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A Tale of Irish Struggles of 1886 and Recent Times

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Continued from last week

Chapter LIV

The Summons to Dublin.

Lord Heathcote did not answer for a moment, then he spoke hurriedly, and with painful agitation. "Dennier, you are the son of one near and dear to me, but his heart was broken by the perfidy of an Irish wife—she abandoned her husband for an earlier love, and the deceived man, from that moment in which he was so ruthlessly dishonored, in which all his wild affection for his young wife was so cruelly betrayed, shut himself within the recesses of his own wretched heart. His pride would suffer him to inflict no punishment on the guilty return to Tralee until you have seen me, and tell Miss Sullivan to the world the defamatory of his honorable name. His Irish marriage had been a well-kept secret from his English friends—he would throw the veil of secrecy more profoundly about it.

"He took back to England with him the child which the guilty mother had left in the home she had deserted, and he recovered in a second all that he put away from his household, and gave to it another name. And though he provided for it and took extraordinary interest in its career, people never dream of the secret motive of all that singular concern.

"Honors and a title came to the unhappy father, peers sought him for an alliance with their daughters, the favor of the very court became his, and unsought, wealth and influence showered about him but his heart remained the cold, proud, aching thing it had become on the wreck of his early happiness. He could not marry with all his pride and sternness, with all the guilt of her who had so miserably fallen, he could not shut her entirely from his heart, he wore her picture—she had given it to him in the days of their betrothal, and, oh, bitter confession! he loved her still.

The son grew up to win honor and distinction by the rectitude of his conduct, and the father of his secretly proud of him; for he secretly he well loved him; but that son now refuses to comfort a heart so long in sorrow."

Dennier could no longer control himself—the face, the voice, the manner of the nobleman thrilled him too earnestly, and too strange for him to doubt longer the suspicion which had entered his mind soon after the nobleman had begun his last remarks. He bounded forward.

"This story is your own, Lord Heathcote, you are my father! The nobleman's arms opened and Dennier was clasped within them—heart to heart, face against face.

Chapter LV

Carter's High Hopes

The fatigue of the journey, the pain of the suspense to which she had been subjected, the renewal of her grief in the failure of her plea to Lord Heathcote, told something alarmingly on Nora, when the next morning she struggled from her room to meet Father O'Connor. The latter was wondering a little at the absence of Dennier—he had not returned to the hotel since his departure for the castle the evening before.

"And I hesitate to leave you here alone," said the priest to Nora, "while I call upon Lord Heathcote."

"Oh, no!" she answered, smiling faintly; "I can rest in my room until your return. Perhaps then you will be able to tell me the object of this journey."

"Perhaps so," he replied; "but I assure you, Nora, it was not for subject you to the pain which our visit yesterday gave you."

"Certainly not; I understand that!" striving to speak cheer-

fully, "With some misgiving as to whether the solitude and retirement of her own room were best for her in her present apparently weak state, she left her trusting however, that the period of his absence would be very brief.

In answer to the message which he sent to Lord Heathcote, he was told that his lordship was too ill for an interview, but he was requested to call on the morrow. Disappointed, and more anxious than ever, he hastened back to Nora.

"To stay here another day," she exclaimed in sad dismay; but that was her only murmur; she saw that Father O'Connor deemed it better to wait, and she tried to appear resigned. Later in the day, when they were both growing alarmed at Dennier's continuing absence, a servant bearing a note arrived from the castle—it was from Dennier, addressed to the clergyman, and ran:

"Forgive my apparent desertion—I am engaged with some of his own wretched heart. His pride would suffer him to inflict no punishment on the guilty return to Tralee until you have seen me, and tell Miss Sullivan to the world the defamatory of his honorable name. His Irish marriage had been a well-kept secret from his English friends—he would throw the veil of secrecy more profoundly about it.

"What is it, Charlie? is he, this dear Captain Dennier, using his influence with Lord Heathcote—"

"I do not know—I fear to allow myself to surmise," answered the priest; "but pray, Nora."

Carter's spy, Thade, had found quarters far too comfortable in the Dhrommacol to care to report truthfully to his employer. With money to treat old and long-abandoned cronies, with nothing to do but plan for his comfort and enjoyment the whole day long, and with a quiet, refreshing country life about him, he came proudly with his conscience saying that, of course, as he did not see Nora, she must be leading a very peaceful, domestic life. He reported the first news of the two who had made such a mysterious journey to Dublin; he had his own will, and many were the fervent petitions the faithful fellow put up to Heaven that his hopes might be realized. Now, when Moira confided to him the story of the intended journey of Father Meagher and Clara, he jumped into the air, and gave one of his peculiar whistles:

"Faith, Moira, but that's a rare news to Dublin, eh, the pair of words, Moira, but there's some thin' big afoot, an' I suppose they'll go without as much as axin' me nor Shaun to go with them! well, that's not to me nothin' of how things should be done at all, an' mesel' an' an' Shaun, I'll follow them, and they won't know a word about it till they see us both in Dublin along with althimself's."

"Yes, and leave me," pouted an interpretation Carter put upon them. His round red face glowed away somewhere just as soon as with delight, and it increased when he found on further perusal that his immediate presence was for me!"

"Now, Moira Moynahan, was I as thrived as I have received word from Rome of this appointment as Bishop of London, Canada, in succession to Archbishop McEvay.

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will not be wanting to make dainty Nora mine, too." He put down the letter and gave himself up to thought for a moment. Then rousing suddenly, he said, as he began to bustle about the apartment: "Well, things will keep here until I return—I'll be off to-night."

He would not have been so related, nor would he have started on his journey with such assured confidence, could he have given one look into the little pastoral residence at Dhrommacol. There, also, much about the same time, a letter had been received from Dublin, but it came in Dennier's hand, begging Father Meagher and Clara to come on immediately and join Father O'Connor and Nora; it also requested that the clergyman should telegraph the time of their start. There was nothing more—it did not even hint, as Dennier's note to Father O'Connor had done, of efforts being made in Carroll's behalf.

And Clara, wild with wonder and anxiety, appealed to the clergyman for an explanation; but he was as powerless as herself to give one.

"You will go?" she said; "you will start immediately? perhaps, oh, perhaps it has some reference to Carroll!"

"Yes," was the reply; "I can send Moira down to ask Father McShane to take my place here, and we can start in the morning." Clara's face slightly fell, though she knew that even did they leave Dhrommacol immediately they would reach Tralee too late to take the train for Dublin. Moira, with an injunction to be quick, was dispatched on her errand to Father McShane.

The oldest nun in the world has just died at the Cistercian Convent of Sarney, near Lucerne. She was known as Mother Andrew, and was born on December 14, 1812. She made her profession on June 10, 1837. She was able to read without spectacles almost to the very end, and had never been under the doctor's care until her last illness. She never quitted the convent from the time of her profession, and passed her religious life under six different priors—general of the order.

Rev. T. F. O'Neill, Rev. T. O'Neill and Rev. James O'Neill, three brothers, natives of the County of Limerick, who are on the mission in Australia, left Liverpool by the "Runic" last week en route for that Continent, after having paid to Europe a visit of some months, during which they were received in special audience by the Holy Father. His Holiness said he was much pleased to receive at one time three brothers who are giving their services to God in the sacred ministry. A fourth brother was also on the mission in Australia; but he died some time ago.

Matthew McNamara, for many years national warden of the Knights of Columbus, died in New London, Conn., December 27.

Rev. Father Hand, one of Toronto's most distinguished priests, has received word from Rome of this appointment as Bishop of London, Canada, in succession to Archbishop McEvay.

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Around the Globe

Catholic News From Many Places.

Most Rev. John J. Glennon, D. of St. Louis, spent Christmas with his father in Ireland. His Grace is now on his way home.

Rev. P. A. Dietz, of Oberlin, was elected a member of the Administrative Council of the American Association of Legislation at its convention held last week at Atlantic City. Rev. John A. Ryan, D. of St. Paul's Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., was also elected to its membership. The convention was held in connection with those of the American Economic Association and the Sociological Association.

A check for \$1,000 from Mr. C. D. Borden, of New York, owner of the Fall River, Mass., Iron Works Mills, has been received to be used toward the construction of a day nursery as a memorial to the late Bishop Stang. The proposal to build the nursery was made public only a week ago. A check for \$500 has also been contributed by a Boston man whose name is withheld.

Announcement is made of a gift of \$10,000 by Adam Deupert to the fund for the erection of the new St. Vincent's Male Orphan Asylum, Baltimore. The new structure which will cost about \$150,000, will be erected on a site of twenty-eight acres on the York road, adjoining Five Mile lane. The old orphanage in the heart of the city, will be abandoned. It was founded in 1840 by Rev. Baptiste Gildea, who was the first pastor of St. Vincent's church.

The following deaths have occurred—Dec. 6, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Gurrage, Nov. 19, Mrs. Lynch, N. T. Carrickallen, N.S. Dec. 8, in Glasgow, Scotland, Patrick Keylegher, Blacklion, aged 81 years. Rev. T. C. Connolly, C.C., Belton, who has almost completely recovered from a severe attack of influenza, has gone on a holiday. Father Connolly is most popular with all creeds and classes, who hope to see him back again quite restored to health.

One of Derry's most prominent and successful auctioneers, Mr. W. H. Mee, J. E., was on Dec. 11, elected a Fellow of the Auctioneers' Institute. The new F. A. I. was nominated by two of the leading auctioneers in Ireland—Mr. R. M. Gray, Belfast, and Mr. Wilson Dublin.

Mr. Carnegie has given \$1,000 for the training home for orphan girls opened at Culmore, Derry, through the exertions of the Duchess of Abercorn. The Duchess and Duchess of Abercorn have contributed \$100 towards the scheme and the Queen has also become a contributor.

George Herbert Brown, J. P., Helenabay, late High Sheriff of the County Down, died suddenly at his shooting lodge, Glassdrummond, on Dec. 12.

Earl Annesley died at his residence near Castlewellan, County Down, recently, from heart failure, caused by influenza and bronchitis. His lordship was born in 1831, and succeeded to the title in 1874.

Harry Lavery, Travera, was returning from visiting a neighbor named Arthur Boylan on Dec. 14 and in the fog missed his way and fell into a sandpit in his own field, a distance of about forty feet. His dead body was discovered by his daughter. His leg was fractured and his skull was frightfully injured.

The following deaths have occurred in the County: Dec. 12, Bernard Mulligan, Castleblaney, and expired almost immediately. Dec. 7, Mrs. Thomas McMahon, and a man named Thomas Carrickmacross. Dec. 10, Owen Duffy, Cooltrim, English. Dec. 13, suddenly, John Gadda, Court corner down an English street, Rathkenny. Dec. 17, Sam-

News From Ireland

Articles.

The death occurred at Belfast on December 12 of George Herbert Brown, one of the best known linen manufacturers, a former high-sheriff of County Down, and a prominent yachtsman.

Belfast Nationalists have planned to entertain Mr. Joseph Delvin, M. P., at a public banquet early in the coming year, at which Messrs. John Remond and John Dillon, M. P.'s will be present.

Damages of \$70 were awarded by a jury at Belfast Assizes in an action brought by Henry Totten, 52 Sandy row, against the Corporation, owing to injuries received in consequence of being knocked down by a tram-car, and dragged some distance. A stay of execution was granted.

A verdict of accidental death was returned on Dec. 12 on the body of William Fleming, an extensive farmer, living at Corkley, near Keady, who slipped while walking in front of his horse on the road to Armagh. Deceased, who was in the act of turning round, slipped, fracturing his skull.

A sad drowning accident occurred Tuesday night, December 15, in a mill-race, at Annvale, near the works of Messrs. Wm. Kirk and Son, Keady. A young woman named Miss Graham was walking along the bank about 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday when she observed the body of a man lying in the water. She raised an alarm, and two workmen named Robert Irvine and Henry Callaghan brought the body out, when it was discovered to be that of Bernard McVeigh, schoolmaster of Granmore National School, which is situated about two miles from the scene of the occurrence.

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Local News

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The death of William O'Keefe, D. of Drumrain, occurred on Dec. 14, after a long and painful illness. Deceased belonged to a very old and respected family, many of whose members enhanced the services of the church.

Omagh laborers are beginning to despair of ever having a cottage built for them by the Omagh Rural Council owing to the fact that the Council and the Local Government Board cannot agree as to the amount which each party is to contribute towards the cost.

Kilrush Guardians are considering the advisability of sending the workhouse children to board outside and leave them at the schools in the town.

At a recent meeting of the Kesh Board of Guardians it was but one item on the agenda, supplying the institution with 500 lbs. of horse manure, from Stoven, at 8d per lb. The price was fixed for inspection, tested by the guardians and found to be of good quality. The quantity was quickly consumed.

Dr. P. O'Donoghue, Medical Officer, Macroom Dispensary, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for Co. Cork, and his appointment given much satisfaction to people of the district, whom he is held in high esteem and respect.

Died—Dec. 24, Thomas O'Brien, 18, St. Michael's, Dungannon, aged 51 years.

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