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## The Eleventh Hour.

Continued from last week

Poor Maggie, how she irritated him at times and yet had been a good faithful wife to him. But for her, they would not have even this miserable apology for a home. Yes, even Maggie, with her watery eyes and thin, unkempt hair, Maggie, who scrubbed floors for a living and could not write so much as her own name nor read the simplest child's primer; even Maggie was far too good for the worn-out, drunkard and gambler whom she tended so faithfully.

A light tap upon the door, but the man by the stove was too much occupied with those phantoms of the past to pay any heed to it. The door opened quietly and a priest stepped into the room. The man's gaze shifted from the vacant chair to the black-robed figure standing by the door and looking at him in puzzled amazement. Phantoms of the past? Yes, indeed, and here was one more come to torment him and to mock him. The two watched each other in silence for a moment. Then, the man side-crouching in his chair by the fire found voice at last:

"What brings you here, you of eyes and the hard voice had soft-ened marvelously. All men? Have you come to taunt me, to upbraid me, to delight your eyes with the sight of my misery? Have you come to laugh at me in my downfall?"

"Nay, friend," returned the priest gently, "none of those things has brought me to you. I come only on a mission of my mercy, to bring you peace and pardon."

"But how did you find me, who sent you to me?" demanded the man by the fire.

"A little old woman, Nancy by name, told me there was one here sadly in need of the ministrations of a priest. I did not dream that I should find you."

"You know me then; you remember me?"

"I remember you perfectly and recognized you at once, though you have changed almost beyond recognition."

"You say you know me but you do not, you do not. You may know who I am, but you don't know what I am. You don't know that I am a thief, for it was I who took that money he was accused of stealing. Do you know that?"

"I knew it," answered the priest calmly, "and still I say bring you peace and pardon."

"Perhaps you know, too, that I am a murderer, for it was I who broke his heart, which weakened him so that when disease attacked him he had not sufficient strength to combat the fever. Do you know that, you who talk to me so easily of peace and pardon?"

"I know that, too, and it is in his name that I offer you forgiveness for your sins."

"You know all then? He told you?"

"He told me in the delirium of fever. He never knew he told; he died thinking he carried the secret with him to the grave. He was faithful even unto death. He was faithful even unto death. And you his brother, come to me now and, knowing all dare to hold out to me the hope of forgiveness and of peace?" and the man stared incredulously into the kind, pitying eyes bent upon him.

"I, his brother offer you now forgiveness of all your sins and peace which surpasseth all understanding."

those scanty-clad little children, not one of whom could boast of shoes or stockings, and at the white heads and bent figures of old women on whose unprotected shoulders the rain fell so pitilessly. What mattered the inclemency of the weather to them? Winter would be here by and by; they must gather in all the fuel possible before it was upon them with its snow and sleet and icy blasts. In fact, even when winter came many of these same little children and old women, even grown men who either could not find or did not care to do or did not care to seek it, many of these same people could be seen day after day scratching and digging in this same large field of ashes.

The priest turned from the window with a sigh of pity for the miserable creatures below. His glance strayed over the untidy kitchen which bore all the marks of the most extreme poverty and he gave another sigh of the door and looking at him in puzzled amazement. Phantoms brought so low in the last days of his life, the man whom he had known in the time of his success and prosperity.

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## News From Ireland

Astrin.

Mr. Wolfe, M. P., for the Belfast east division is soon to retire. Messrs. Harland and Wolfe, the well-known ship-builder firm will establish yards in Canada. Captain Newton, nephew of Lord Dunsdown, has been appointed Canadian representative of the firm.

Armagh.

The opening of the new church at Granemore, parish of Ballymachab, in the Archdiocese of Armagh, took place on Oct. 3. The ceremony was performed by Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P. V. G., Dunganon, Dean of Armagh, in the unavoidable absence of Cardinal Logue.

Oxva.

From a huge pear tree of 72 yards' circumference growing on the farm of James Cherry, Sharccorn Belturbet, no less than two and a half tons of fruit has been plucked this season. Last year the proprietor realized £10 6s for the yield from the tree.

Derry.

On Sunday, Oct. 3, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, the Church of St. Mary, Greenough, was reopened for divine service, after undergoing extensive improvements and a complete transformation of the interior of the sacred edifice.

Donegal.

The little chapel attached to St. Catherine's Convent of Mersey, Ballyshannon, was the scene of the reception on Oct. 5, of Miss Annie McLaughlin, of Armagh. She is now Sister Malachi. Very Rev. Patrick (Canon) Daly, P. P., Drinaholme officiated.

Very Rev. Dr. Reginald Walsh, O. P., S. T. M., sub-prior San Clemente, Rome, was recently the guest of Mr. P. P. Connell, J. P., manager Hibernian Bank, Ballybofey. During the distinguished visitor's sojourn, a fortnight was pleasantly spent in a motor tour extending over eleven countries. Dr. Walsh was very favorably impressed with Donegal, the beauty of its scenery and its kindly people.

Donegal.

The late John Henry Davis, of Lenadeg House, Lenadeg, Co. Down, mill manager, left personal estate valued at £2,103. The testator left his estate upon trust for his wife during widowhood with the remainder to his daughters in equal shares.

St. Colman's Hall, Castle St. Newry, was packed on the night of Sept. 20, when Mr. Victor T. Noon, of the editorial staff of the "Rochester Herald," delivered a most interesting, eloquent, and thoughtful lecture on some of the difficulties with which the Irish at home and abroad are confronted and the way out.

Fermanagh.

At the meeting of the Ennis-killen Board of Guardians on Oct. 6, a resolution was unanimously adopted expressing the hope that a clause would be added to the Land Bill empowering trustees to lend money to respectable farmers on approved security to buy tenant right of farms and settle in the county instead of emigrating.

Monaghan.

On Sunday evening, 20th of September, a raffle in aid of the building fund of the Curate's new residence was held in the Catholic Club, Castleblayney. The raffle was for a five-pound note, and had been postponed from last June. Mrs. Lynn, Lisdonan, was the winner.

Tyrone.

David Breyden of Druweaney has been co-opted a member of Castleledg rural council.

While Mr. John Lyttle, coachman for Miss Moutray, Favor Royal, Ballygawley, was driving into Aghnacloy on Oct. 5, the horse took fright and he was thrown from the vehicle on the road, sustaining a fracture to his arm and other injuries.

Clare.

Captain O'Meagher Condon and John O'Callaghan, with some friends, paid a visit to the most

Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, on Oct. 6.

Cork.

The Cork Young Men's Society have made a handsome presentation to Wm. Henley on the occasion of his departure for Australia. Rev. L. O'Neill presided at the little ceremony, and the speakers included Messrs. J. Beausang, J. Nagle and D. O'Mahoney.

Bishop O'Callaghan on Oct. 6 performed the opening ceremony of St. Anthony's Hall, once known as Berkeley Hall, Cork. This valuable institution is now in the possession of the Franciscans as a college for their own students, while it will also serve the purpose of a hostel for boy students of the University College close by. After the opening ceremony, his Lordship presented Dr. Windle, President of the University College, with the insignia of the Order of St. Gregory, an honor that has been conferred on him by his Holiness the Pope.

Limerick.

On Sept. 30, at Tralee, Patrick Lawlor, a respectable farmer, aged 60 was remanded for trial for the wilful murder of John Connor at Banemore near Ballyheigue, North Kerry, on the 23rd of September.

Limerick.

The death occurred on Oct. 7 of William Ryan Pallasgreen, father of Michael Ryan, D. C., Central Secretary of the Irish Land and Labor Association and Vice-Chairman of Tipperary Board of Guardians. The late Mr. Ryan took a prominent part in the '67 and subsequent movements and was an ardent and sincere Nationalist all his life. He reached the ripe old age of 76 years, and died fortified by all the rites of Our Holy Mother the church of which he was a most devoted member.

Tipperary.

The death took place recently on Oct. 4, at the Mercy Convent, Carrick-on-Suir, of Sister M. Clare McCormack. The deceased Sister was a native of Kilkash, County Tipperary.

Waterford.

Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg on Oct. 1, solemnly consecrated an addition to the burial ground at the Chapel-of-Ease, Waterford. There was a large attendance of parishioners and the children from the Ferrybank schools were present at the ceremony.

Dublin.

Rev. Father K. T. Dillon, Chaplain of Rathdown Union has been granted an increase of salary of one hundred pounds per year, thus making his total salary four hundred per annum.

Kildare.

Christopher Hughes, an ex-convict, was sentenced to three years penal servitude for having on the night of Aug. 2 last, broken and entered the dwelling house of Rev. P. Campion, P. P., Kildare.

Kilkenny.

An enormous congregation were present at the Glenmore parish church, on Sunday, Oct. 3, when Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg blessed and consecrated the magnificent new bell. There was a large number of clergy present, and ceremonies commenced with high mass, after which the bell was blessed. The Rev. Father Phelan, S. J. delivered a most interesting and educational sermon.

King's.

Married.—On the 6th of October, in Birr, by the Very Rev. Dean Scanlan, P. P., V. G., Kieran Doolan (late of Hanley's Duke street) eldest son of John Doolan, Rape Mills, Birr, to Miss Josephine Mary Carroll, Castle St., Birr fifth daughter of Wm. Carroll Cappanasmere, Borrisokane.

Wexford.

Rev. Dr. Browne, Lord Bishop of Ferns, has appointed the Rev. M. Mernagh, C. C., Marshalee to be parish priest of Ballyoughter, in succession to the late Rev. P. Doyle.

Galway.

Dr. O'Sullivan, Galway, has been appointed medical officer of the Williamstown dispensary by friends, paid a visit to the most

## Around the Globe

Rev. Aloysius M. Fish, chaplain of State Prison, Trenton, N. J., who attended the annual convention of the American Prison Association at Seattle, Wash., was re-elected to the board of directors of that body, and has also been re-elected president of the National Chaplain Association.

A little two-foot high bronze statue of St. Joseph was discovered buried in the walls of the old Murphy building at Jones and Market streets Friday of last week, while the ruins of the old building were being demolished, says the San Francisco Monitor. The statue was in perfect condition, retaining all its beautiful coloring. It passed through the fire of April, 1906, without being injured in the slightest degree.

A dispatch from Rome dated Sept. 12, says that the Pope received as usual this morning many people, among whom were a man of the name of Montori, 68 years old, and an old crippled woman who was wheeled into the presence of the Pontiff in a wheel-harrow.

Both pilgrims came from Modena, the man walking and pushing the cripple in the barrow. They took seventeen days to make the journey.

The Pope received them most cordially and thanked them for their great proof of attachment. He presented each of them with a silver medal.

Father Walter Elliot, the Paulist gave the first non-Catholic mission ever given in the United States, at Detroit, Mich., about fifteen years ago. He then spent one year with Father Fress and Graham of the Cleveland diocese and prepared them to carry on the work. Thus the Cleveland apostolate in the United States.

Most Rev. Paul Bruchesi observed the twelfth anniversary of his elevation to the archiepiscopal see of Montreal recently. He is only 42 years of age. After his consecration he immediately took hold with a firm but gentle hand, of all details in the administration of his very large diocese.

Mother Evangelist, (the Mother Superior of St. George's Home, Ottawa, the Canadian Home of the Catholic Emigration association, has brought over from England a party of twenty-eight boys. These boys have come from various Catholic homes and orphanages in England; St. Vincent's Home, Preston; St. Mary's Home, North Hyde, near London; St. Vincent's school, Dartford; St. Vincent's Home, Harrow Road, London. All the boys expressed a wish to go to Canada, and are all most suitable for farm work.

Among the clergy of the north vicariate of Zambales says "Vida Philippina," four priests of the six who are in charge of ten parishes are at present ill and likely to die, partly from age and overwork and partly from inability to reach proper care and medical aid.

Hale and vigorous despite his sixty-eight years, Rev. Edward L. Devitt, S. J., professor of the history of philosophy and psychology at Georgetown University, and one of the leading authorities on Maryland history, Monday, Sept. 13, celebrated his golden jubilee as a member of the Society of Jesus. Three former presidents of Georgetown University came to attest their appreciation of the priest.

What is considered one of the most handsome of the fourteen altars in St. Patrick Cathedral, New York, has been completed. It is dedicated to St. Andrew, and is the gift of the late Mrs. Amelia Dougherty Hildredth, in memory of her father, Mr. Andrew Dougherty. The altar is of Carrara marble and cost \$12,000.

There are four colored Catholic priests in the United States

Rev. John Henry Doran, Montgomery, Ala., Rev. P. J. Uncles, Epiphany College, Chicago; Rev. Father Plantier, assistant pastor of St. Francis Xavier church, in Baltimore; and Rev. Father Burgess, at Oswego, Pa.

Assisted by 100 priests, Bishop Thomas D. Beaven of the Springfield diocese, recently led the new Beaver-Kelly Home for Aged Men at Brighton, Mass., by Bishop Beaven to Brighton Institute. The bishop's gift in memory of his father and mother.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday Nov. 7—St. Wilford, bishop and confessor.  
Mon. 8—St. Godfrey, bishop and confessor.  
Tues. 9—St. Theodore Tyro, martyr.  
Wed. 10—St. Andrew, apostle and confessor.  
Thurs. 11—St. Martin of Tours, bishop and confessor.  
Fri. 12—St. Martin, pope and martyr.  
Sat. 13—St. Diego, confessor.

## Five Minute Sermons

The Ruler's Daughters

The dead girl represented a soul recently fallen into mortal sin through frailty, succumbing to the violence of temptation, rather than through malice or depravity of heart. On this account the God who ordinarily by His mercy lifts souls suddenly, principally to greatness, to a sincere penitence and a prompt return to the state of grace and the bliss of their spiritual death being of short duration, they may be said to be asleep rather than dead.

The lesson we should learn from this is to have reverence for Jesus Christ in all our actions, with a lively faith and hope in Him, as well as the pure and fervent love of Him. We should also admire the great goodness of our Divine Redeemer, who was prompt to console those who asked Him: "He will be merciful for us if we ask Him from our hearts. And as our Divine Redeemer sent away the man from the bed of the dead, we should seek help for the soul, and not the noise and clamor of the vain pomp of the world."

For their next offering at the Baker Theater, Bert Lyell and his company will present commencing with Monday matinee, Nov. 8, a comedy entitled "Leading Well's Boots." This play, which has been presented in Rochester by any company, for that reason will be well received. It has just been released for stock and Mr. Lyell with his usual enterprise, was anxious to secure it for presentation by his company. Comical situations follow each other with rapidity and the play is a continual gale of laughter. The usual matinees will be played on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

The distinctive feature of the program at the Cook Opera House this week, opening Monday afternoon, will be the much heralded dramatic playlet "Self Defense" written by George Broadhurst and presented by Edward Ables and his company. The realistic great act will be found in the position on the bill being flanked by comedy acts, the act preceding him being a musical comedy called "Sign the Book" by Frank Orth and Harry Fern, and the act following him being a singing and comedy act by John & Harry. Opening the bill in the act of Cook's Sylvia singing and dancing act and in the second position is found the sharp shooting act of the two Vivians, immediately followed by the rare blackface comedian Billy Van, Jack Reidy and Elsie Conner come next in a musical and singing act, and in the closing position will be found the three Athletes, women athletes who are making their first bow to the American audience.