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## The Interrupted Mission.

Father Philip was not much of a saint according to the calendars. He wasn't a bit pale or long-drawn-out, nor was his hair wanting. He did not walk through life with downcast eyes; neither did he try to sit it out with folded arms. He did not say prayers or fast all the time, but he fought all the time, wrestling with angels and demons; with fools and philosophers. And the more he wrestled the more he wrinkled, and the more he loved his flock.

Now, Father Philip had an enemy in Appledale as subtle as the brightest of fallen stars and as strong and untiring as death. In vain he tried to outwit him, as he had outwitted many another smooth-faced adversary; in vain he had fought him openly. And was he to sit down and quietly look on while the younger portion of his flock was straying away after strange gods? Should he blind his eyes to the fact that there was many a golden calf in the parish of Appledale? Certainly not. Nature and grace protested.

So Father Philip decided to have a mission, and to have it preached by his own brother, Father William, professor of Latin in a college in a neighboring city. To this end he wrote him a letter telling him that his people wanted to hear him, that the mission had been announced and that the sermons would begin on the following Sunday evening.

Father Philip dearly loved this brother of his, his junior by many years, ordained only two years before, already known for his eloquence and gifted with a delightful rich accent, redolent of the old land that gave him birth. So the pastor's sorrow was as great up to the preparation of his first mission sermon. He had chosen Father William's arrival, he found him miserably ill, with voice gone and with only the strength of a chicken left. The young priest, who was slowly recovering from an attack of pneumonia, and under the circumstances his brother else shall be added unto you, protested that he did not think he should prudently undertake the week's work, in other words, that the mission should be delayed. But Father William had aspired to that of Napoleon, who replied to his protesting generals: "There shall be no Alps."

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## Around the Globe.

The archbishop hereby expressly forbids the children of any Catholic school in the archdiocese to engage during the school term in any contest proposed by, or in the interests of, any newspaper. The mind of the children must not be distracted by the excitement of such contests, nor their time, which should be given to school purposes, spent in running about to secure newspaper subscriptions. —San Francisco Monitor.

The free text-book proposition was defeated in Dubuque, Ia., by a majority of 1,063 in a total vote of 4,407, by far the largest vote ever polled at a school election. The agitation against the proposal had continued over several months and was most strenuously opposed by the priests of Dubuque. On a recent Sunday, practically all Catholic pastors made text-books the subject of sermons and the discussion, together with the evidence of unity on the subject among Catholics as well as Lutherans, had the desired effect.

Columbus College, at Hawthorne, N. Y., which was donated by John J. McGrane, of Brooklyn, to the Salesian Fathers for the training of Italian students for the priesthood, will be dedicated on Sunday May 16. Most Rev. Domenico Falconio, the Apostolic Delegate to Canada, and His Grace Archbishop Farley will also be present. The principal address will be made by Rev. Francis C. Kelly, D. D., L. L. D., of the Catholic Church Extension Society, who will bring from the Holy Father a special blessing to the institution.

The first Plenary Council to be held in Canada will take place in Quebec city this summer, the Holy Father, through Most Rev. Donato Sbarretti, D. D., Apostolic Delegate to Canada, having authorized the assemblage, according to a despatch from Ottawa. The delegates will include the hierarchy of Canada and the heads and superiors of all the important orders.

Monsignor Sbarretti will preside over the deliberations of the council. Decisionary laws will be laid down to govern the changing conditions of the Church in Canada. This will be the fifth Plenary Council to be held in the Western Hemisphere, three having taken place in the United States, in 1852, 1896 and 1884, all in Baltimore, and in 1889 in South America.

A remarkable story comes from Korea. It is told by Father Der-shayes, who writes: "I have had the good fortune to find a Christian who was lost among pagans for eight years. Philomena was her name. She had not abandoned her religion. Not being able to obtain a calendar, for seven years she abstained from meat, lest otherwise she might unwittingly violate the law of the Church by eating meat on Friday."

Every theater in Fall River, Mass., has been ordered closed by Mayor Coughlin, after a hearing on charges that the theaters ignored the law providing that no child under 14 years old can visit a theater alone. The charges were brought by Father James E. Cassidy, of St. Mary's Cathedral. The priest first attacked the mayor for allowing violations of the law and in response to a demand for proof produced 25 boys, all under 14, who in their testimony, implicated every theater in town.

Theodore Parsons Hall, one of Detroit's best known and most highly respected pioneer residents, who died a few days ago, was received into the Church shortly before his demise. The deceased was a descendant of one of America's most noted families, and besides being a man of business, was a profound scholar, his late years having been spent quietly with his family and his books.

## News From Ireland

A statue to the memory of the late Sir Jas. Hailet, who represented North Belfast in Parliament from 1895 till his death in 1905, and at one time was Lord Mayor, has been erected in the grounds of Belfast City Hall, Armagh.

Very Rev. Father Hubert, C. P. of Ardoyon, Belfast, delivered a splendid lecture in aid of Lough Neagh fisherman in the "Temple of Liberty," Toomebridge, on March 2d.

An application before Justice Andrews was made in Dublin recently, on behalf of Patrick McConnell, of Crossmaglen, County Armagh, that he should be at liberty to apply for a grant of administration of the last will annexed of James Wade, who died on the 16th of January 1877, possessed of a small farm in the vicinity of Crossmaglen. All the parties interested concurred in the application, which was granted.

Peter Cahill, of Dundalk, Co. Louth, has been elected Surveyor of Coochill Urban Council.

Nancy Ralston, an inmate of Coochill Union for ten years, has just died at the age of 166 years.

Most Rev. Dr. Boylan has appointed Rev. P. Clarke, P. F., Kilmore to succeed Very Rev. John O'Reilly, P. F., V. F., in Killeshandra.

The Local Government Board have sanctioned a loan of £22,140 to Magherafelt District Council for the erection of laborer's cottages.

Representation and an address in Irish was made to Miss MacMenamin, teacher of Donaghny, N. S. Postle, on Feb. 26, on the occasion of her leaving the district. Miss MacMenamin replied to the address in Irish. The good old language is certainly getting very popular.

Nell Campbell, Dungloe, was afforded evidence recently of the high esteem in which she is held by fellow Hibernians of the Dungloe Division when he was made recipient of a handsome address testifying to the tact, dignity, and judgment with which he had filled the office of President of the Division, and eloquently conveying all good wishes for future happiness and prosperity to Mrs. Campbell and himself.

Peter Quinn was found dead in his house at Knockanarny, near Newry, on Feb. 28. Deceased was 75 years of age. Death was due to heart disease.

Miss Katherine McKerny, of Belfast Union Infirmary has been appointed night-nurse in Downpatrick Union at a salary of £30 per year, with rations and apartments.

The death occurred in Birkenhead, on Feb. 28, of Mother Eulgenia, a member of the Faithful Companions of Jesus. She was Miss Gertrude Morgan, the second daughter of the late Mr. James Morgan, of Springfield House, and Bridget street, Kilkeel.

The death of James W. Savage, B. A., solicitor, Castleblayney, occurred on Feb. 17.

At the meeting of the Omagh Urban Council on March 1st, the Finance Committee reported that the balance sheet prepared by Messrs. Brandon & Co., chartered accountants, showed a net profit of £1,000 19s on the working in connection with the gas works for the year ended March 31st, 1906.

Michael Shaughnessy of Ennis, has been appointed Probationary Officer for the local Petty Sessions Court.

Died.—Recently, Michael Coffey, Kilsarcon, aged 46 years, on Feb. 25, John O'Connor, Strand street, Tralee.—Feb. 25th, Miss Martha Moriarty, Boherbec, aged 18 years.

Very Rev. Canon Kearney, P. O. of Edenberry is reported to be seriously ill and has been confined to his bed for several weeks past.

Dr. J. M. Barry, Medical Officer of Philipstown, and Geashill districts, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the King's County. Dr. Barry is very popular with all classes, and is most courteous and efficient in the discharge of his duty as Medical Officer; his elevation to the Bench has given general satisfaction.

Mr. Cryan, of Newtown, has purchased the extensive premises formerly owned by Mrs. Brown in Mohill, where he opened on March 8.

The Catholic Young Men's Society in the parish of Streets is forging ahead with remarkable progress, which reflects the highest credit on the promoters of the Society in that parish. The membership of the branch has since its start grown to considerably over a hundred. The new hall is partially furnished, and amongst the many interesting games and forms of pastimes for the members is a billiard table. Much of the great progress made by the Society in this parish, no doubt is due to the zeal and pains taken by Father McGeary and his curate, Father McGuire, who have spared neither trouble nor expense to bring the Society to its present satisfactory condition.

At the home-coming of Dr. Fagan to Old-castle after his wedding he was the recipient of universal congratulations. The night of his arrival was marked by bonfires, etc., being lighted.

After careful consideration the Committee appointed to take steps to establish new live stock markets in Mountrath have decided to hold three markets each year, viz.—June, July and December 2d—the same dates as the pig fairs already established.

The death of Rev. Father Moore, P. O. Carrickmoond, occurred on March 8.

At Jones' Road, Dublin, on March 7, in the junior football championship of Leinster played between Westmeath and King's Co., the result was—Westmeath goal 5 points, King's Co. 0 points.

A former County Wick priest, Rev. Father Cleary O'Connell, now in New Zealand, where he edits a Catholic weekly paper, "The New Zealand Tablet," has been honored by the Pope with the dignity of Doctor of Divinity. The announcement was made by Most Rev. Dr. Verdon, Catholic Bishop of Dunedin, on his recent return from Rome and Lordship remarked that the dignity had been conferred by the Pope in appreciation of Rev. Father Cleary's conduct of the paper.

Mary Lodge, who died on March 4, in the workhouse, being long ill, had reached her 114th year. Up to a short time prior to her death she retained her faculties in so far as being able to distinguish people whom she was acquainted with, her sight being suffering but slightly, and being able to retain the food applied to her, whilst she had a vivid recollection of the execution of John Brophy, Rathmoon, Mill St., Ballynagans, during the time of 1798, she being then but four or five years old.

The death has occurred at Bullingham England, of Sister Catherine (Miss Bridget Giblin), in the 14th year of her profession. Deceased was daughter of Donal Mick Giblin, Ballyhanna.

The Rosecommon County Council have passed a resolution refusing to strike a rate in aid of the new National University, until they are assured that the Irish language will be made an essential subject for matriculation.

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