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## At the Dawn of the Year.

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Millbank was a thriving town with some pretensions to beauty, if not of art, at least of nature. The business street boasted of five stores, two, nominally "dry goods," but virtually retailers of all kinds of goods, from dry to wet, with all the intermediate stages. Then there was the "drug store," redolent of subtle medicines, perfumes and toilet soap, the rendezvous of Millbank's fair daughters on pleasant afternoons. Next came the postoffice, not yet the imposing brick building, voted, vetoed, planned and talked about for so long by the more enlightened Millbankers, but a store, hard to classify, since it had gone through so many phases of life. In its earliest infancy it had been a millinery establishment, kept by two sisters on the high road to old maidhood; but it did not thrive on a diet of ribbons and straw, even though strengthened by an occasional feast of artificial flowers whose brilliant reds, pinks and greens faded before their time. Afterwards the faded glory of impossible roses and poppies was replaced by an array of gingerbread figures labeled or labeled elephants, cats, dogs and most wonderful humped camels and dromedaries, while on the shelves little glass jars of striped paper nut-sticks and "toys" came from the place of "boats of ribbon" who is wanted to make an engagement ring, almost at the twofold price of the other. Alternately letters and boxes, papers and parcels, posts and time, and last, though not least, in particular, comes the "baker's shop," or, as the upper strata of Millbank society term it, "the meat market."

The proprietor, Hiram Hodges, might easily be mistaken for one of his own choice "critters" were it only by his bellow, while his son Daniel, a fresh-shorn edition of his father, is a veritable fatted calf in the house, which is over the shop, there are three or fourly and worthy sons of embryo butchers, worthy sons of their father.

We said before that the day had been a trying one for Agnes. The Catholics in Millbank were decidedly in the minority, and only under protest had a Catholic teacher been engaged, mainly through the untiring efforts of Father Byrne, who came from Taunton once in three weeks to minister to the spiritual needs of his little flock. When Agnes reached the end of the avenue, she pushed open the gate leading to one of the smaller houses. A gust of wind and whirl of dead leaves rushed in as she opened the outer door, eliciting an impatient exclamation from an elderly land who was crossing the hall and causing her to draw more closely round her thin shoulders the soft woolen shawl.

Mrs. Harrington, the possessor of the impatient voice, had in unaccountable impulse taken the young teacher to be with her, for, though not wealthy, she did not lack means and had taken herself to task daily for yielding to such an impulse.

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At the tea table that evening Mrs. Harrington noticed the tired look on the young girl's face, and in a gentler tone than usual began to talk of school and the children in general, until Agnes, tall trees which in their summer glory were the pride of Granville avenue; but now, shorn of their leafy wealth, their long, naked branches waving and tossing in the wind, they looked like gaunt specters; or, as Agnes Graham thought, as she hurried home from her school, "like forsaken souls throwing out their long arms in supplicating agony."

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## Around The Globe

Rome, December 14.—Approving the recommendation of the Consistorial Congregation as presented by the secretary, Cardinal de Lai, the Pope appointed today Rev. James O'Reilly, now rector of the Church of St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, to the bishopric of Fargo, N. D., and the Rev. M. F. Fallon, of the Provincial Obiates, of Buffalo, to the bishopric of London, Canada.

At a recent diocesan synod held in the Cathedral at Belleville, Ill., many new appointments and transfers were made. A building committee was appointed and also a board to determine the boundaries between the different parishes. Six parishes were provided with irremovable rectors, of whom there were only two in the diocese heretofore.

News has been received of the death lately of Thomas Meagher in Manila, P. I. The deceased was well known in Seattle, where he had been an active figure during the early days of the city's life. Thomas Meagher was the son of General Thomas Francis Meagher, the Irish patriot, who was one of the picturesque figures of the Civil War and afterward governor of Montana.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Leohaus in New York at which Archbishop Farley presided, the report of the secretary showed that since its erection 53,236 immigrants and 33,917 other guests lodged there. Since 1889, 68,249 free lodgings were given. Plans for a new and more commodious Leohaus are being erected near the new Pennsylvania station are well under way.

The Rt. Rev. Louis S. Walsh, D. D., Bishop of Portland, Me., was honored with an unusually long audience with Pope Pius X. on December 9. Among the gifts presented to His Holiness by Bishop Walsh were articles of Indian workmanship from the Passamaquoddy tribe on Pleasant Island, and the Pinebosc tribe at Oldtown. These gave peculiar pleasure to the Pope, as testimony that the Church is keeping up her record of practical interest in the American aborigines. The Indians of the diocese of Portland are provided with excellent schools as well as churches. Bishop Walsh, previous to his appointment as Bishop of Portland, was supervisor of schools the first to hold that office in the Archdiocese of Boston and was very successful in the pioneer and foundation work of a singularly difficult character.

Angelo Sarto, a brother of Pope Pius X., is still postman in the village of Grazio, Province of Mantua, Lombardy, and has held the place for nearly forty years. Though over seventy-one he bears the years lightly. He will be the guest of His Holiness over the Christmas holidays. The veteran postman is not in the least puffed up by the unique honor which has come to his family, but remarks that it is only his love for his brother which will make it possible for him to endure the simplicity of his village.

While in Rome, Mrs. Roosevelt and her daughter visited the ancient Pacific of St. Clement (church of the Holy Trinity). This Pacific contains three structures of different periods: first, the House of the Emperor, and the Temple of Minerva; second, the Temple of the Holy Spirit; and third, the Temple of St. Clement, the lower St. Clement was discovered in the 19th century.

Ash Wednesday falls this year on February 9th.

## Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday—16 Name of Jesus  
Monday—17 Anthony, Archbishop  
Tuesday—18 Peter Chait  
Wednesday—19 Canutus Knight  
Thursday—20 Fab. and Sebastian  
Friday—21 Agnes, Virgin  
Saturday—22 Vincent, martyr

### Five Minute Sermon

#### The Marriage feast of Cana

In today's gospel the lesson taught was when at the wedding Jesus took occasion to manifest His divine power by which those present were led to recognize in Him the expected Messiah. Besides, He prepared a condemnation of those heretics who taught that matrimony was the work of the devil. And He wished to teach us that we should not refuse to contribute, when we are able, to the innocent enjoyment of our friends, for in this way the bond of peace and Christian friendship is preserved.

St. Bernard tells us—Mary is truly the Mother of mercy. She foresaw and felt the shame and confusion of the poor husband and wife when the wine would give out before the feast was over. In her goodness, tenderness and charity she begged Jesus to provide it and relieve them from humiliation by a miracle. Oh, if all Christians had equal solitude to spare their neighbors shame and confusion! But too frequently the confusion of others is a triumph and a joy to many exultants who are always talking about charity without knowing what it is.

Up to this time, says St. John Chrysostom, only the Blessed Virgin had noticed the failure of the wine, and if He had immediately worked the miracle requested of Him, she alone and no others would have known and attested it. It was not yet time for such a great work. It was necessary to wait till all were aware that the wine had given out, so that all would be witnesses of the miracle and recognize the omnipotence and divinity of Jesus Christ. It was perhaps for this reason also that Mary said to the servants: Do whatsoever He commands you.

Jesus could have produced the wine in some other manner but it pleased Him, says St. Chrysostom, to make use of the work of the servants that they might see the prodigy wrought and testify to the truth of the miracle by which the divinity of our Redeemer was made manifest. Jesus Christ by this miracle prepared the way for that still greater miracle which He was to work in the institution of the Most Holy Sacrament, by showing that as He was able to convert insipid water into generous wine He could also convert bread and wine into His own body and blood. He wished to teach us that as water serves in order of nature to purify the body, so His precious blood, symbolized by the wine, sanctifies the soul in the order of grace.

We should learn from the married couple in this day's Gospel to conduct ourselves at our tables and nuptials as if Jesus were invited and presents by His grace. Jesus Christ will bless the nuptials of those who are led by a right motive and not by caprice, interest and passion; and He will bless our tables when sobriety, modesty, and the fear of God are present. If the Blessed Virgin felt such compassion for that poor couple in a temporal matter how much may we not hope for her when the object is spiritual, and in favor of our souls. If unasked she showed such an interest in them as to ask her Son to work a miracle, what will she not do for us when we confide in her tenderness and invoke her by the name mother?

#### "The Marriage of Kitty."

From the large number of tickets being disposed of "The Marriage of Kitty" will be witnessed by a good sized audience. The Players Club which is to present this uproarious farce wish to extend a cordial invitation to those who did not receive cards announcing this performance, which is to be held on Friday evening, January 28th, at the French church parish hall.

## News From Ireland

**Cavan.**  
The Catholic people of Ballyjamesduff are very indignant over an outrage that was perpetrated on the property of the Sisters of the Poor Clares. On the night of November 26 a band of none other but religious fanatics, imbued with the wine of bigotry, secretly and cowardly attacked the property of the defenceless nuns. The steel bars of the large new gates at the entrance to the avenue failed to resist the fury of their mad and unrestrained zeal. The gilded cross surmounting the gates did not escape their wrath. What could not be broken was disfigured.

At Noughaville, Clare, on December 6, a large number of persons collected for the purpose of building a house for Martin Hayes, who had been evicted the preceding day. Seeing that the work could not be finished owing to shortness of the day, and Hayes' present shelter being insecure, some persons proceeded to the house where the eviction took place and forcing an entrance compelled Mrs. Hayes to go into her old home.

**Cork.**  
A fire occurred on December 10 at a second hand clothes shop at Brynmawr. Mrs. Herman Elder, wife of the occupier, and three children found escape cut off by the flames, and the woman threw the children from the window to a sheet held by workmen, afterwards jumping into it herself. Another child, aged 4 years, was suffocated.

**Derry.**  
Mrs. Mary McGlade, believed to be the oldest resident in County Derry, died at the residence of her granddaughter, Mrs. Patrick Henry Clooney Tobbermore, having entered upon the 103rd year of her age on December 4. Mrs. McGlade was born in townland of Crew, a short distance from Maghera, on August 20, 1807, where she resided with her parents until her marriage with John McGlade twenty-one years afterwards. Mrs. McGlade and her husband then went to reside at Clooney, a short distance from the village of Tobbermore. Husband and wife had a very happy life together up to the year 1887, when Mr. McGlade died. The house a neat little thatched cottage, was practically built by her husband and she had the satisfaction of breathing her last breath in the little home of which she was so proud, and which was the center of her joys and sorrows.

**Dublin.**  
The Great Northern Railroad of Ireland has issued a notice that employees reaching the age of sixty-five years must resign their positions. No pensions will be granted.

**Galway.**  
While breaking up an old hulk recently purchased by James Grant, which lay in Galway docks for a considerable time, a bag containing about £39 in French coins was discovered concealed behind the boards of the captain's cabin.

Richard Cooke, U. D. C., Galway, on December 4, slipped and fell down the stairs at his residence, Madras House, fracturing his collar bone and sustaining other severe injuries. He was removed on Sursey men's to the county infirmary, where he died on December 9.

**Kerry.**  
Rev. Father W. Behan, C. C., has been transferred from Tralee to Berberbee as senior curate. Father T. O'Sullivan from Ballyheigue to Tralee.

The death took place on December 8, at the Convent of St. John of God, Wexford, of Sister Mary Celestus, Glasure, in the twenty-second year of her age and the first of her religious professions. The deceased lady was a native of Lixnaw, Kerry.

**Limerick.**  
Jeremiah Howard, ex-chairman of the Cork County Council and now Land Commissioner in charge of the investigation and leveling objections, prepared-

tory to the final passage to the tenants of the Gould estate at Athea, about which so many old-time memories cling. One of the former owners of the estate, Sergeant Gould, staunchly voted against Union. All the Goulds were reputed to be considerable landlords, and appear never to have tolerated any aggression on the part of their agents, and in the pre-Land League days when ever a tenant's right was jeopardized, by the latter's intrigue or injustice, the tenants found a fearless, uncompromising and always a successful champion in their pastor, the late Rev. Martin Ryan, C. C.

**Louth.**  
Dr. O'Halloran, of Killakee, who succeeded Dr. O'Riordan, was married to Miss Jane M. Mallon, Dublin street, Longford, in St. Mel's Cathedral recently.

J. Egan, the contractor, has put the new Longford reservoir into perfect working condition, and it exceeds the hopes of its most sanguine promoters. The leakage that caused so much talk during the summer was due to a defective joint in the intake pipe from the main pipe and that has now been remedied and a French drain made completely around the whole place and several other finishing touches added.

**Louth.**  
James A. Kiernan, Ballinamore has been appointed solicitor to the Carrick-on-Shannon Board of Guardians.

A marble slab has been erected in Ballinamore Roman Catholic Church to the memory of the late Very Rev. D. McBrean, P. P., V. F., by his brother in an exquisite piece of workmanship, and will help to keep fresh in the minds of the people of Ballinamore the memory of the late Father McBrean, whom they loved so well.

**Mayo.**  
John Dillon, the sitting member for East Mayo will fight Colonel Cooper in South Dublin, and in the event of winning, Mark Henry, chairman of Swiftford District Council, will be the Nationalist candidate for East Mayo.

An interesting marriage ceremony was performed in St. Colman's parish church, Claremorris, on December 9, by the Rev. J. Hannon, C. C., the contracting parties being Patrick, son of Michael Kean, Mount street, and Moline, daughter of Martin Bronnan.

In the chapel attached to the Convent of Merey, Ballinrobe, in solemn ceremony of the profession of a nun, took place recently the young lady who had the privilege and happiness of devoting her life to the service of God in the cloister being Miss Mary Rose Daly, daughter of Bernard Daly, J. P., of Main St., Ballinrobe and Loughmask House.

**Meath.**  
On the 27th of November, at Kells, Michael Tevlin, auctioneer put up for auction a farm at Heneghan, Nobber, owned by Edward Lynch, with the dwelling house and premises attached, containing 75 acres and 2 rods, and after spirited bidding Robert Nichol Sellar, Nobber, was declared the purchaser at £360.

**Rosecommon.**  
A fierce storm of hail, accompanied by loud peals of thunder passed over Rosecommon district on the morning of November 27.

The parishioners of Keash are joining the people of Culfoda in making a suitable presentation to Rev. Father McKeon, C. C., to show their esteem for their popular clergyman, who was always a particular favorite with the people of the district where he labored so long as minister of their church.

**Tipperary.**  
Thomas Torney, a farm laborer, died in Tipperary Workhouse hospital on December 8, from injuries received at Limerick Junction when he was knocked down by a runaway horse.

**Wexford.**  
Damage to the extent of about four hundred pounds was done by fire which broke out in the haggard of Peter Murphy, Charlesfort, Ferns, on November 27.