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## In the Cause of Truth

(Continued from last week.)

"Go to them if you wish, but remember it is a last good-by."

With a sob in her throat Catherine bent once more over her baby's crib. Hastily she lifted him and pressed him to her heart. Was it for the last time? God only knew.

"Little Gerald, my baby, my darling," passionately she held him closer. "God help me to leave you, dear!" she sobbed brokenly. Then summoning all her resolution she imprinted a long, lingering kiss on his forehead, laid him gently back in his crib and fled, lest she weaken before the irresistible power of mother love. Softly she crept with a breaking heart to the nursery. Everything was just as the boys had left it when they had fallen asleep. Their little shoes lay tumbling over each other at the foot of the bed, their toys were scattered every where, and the night silence was unbroken save by the faint, regular breath of boyish slumber. Tears rained down her face as she bent over them.

"Paul, Roy," she whispered, "no other has come to say good-night—and good-by," she added, under her breath.

Roy was the first to awake. "Mother's come, Paul," he cried manfully rubbing his eyes as he spoke. "Wake up!"

In an instant Paul was out of bed.

"We tried to keep awake, mother," he said sleepily, "but you stayed so long, and we fell off to sleep."

For an instant she held them both in her arms.

"God bless and keep you, my little sons," she murmured unsteadily. "Good night."

A few minutes later, in her own room, she threw herself on her knees before her crucifix. Trembling from head to foot, her heart well nigh broken with sorrow.

"O Jesus, I leave them in your care," she cried; "shield them, guard them," but she could go no further. "Jesus, Thy will be done!" and she fell forward unconscious.

Little by little consciousness returned, and with it remembrance. Summoning all her remaining strength, she hastily gathered a few of her belongings into a traveling bag and descended once more to the study.

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How was standing with his back to her, staring moodily out of the window. At the sound of her voice he turned, and in spite of himself a gleam of admiration shot into his eyes. What a woman she was! To him she had never seemed more beautiful, as with an air of unconscious nobility and deep womanly sorrow, she met his searching glance. Then, like the taunting of an older, came the taunting thought: "Beautiful, yet, but a traitor to you; you have on a second place in her heart; the Catholic Church holds the first." The thought was unbearable. His whole expression changed, and his eyes narrowed perceptibly as he said abruptly:

"The carriage is waiting at the door, good-by."

When she had gone, and the rambling of carriage wheels had died away in the distance, a realization of what he had done flashed across his mind. He had let her go, nay, he had driven her forth, and now he would give all the world to recall her. Oh, if only the question of religion resting on his hands, was Bert's how happy they might have been! But it had, and she had thrust her arm aside because of it. His pride rebelled at the thought, and yet, sorrow, what must be the power and attraction of religion that could presence, and as she raised in his hand, he had heard it speak of a den of superstition, had heard it reveal and called by every loathsome name, yet now—he was almost ashamed to confess it—admiration on his supreme dominion over souls was creeping into his heart.

He opened one at random. On the first page he opened these words stared him in the face:

"The beginning and end of truth are one, as Jesus Christ, Who is Himself the Truth, is Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, so that truth which Christ first revealed concerning His Church, is the same which the Church reasserts of herself as her crowning glory in these latter days."

He looked at the title on the cover: "The Invitation Heeded" by James Kent Stone. He reopened it, and a new thought took possession of his mind. He would read it through, if for no other reason than to prove to his wife from one of her own books that the stand she was taking was sheer folly. Feverishly he read page after page, taking no account of time. An hour, two, three hours, flew by and still he sat there motionless. The book attracted him irresistibly, its force of logic was so strong, its delineation of dogma so clear and concise. Midnight passed, one o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock, and the silvery strokes of the hour bell from the old-fashioned clock on the stair landing sounded on his ears unnoticed. The first streaks of dawn were lighting up the eastern horizon when at last he closed the book with a sigh.

He had found arguments, indeed arguments and reasons strong enough for any man, but they were against him. Yes, and the strange part of it was, that of the knowledge that he was vanquished, not victor, contained no trace of bitterness. He dropped the book and took the little crucifix in his hand. Ah, there was the secret of it, the mystery of the Redemption, the revelation of God's love for man. He suddenly realized what that love meant, and the strong man fell on his knees and wept: his wife's sacrifice had been accepted.

An hour later a telegram was trembling from head to foot, her heart well nigh broken with sorrow.

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Once again he sighed heavily. Rev. E. R. Dyer, S.S., president, the comforting assurance that St. Mary's will probably be fringed by many there in Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, and in all other churches.

Catherine stood motionless, but her beautiful eyes were soft and tender.

"Bert," she said, at last. "Catherine," broke from his parted lips, "you have come! Thank God, thank God!"

She crossed to his side and laid one hand on his shoulder. He lifted the crucifix and held it up before her, then pressed it reverently to his lips.

"Christ has conquered, Catherine," he murmured reverently. "The Good Shepherd has found His lost sheep."—Mary Adelaide Garnett in The Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

## Around the Globe

Mgr. Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, will leave shortly for Rome to present to the Pope the decrees of the first Plenary Council of Canada. He will submit these in person.

Mr. James Mahool, eldest brother of Mayor Mahool, of Baltimore, and for nearly thirty-five years in the service of the Consolidated Gas Company of that city, died on January 3. "During his illness," says the Baltimore "Sun," "Mr. Mahool, who had been a Presbyterian, was converted to the Catholic religion, the faith of his wife."

Rev. William A. Mitchell, S.J., of St. Xavier's College, Cincinnati, has been appointed superior of the Jesuit mission in British Honduras, to succeed Rev. William J. Wallace, S. J.

Washington, January 18.—The Senate passed to-day the bill providing for the payment of \$49,000, the amount of the claim of certain religious orders for damages resulting from the seizure of their property by American troops in the Philippine Islands.

Sister Mary St. Ambrose, an aged member of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, passed away at the mother house, St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Ind., Tuesday, January 8th, 1906, in her 94th year. She was born in Detroit, Mich., and was known in the world as Mary Agnes Corby. The late Rev. William Corby, C. S. C., for several years president of the University of Notre Dame, was a brother of the deceased.

Brother Bonaventure, C. S.S.R., for thirty-one years connected with St. Alphonsus Church, Baltimore, celebrated the golden jubilee of his profession last Sunday. Very Rev. Father Litz, provincial, celebrated Solemn Mass in the Redemptorist order from all sections of the East attended the celebration. Relatives of Brother Bonaventure from Buffalo, N. Y., were present.

Rev. A. Kuhl, the "Father of Kansas Catholicism," and beloved alike by members of all denominations in Kansas City, has retired from active life, after many years of devoted service. He will spend his last days in St. Margaret's Hospital at Kansas City. Father Kuhl came from Germany a young priest during the Civil War, and was assigned to organize a parish in Wyandotte, Kan. There he labored with great difficulty to build up the Church. In 1869 he organized the first parish in Wichita, and it was he who built St. Margaret Hospital in Kansas City in 1884. His work throughout that State has been especially blessed, and he now retires at the age of seventy.

Hundreds of priests throughout the country, former students of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and thousands of laymen as well, to whom that venerable seat of learning is endeared by associations both historic and personal, will learn with a sense of relief that at the widely published report up in every church of the Diocese of Hopkins University has no first Sunday of Lent, and in all former students and friends in various sections concerning Mass. The collection of Cced Friday is for the Holy Land, the annual collection of Peter's Pence will be taken up in all churches of the Diocese in which there is Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, and in all other churches.

## Rules for Lent.

The Holy Season of Lent begins on the 9th day of February. All the weeks of Lent are days of fasting on one meal with a moderate collation in the evening. All the days of Lent are days of abstinence from flesh meat.

By dispensation, however, the use of flesh meat is allowed without restriction on Sundays and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, except on the Saturday of Ember week, and the Saturday of Holy Week. But the use of both meat and fish at the same meal is not allowed even on the Sundays of Lent.

The practice of taking a small piece of bread with a cup of tea, coffee, chocolate, or the like, in the morning is permitted by indulgent. Likewise when the principal meal cannot be taken at mid-day, it is allowed to invert the order by taking the collation in the morning and the principal meal in the evening.

The use of eggs, milk, butter and cheese is allowed at the principal meal. By general custom in this country it is also tolerated at the collation, provided the quantity prescribed by the East be not exceeded. Lard and dripping may be used in preparing food.

The following persons are exempt from the obligation of fasting: Young persons under twenty-one years of age, the aged, the sick, nursing women, those who are obliged to do hard labor, and all who through weakness cannot fast, without prejudice to their health.

Persons exempted from the obligation of fasting are not bound by the restrictions of using meat. Those who are in doubt about their exemption from the obligation of fasting should consult their confessor.

By virtue of a special Indult granted Mar. 15, 1906, by the Holy See to the Bishops of the United States for ten years and renewed February 8th, 1906, in favor of the working people of this country, the use of flesh meat is granted on fast days both to them and to all the members of their family, except on all the Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and the eve of Christmas, but for such as are obliged to fast the privilege is restricted to one meal of the day. (This extraordinary dispensation is given solely to the working classes, and does not extend to the liberal professions.) Those who avail themselves of this indulgent are considered as performing some penitential work, as for example, abstinence from spirituous drink.

In churches where there is a resident pastor, there will be a Blessed Sacrament on every Wednesday evening and the devotion of the stations of the Holy Cross on Fridays.

Pastors in charge of two or more churches, will give one or more during the week, in at least two churches.

Prayer and the spirit of penance should accompany penitential works. Endeavor, therefore, to excite your parishioners to observe this holy season according to the intention of the church, and place every facility in their way for receiving the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist.

Very sincerely in Christ,  
+ THOMAS,  
Bishop of Rochester,  
Rochester, January 28, 1910.

The collection on the Feast of Epiphany, or on the Sunday within the Octave, is for the Eastern Schools.

The collection for the Propagation of the Faith will be taken up in every church of the Diocese in which there is Mass, on the first Sunday of Lent, and in all former students and friends in various sections concerning Mass.

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Commending these good works to your zeal, and hoping that the charity of our faithful people will bring increased blessings on the Diocese, I remain,

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## New From Ireland

W. J. Gray, for thirty-eight years an official under the County Court at Belfast, was recently made the recipient of a handsome presentation. Mr. Gray spent his long official service under Judges Otway, Rice and Fitzgibbon, and his retirement is greatly regretted.

The death of an advanced age occurred recently of William Wallace, Greenacres, Belfast, Dec. 28, 1909, who retired on pension some five years ago, was station-master at Greenacres for thirty years. At the age of seventeen Mr. Wallace entered the service of the Northern Counties Railway as goods collecting clerk, and for a time was engaged at Maghera and Magherafelt.

The Commissioner of National Education have awarded promotion to a higher grade, dating from April 1st, 1909, with the usual increase in salary to John O'Doherty, principal, Maghera National School, Moy, for successful teaching.

At the West Cavan Divisional convention V. P. Kennedy, then sitting member, was selected as Parliamentary candidate for the constituency.

The high sheriff of Clare for this year will be Sir Michael O'Leary, Bart., Droichead.

The patriotic Bishop of Clifton, Most Rev. M. Fogarty, writing to the East Clare convention at which W. Rosmond was re-elected said: "Although I cannot come to the convention to-morrow, I desire to associate myself with that important assembly when it meets to choose the member of Parliament. East Clare is fortunate in having for its Parliamentary representative such an upright, honorable and devoted member as Willie Rosmond, a man of whom any constituency would be proud, who never trucked to the enemies of this country, and in whose hands every cause dear to Irishmen is perfectly safe. I am well pleased with the work accomplished by the Irish Parliamentary during the Parliament that has now come to an end. I hope that the result of the general election will be to give our distinguished chairman, John Rosmond, a loyal and united party, free in all its members from the paralysis of fealty."

The Queenstown police authorities have notified the local bakers of the compulsory sale of bread by weight. The bread must be weighed after baking, and is not sufficient to weigh the dough before baking, and allow for waste.

For saving from drowning a child named Hart who fell into the Newry tidal river on the 18th of October last, has been awarded the Vellum of the Royal Humane Society and £1.

Rev. Father Powell, O. P., of Newry, who was recently elected Prior of the Dominican Community in Limerick, was made the recipient of a little present and address by his many admirers in the Frontier town just previous to his departure therefrom.

A very enjoyable remembrance took place in the Lark Girl's School on December 19, the occasion being the presentation of a very handsome set of furs and an illuminated address to the popular principal teacher, Miss Coleman, on her retirement.

A fund of interest to all Irish boys of 18 and under, and especially to those of 18 and under, was established by the

Limerick people, has been made by M. Butler, of Bay Street Dublin, and is now at his disposal there. It is a beautiful trait, almost life-size, painted in 1883, and is a valuable addition to the artist's signature is local.

Jeremiah Jordan, M. P., unanimously selected for Parliamentary representation South Fermanagh, Hugh O'Connell, who was proposed, withdrew his name.

Sister Rose Murphy died in Presentation Convent, Fermanagh, December 30.

Very Rev. Thomas A. F. O'F. M., Guardian of the Franciscan church, Galway, has been transferred to Galway, he will act as rector of the church. He was in connection with the University, Father Francis, a native of Thurles.

Martin Lee, lately from America and resident in Galway while at breakfast.

Timothy Hines, of Droichead, has been awarded the prize of the Union for having best and neatest best school that part of North Kerry.

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