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Carroll O'Donoghue

A Tale of Irish Struggles of 1886 and Recent Times

by CHRISTINE FABER

Continued from last week

Chapter LVII.

The Return To Dhrommacohol.

"You, see, Corny, the comfortable misgivin' I had about somethin' good comin' out o' all thim quare journeys to Dublin that Father O'Connor an' Father Meagher wor makin', wasn't far wrong. It's all roight now, an' if only Captain Dennier, or Mr. Berkeley, as they tould me his name was now, was here, I'd be quite contint; but somehow I don't loike to see him away from Miss O'Donoghue at this perticler toime—how an' iver, it's all roight, or maybe it'll come all roight whin the twists an' the knots that's always in thrue love is taken out. An' now, Corny, we're all off for Dhrommacohol this viry evenin', an' I won't forgit to thry an' do me part for as soon as I sind you word; for jist as shreedy as I foind me mother in the roight koind o' humor to recave the offer o' yer heart an' hand, I'll aythur come mesel', or I'll foind some manes o' sindin you word."

"Thank you, Mr. Carmody, thank you!" and the little man was radiant with smiles.

Moira Moynohan was hardly prepared for the influx of visitors which came so suddenly to the little pastoral residence; but the fact that Tighe accompanied them, and the still more joyful fact of being permitted to hear all about it from Tighe's own lips, while the remainder of the party repaired to the study, or to the parlor, put her into excellent humor.

What thoughts filled Carroll's mind as he stood once more in the house in which his last arrest had taken place—what burning admiration and love for her whose noble sacrifice of self had really been the cause of his release! he turned to her:

"Marie!"

Accustomed as he had been to Nora, singularly enough this newer name came to him with little effort to remember it.

"A life of devotion to you, as I shall strive to make my future, will be far too little to show my gratitude, my love!"

A troubled look came into her eyes, though she smiled faintly, and without answering him, she found some pretext to leave him, and at length to steal to her old favorite haunt, the chapel. There, with her face uplifted to the tabernacle, she prayed:

"Oh, my God! I thank Thee—Thou hast well rewarded the little I have done; and now, I pledge myself to do Thy work, to serve Thy poor, to wait upon Thy sick, to deny myself!" She rose when her prayer was finished, and rejoined her friends.

It still required some little time before the ancient home of the O'Donoghue's would return to the possession of its heir; but Carroll, knowing it would certainly return to him, was well content to wait—passing delightful hours in rambling over the old grounds, planning improvements, and greeting old friends. All Dhrommacahol was aroused by the story of his wonderful release and still more marvelous tale of Nora McCarthy not being even Nora Sullivan, but having to change her name a second time to Marie Berkeley; Clare as happy and as eager as himself, always accompanied him, but Marie sought for pretexts to decline joining in the rambles. At first Carroll laughed at the work which she alleged as her excuse, then he became a little annoyed, and at last, on the fifth day of their sojurn in the pastoral residence, he deliberately stood in the doorway of a room which Marie was about to enter, and said reproachfully:

"Now, Marie, this is positively cruel of you! why, if you treat me so unlover-like now, what will be your manner when, on the restoration of our home, I dare propose for a right to your obedience? perhaps, however," he continued in a playful tone, "it is because my lineage does not compare with your own—you, you know, are the daughter of a peer!"

She looked at him with gentle reproach, but, before he could answer, Father Meagher's voice was calling to them both from the foot of the stair. They hurried down to find themselves face to face with Rick of the Hills. Yes, there he was, but so wasted by disease that he seemed like the ghost of his former self; haggard and worn though it was, there was peace, and even joy upon it, which told of quiet and happiness within. Beside him was a pale and delicate, but remarkable pretty, young woman—a charming modesty marked her mien, and the taste and simplicity of her dress gave evidence of no ordinary mind. She was in turn accompanied by an elderly female dressed in deep mourning, and on the other side of Rick was a beautiful boy—but his beauty, exquisite though it was, was also saddening by the evidence it gave of early decay—the hectic color, the lustrous eyes, the marble brow, all told of fast approaching dissolution.

Clare was already in the room, standing near the young woman, and on the entrance of Carroll and Marie, Rick trembled so violently that he could scarcely stand.

"You have nothing to fear, Rick," said the priest re-assuringly; "you have been forgiven everything. Here,"—approaching the young woman, and leading her forward—"is Rick's true daughter, Cathleen. And here"—crossing to the boy, and taking him by the hand—"is the little lad of whom Father O'Connor gave us so touching an account. Now, Rick, tell us why your did not reach Dublin in time to be present at the interview we all had with Lord Heathcote?"

The poor fellow, weak as he seemed to be, would have stood to tell his story; but Father Meagher forced him into his chair; and dispatched Moira, whose curiosity had made her thrust her head in at the door, for a drink which should revive the feeble man.

"Why, do you see," he began, "the shock of what I told Cathleen, together with my own wild feelings for I couldn't contain myself at all when I saw in her face that same look that had never left my heart since she was taken from me,—prostrated her entirely; and when she recovered enough to weigh well all that I told her, and to look into the proofs that I brought her of my strange story, and to listen to the promptings of her own heart, which forced her to believe me, it left her so weak—though at the same time happy—that for some days there was even danger of her death. The letter, which told me to come immediately to Dublin, arrived at that time; I could not leave my darling then, when there was likelihood of God himself taking her from me, and I waited, praying to have her restored; she was restored, and with her first return strength, learning of the letter which had come to me, she insisted on bearing me company. Although she is present, I may tell you what she said.

"'Father, let me go with you; let me beg forgiveness for you from her whom you caused to make such a bitter sacrifice!'

"So we all came—the good woman, who would not be parted from Catheleen, and the boy, Bartely Donovan, who would not remain after us—and we reached Dublin, to find nobody there who wanted us; we came on then to Dhrommacohol, and before we got as far as this we heard everybody full of Mr. O'Donoghue's release, and the rumor that his estate was to be restored to him, and how Miss McCarthy, that was, was no longer even the daughter of Rick of the Hills, but a Miss Berkeley; though the people, who thought they knew too much, did not seem to know any more than just these bare facts. They were enough, however, to tell me that justice had been done, and I came here with a lighter heart; and now"—he would rise and face them all,—"I have a few explanations to make for my own peace of mind; I'll not dwell on the influence that Carter had upon me—I'll not tire you with telling of the remorse which tormented my conscience through all the dreadful time—perhaps Father O'Connor has told you a little of it—but I must say this: Father Meagher"—he turned more immediately to the priest,—"when I sought to excuse my claiming of Miss McCarthy as my daughter by saying that it was the love for my child which drove me to it, and when I, seeing you touched and won by my plea, made it the stronger and wilder, it was not a lie—I told you no falsehood—for it was of Cathleen I thought; it was of my love for Cathleen that I spoke. And afterward, not to be guilty in the sight of Heaven of allowing a touch of her pure hands upon me, she herself can tell you how I commanded her never to rest even her fingers upon my arm. God, however, had his own blessed way of rewarding her goodness. Her devotion to me, her kindness, even when I read loathing and horror in her eyes, were breaking my heart; her efforts to reform me so touched my soul that many a time, when nothing else would stop me, the thought of her face, the memory of her words, kept me from drowning my misery in drink. And at last, when Father O'Connor came to us, when he said to me at parting such strange words that they seemed as if he had read my heart, I took desperate courage and determined to fling off my burden; there was little use in waiting longer for Carter to redeem his word, and restore to me Cathleen; my heart misgave me that Cathleen was dead, and that Carter would not tell me, knowing that in that case his chief influence over me would be destroyed. I went to Father O'Connor 'and you know the result. I feel now that my days are numbered; but my peace is made with God, and when all of you, whom I have so cruelly injured, assure me that you forgive me, I have nothing more to ask."

He turned to Marie, and before she could prevent him, he was kneeling at her feet.

Everybody was crying; even Father Meagher, though he sought to conceal his emotion by shaking his head and pretending that the use of his handkerchief was only to remove the perspiration. Carroll O'Donoghue, who stood beside Marie, instantly stooped with her to raise the suppliant.

"Dear Rick," said Marie softly, "my part, my sacrifice, have been little compared with your noble repentance!"

A smile of ineffable joy broke over his face, and motioning to Cathleen to draw near, he put her hand in that of Marie, saying to the latter, "May I ask you to be my friend?"

Marie's answer was a warm embrace of the young fragile girl.

Tighe a Vohr had heard from Moira something of the strange scene in the parlor; she had contrived to remain when she returned with the drink which her uncle had ordered for Rick, but which the latter had forgotten to take, though it had been placed beside him. And Tighe, when he had heard sufficent from the priest's niece to know that Rick was craving forgiveness, ventured himself to the parlor door and asked permission to add a little to Rick's statement. The permission was willingly given, and then, in his own peculiar, but none the less interesting manner, he told of the way in which Rick had intercepted Carter's plan for Carroll's mock release.

"I tould you, I'd not forgit that good turn," he said, as a sort of explanation to Rick, "an' I think I can shwear that the young masther'll not forgit it aythur."

"Indeed you can, Tighe!" And Carroll O'Donoghue was again supporting Rick, and warmly shaking his hand. "You shall live with me, Rick," he said; "your home, your happy home, with Cathleen at its head, shall be upon our estate, and neither you nor yours shall ever want for anything again."

"Surely, God is too good!" murmured the poor fellow, looking about him with eyes swimming in grateful tears.

(To be continued.)

Around the Globe

Catholic News From Many Places.

English exchanges announce the reception into the Catholic Church of Mr. W. D. Aston, Fellow of Downing College, Cambridge.

A general chapter of the Franciscan order will be held next spring at Assisi, under the direction of the minister general, the Rev. Denis Schuler, O.F., M. Delegates to this chapter will include provincials from all over the world, and among other business to be transacted will be the election of definitors 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, Ireland, who are on the mission in Australia, were recently 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.

As an outcome of the recent Eucharistic Congress, the West End of London is about to receive an increase in the number of its social institutions by the establishment of a "Pontifical Club." The new club, which will be adjacent to Piccadilly, is to be devoted to the use of the numerous prelates, domestic chamberlains and other functionaries of the Vatican court who are resident in England.

In a few months Brooklyn will lose another old landmark in the Church of the Assumption, York and Jay streets, which is to be razed to make way for the approach of the new Manhattan Bridge. The building was erected in 1842, and is the fourth oldest Catholic church in the borough. The older churches are the Most Holy Trinity, German, in Montrose avenue, built in 1841; the St. James Pro-Cathedral, in Jay street, built in 1822, and the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, in Wythe avenue, built in 1837.

Rev. Courles Sigel, rector of the Redemptorist community at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, for the last six years, has been visiting the Redemptorist Fathers at St. Alphonsus' Church, Baltimore. Father Sigel is especially enthusiastic about a small band of Sisters of Charity who are now on the island, and who went there three years ago from Emmitsbury, Md. They have been successful, he said, in spreading the English language, and he declared that there are now 1,160 pupils in their public school at Mayaguez.

Rev. D. P. Thill, of Sheboygan, and Rev. Father O'Keefe, of Mineral Point, Wis., have passed their forty-first year in the priesthood, having been ordained on January 29, 1868.

Very Rev. R. J. Meany, O. P., rector of St. Patrick's College at Columbus, Ohio, has received a very valuable violin, the gift of Mr. Richard Griffin of New York City, who desires that the instrument shall always remain in the keeping of the Dominicans. It is a Gemuender model and cost $1,000.

The Sisters of Charity are occupied with the preparation of a history of their Order in Cincinnati. It is eighty years this year since Bishop Fenwick brought a little band of the Sisters from Baltimore, the first in the diocese. A record of those eight decades, embracing as it does, the varied work of the Sisters in charitable and educational fields, will prove of the highest interest and value.

News From Ireland

Antrim.

There was a large attendance of the inhabitants of Lisburn to pay their last respects to the memory of the oldest resident, Susan O'Hagan, who passed away on the 8th Jan., in her 107th year. For 97 years she had rendered faithful service in the Hall family of Hilltown and Hillsborough, having nursed three generations of them. A week prior to her death the deceased had received her first old-age pension. It is a remarkable fact that her mother attained the age of 102, while one of her sisters just past the century.

Armagh.

The annual estimate of the Armagh Union shows an increase of £180 over that of last year.

In connection with Mr. Lonsdale, M. P.'s meeting in a small room in Armagh, recently, at which the hon. member delivered an ill-tempered speech, a wave of dissatisfaction with their member's attitude on some public matters is passing over the constituency, and it is stated in well-informed circles that there will be a contest in Mid-Armagh next election, and a well-known barrister is named as one of the candidates.

Cavan.

Died.—Dec. 31, Joseph McConkey, Lattencake, aged 70 years—Recently, John Galligan, Bollinamoney, aged 79 years.

A lecture was given in Cootehill Catholic Hall on January 6, by J. C. R. Lardner, M. P., Monaghan. The subject was the life and work of a great Irishman, Thomas Davis.

Derry.

A splendid meeting of the Maghera Branch, U. I. L., was held on January 17. Resolutions of confidence in the United Irish Parliamentary Party were passed.

Donegal.

The death of Mrs. Bridget Mulhern, daughter of John Molloy, Glenties, occured on January 11th.

The claims of old-age pensioners to the number of 1,881 have been admitted by the Donegal Rural Council. There are ten rural districts, with a total population of 17,000. Assuming that the population is divided equally, one out of every ten persons in the council's area is a pensioner.

Down.

In the King's Bench, Dublin, on Jan. 12, an application for a conditional order to compel the Newry Urban Council to proceed to legally elect a Town Clerk was granted.

Thaddeus O'Dowd Kelly, of Rockmount, Newry, bank manager, who died on the 25th of Nov. last, left personal estate valued at £1,560 11s. 2d. By his will he left the whole of his estate to his wife, Mrs. Jane Kelly.

The death of Dr. B. S. Booth took place at his residence, Downshire Road, Newry, on January 4, at the advanced age of 79 years. The deceased, who was the fourth son of the late Mr. Jos. Booth, of Darver Castle, Co. Lough, was for many years in India, and was house surgeon to the native hospital in Calcutta. He leaves a wife, two sons and three daughters to mourn his death.

Fermanagh.

At a meeting of the Monaghan County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction held on January 11, James Donnelly, son of Mr. John Donnelly, Orchard Terrace, Enniskillen, was unanimously elected as Manual Instructor.

Robert Nixon, process server, Newtownbutler, was found dead in his house on Jan. 15. The deceased, who lived alone, was an old man, and had been process server for the past 49 years. He received his old age pension on New Year's Day.

Monaghan.

An application for an old age pension was made at Latnamard Post Office on Jan. 8, by Michael Duighan, aged 109 years.

Through Monsignor O'Riordan, of the Irish College, Rome, a telegram was received from his Holiness the Pope, bestowing his Apostolic Blessing on the Sisters of St. Louis on the occasion of their golden jubilee, and also to those who are under their care.

Tyrone.

Hugh Treanor, J. P., has purchased the ground rents of the town of Aughnacloy, for £4,[illegible].

Miss Margaret Patterson, who retired as the postmistress of Cookstown twenty years ago, after having spent forty years in the service, has died in her 90th year. The Patterson family had charge of the Cookstown Post Office from its establishment.

Clare.

The death of Mrs. Leonard Costello, Church St., Ennis, occured on January 1. Deceased was daughter of the late Martin Lally, Causeway.

A splendid meeting of the newly organised branch of the U. I. L., Doora, was held on January [illegible], at which arrangements were made towards putting the branch in sound working order.

Cork.

The Franciscan Fathers in Cork have received £500 from the Lord Mayor towards establishing in the city a college for their Order, in connection with the University College, Cork.

A disastrous fire occurred on the premises of John Clarke & Co., Bandon, on Jan. 1[illegible], in which a man named [illegible] Buckley, in the employment of the firm, was very seriously injured.

Kerry.

James Boland, son of Mr. [illegible] Boland, J. P., Ballyheigue, has been appointed Clerk of the Petty Sessions Court.

Dr. James Hanafin, for forty years in the service of [illegible] Board of Guardians, [illegible] resigned his position as [illegible] officer of [illegible] district, and the Guardians [illegible] considering the matter of granting him a pension.

Limerick.

Patrick Treacy, of [illegible], was brought to [illegible] hospital on Jan. 3, suffering from a severe [illegible] thumb, and also an incised [illegible] on the wrist caused by [illegible] his hand through glass. [illegible] found necessary to [illegible].

Mr. T. S. Lawlor, [illegible] tary of the Limerick [illegible] the Industrial Association, [illegible] been presented with an [illegible] and a purse of [illegible] occasion of his departure [illegible] up an important position [illegible] nection with an Irish [illegible] Bradford.

Tipperary.

The ratepayers in the [illegible] Union are happy over [illegible] that the estimate [illegible] year is lower than [illegible] the tidy sum of [illegible].

Thurles Rural District [illegible] has adopted a [illegible] scheme which will [illegible] of about £150 [illegible] cost of maintaining [illegible] the country, but [illegible] amount of [illegible] will be given [illegible].

Waterford.

Died.—Recently, William C[illegible], in, Blackpool.—Dec. [illegible] O'Gorman, Ballytr[illegible], [illegible] 94 years.

At a conference of representatives from the various [illegible] tory areas, held in Waterford [illegible] Jan. 15, the Mayor presiding, [illegible] was decided to employ [illegible] tion of an [illegible] mit an alternative plan [illegible] recommended in the [illegible] the Viceregal Commission [illegible] connection with the new [illegible] over the Suir, the [illegible] tribute in proportion [illegible] amount towards freeing the bridge.

Carlow.

Thomas L. McClintock, [illegible] bury, Oak Park, has been appointed High Sheriff of the [illegible]. Needless to add that the [illegible] appointee is a "[illegible]."

Died.—January [illegible], [illegible] residence, Work[illegible], Carlow, Thomas [illegible] years.—January [illegible]