	144	152	296
Holy Rosary	164	156	320
St. Monica's	125	150	275
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	127	125	252
Our Lady of Victory	118	123	241
St. Augustine's	89	71	160
Nazareth Academy, girls	86	59	145
Nazareth Hall, boys	34	214	248
Sacred Heart Academy	70	70	140
Sacred Heart free school	51	51	102
St. Mary's boys' asylum	148	148	296
St. Francis's girls' asylum	104	104	208
St. Joseph's asylum	35	40	75

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Bishop Hickey said in commenting upon the figures: "These 11,000 children are being educated by private resources, without costing the taxpayers of Rochester a penny, either in maintenance, salaries of teachers or in cost of buildings, with the exception of the salaries paid to the sisters who impart secular education to the inmates of the orphan asylums which all the courts of the land have decided as permissible and constitutional, in the Sargent case, which went to the Court of Appeals."

"I am told," went on Bishop Hickey, "that under the Dow law there is appropriated annually for public school purposes in Rochester \$25 per capita for each pupil enrolled and that the state allowance will swell this per capita of authorized expenditure to about \$40. Our schools cost, on an average, \$6 per pupil. Deducting that \$6 from the \$40 per capita authorized to be expended annually for each public school pupil, and it would appear that we are able to educate our 11,000 children at about \$34,000 less each year than the public school authorities do an equal number."

That is to say, we are saving our Catholic taxpayers that much expenditure. Actually, we are saving the entire taxpaying public over \$400,000 to say nothing of what it cost to purchase buildings in which to house and school the pupils now taught in Catholic schools."

### Mr. Mason to Lecture.

The lecture season is upon us, and we note with special pleasure that the fascinating subject of the Music of Ireland is to be brought under the notice of local music lovers, early in the season. James Redfern Mason, a gentleman whose reputation as a musical critic extends far beyond the confines of Rochester, is announced to lecture on this subject, at the Cook Opera House, Sunday evening, October 15. This notice will interest all lovers of music, and in particular all lovers of music with Irish blood in their veins. The lecture will be illustrated with views reproducing Irish scenes, or scenes bearing on the various songs and melodies discussed, hence it will appeal with equal force to the lover of music, and the lover of Ireland. The name of the lecturer is a familiar one in the city's musical circles, and incidentally, it may be mentioned, Mr. Mason, by lectures and articles (he is musical editor of the "Post Express") has done much valuable work in the promotion of the views of the Holy Father with respect to ecclesiastical music. His address on this subject delivered at St. Bernard's Seminary was much appreciated, being regarded as an illuminating contribution towards its solution. The same erudite and sympathetic treatment may be confidently anticipated when Mr. Mason comes to discuss a subject so prolific in known and concealed beauties, as the music of Ireland.

### Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday September 24—Gospel, St. Luke vii, 11—Our Lady of Ransom.  
Monday 25—St. Firmin, bishop.  
Tuesday 26—St. Cyprian & Justina, martyrs.  
Wednesday 27—St. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs.  
Thursday 28—St. Andrew, apostle and martyr.  
Friday 29—St. John the Evangelist, apostle and martyr.  
Saturday 30—St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist.

## AROUND THE GLOBE.

Colonel James R. Randall, author of "Maryland, My Maryland" has accepted the editorship of the New Orleans "Morning Star."

The little town at Arc, near Lyons, France, is becoming a great place of pilgrimage owing to the beatification of its old-time parish priest, the Ven. J. M. Vianney. Over 50,000 people went to the town of the holy Cure d'Arc the first week of August and at the ceremonies in the church were Cardinal Coullié, Archbishop of Lyons; Cardinal Perraud, Bishop of Autun; Cardinal Mathieu, from Rome, and several other prelates.

Another very distinguished Irish scholar is to go to Rome soon in the person of Dr. O'Riordan, of Limerick who is called to the rectorship of the Irish College. Those who know Dr. O'Riordan say the honor and the responsibility will be most unwelcome, for his love of retirement is as great as his scholarship.

Details have reached Rome of the martyrdom of Mgr. Cassian Spiss, O.S.B., Vicar-Apostolic of Southern Zanzibar. He was one of the last vicars appointed by Leo XIII in 1903, and was only thirty-six years of age at the time. During less than three years he built a church and no fewer than twenty schools throughout his Vicariate. With him were murdered two Benedictine lay brothers and two Benedictine nuns. The martyred Bishop was held in great esteem by the Kaiser.

Word has been received in Cleveland of the death in Evansville, Ind., of Mother Mary Magdalen, founder of the order of Poor Clares in the United States, the first member of the order to be established in Cleveland and through whose efforts a large and beautiful convent was erected at Omaha. Mother Magdalen was known to the world as Countess Annetta Bentivoglio, a daughter of Count Domenico Bentivoglio, and was born in Rome, July 28, 1834. At the age of 32 she forsook the world and entered a convent, assisted by her sister, laid the foundation for the order of Poor Clares. For a time they stayed in New Orleans, but were soon ordered to come to Cleveland, where she remained until Feb. 26, 1878. From Cleveland Mother Magdalen and her sister went West soliciting funds to build a convent. While in Omaha Hon. J. A. Crighton became interested in the work and through his aid the purpose they had set out to accomplish became a reality. This convent was opened in 1897.

The party of priests who left Philadelphia in August, 1903, for the Philippine Islands, under the charge of Bishop Dougherty, returned home with the exception of Father Carroll who was appointed vicar-general of the diocese of Nueva Segobia, at Vigan, P. I. During the war the seminary at Vigan was closed, and Monsignor Guidi, the Papal delegate of the islands, asked that five priests volunteer from America to take charge of the college. They were recruited from Philadelphia, the party consisting of the Rev. Fathers Carroll, MacGinley, MacCloster, Gercke and Cool. The Rev. Dr. MacGinley was appointed rector of the college, and the Rev. Dr. Gercke, vicar-general.

The seminary is a beautiful place and is very large. We not alone instruct the young men of the islands for the priesthood, but also teach the classics. When we left there were 160 students; all Filipinos, at the college. Archbishop Harty, along with Bishop Dougherty, has confirmed over three hundred thousand and Filipinos." On their way home the Philadelphia priests stopped at Rome, where they had a special audience with Pope Pius, who praised the American Government and the priests for their work in the islands.

Cardinal Merry del Val was treated to a little surprise the other day by a minion of the Italian law. Just as he was leaving his carriage to enter the Monastery of the Carmelites near Castel Gandolfo, an amiable looking gentleman presented him a folded paper, explaining that it was a claim for the trifling sum of 2600,000 against the Holy See. The gentleman was not a lunatic. A case is actually to be tried in Rome early next month in which that amount is involved. The lawyers will have plenty to do over it, as the roots of the claim are buried about two centuries deep and ramified in all directions up to the days of Pius IX, and Cardinal Antonelli.



ENTRANCE TO HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

## PARISH HALL CORNER STONE.

Bishop McQuaid Express Himself on Parochial School Education.

Bishop McQuaid laid the corner stone of the new Holy Redeemer parish hall on Hudson avenue. He was assisted by the rector of Holy Redeemer parish, Rev. J. F. Staub, Rev. M. J. Hargather, Rev. Dr. Edward J. Hanna, Rev. William Gleason and other Catholic priests of the city.

In the course of his address Bishop McQuaid said:

"Our friends, who are not Catholics are putting their hands into the public treasury and are building fine large schools throughout the city. Great high schools are being erected with the public funds. It is so easy to spend the money of other people, and those who are doing it are drawing salaries for it. Yet they are afraid to enter into competition with our schools, humble as they are. They never tell us what are the results when their pupils take the regents' examinations. We lay the results in our schools before you. Why can't they do the same?"

"We shall next week publish the number of the children registered in the parish schools as has been done by the public schools. Our registration will reach at least 10,000, and I rather think more. In the public schools, according to their own figures, there is an attendance of only 20,000 pupils. We shall let them see what we have."

"It costs \$40 a year for the education of each of the pupils in the public schools. This would mean for our 10,000 children 400,000. This amount is saved annually to the city of Rochester through our honorable and cheerfully providing for the education of our own children. I speak of these things for your encouragement, though I know that you need little encouragement if you are Catholics."

## Five Minutes.

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