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## Dora's Decision

A handsome woman about thirty years of age sat thoughtfully turning over a letter. She would read a line here, a few words there; then leaning back in her chair, she seemed lost to her surroundings. And she was considering an offer marriage it ran as follows:

"Dear Adelaide - For the third time since Gilbert's death—that is, three times in six years—I am asking you to be my wife. And I shall continue to ask you until you forbid me to write to you again. I have never been able to take your refusals seriously, and never shall; for, being a truthful woman, you will not deny that you excel like me as well if not better than Gilbert, who, because I was so confident and so stupid, stole a march upon me and got you first."

"I shall say nothing of the state of mind in which it left me. I lived it down as well as I could but my persistence in clinging to my purpose ever since the poor fellow left this world is evidence sufficient—is it not?—that I was faithful all through inasmuch as was consistent with loyalty to him and you."

"Adelaide, I believe you are not averse to me, something tells me I am not disagreeable to you, you are practically alone; will you not consider the proposal once more with the seriousness to which it is entitled? I may seem to write unfeelingly, but in reality I am deeply—what I do not say. You know I am not one of those who wear their hearts upon their sleeves, nor dip their pen in the rose ink of flattery. I love you Adelaide I can say so more. All that I ask now is that you will give me leave to come to you. Do not let any exaggerated loyalty to him who is now, I trust, in heaven allow you to cast aside a love and devotion that are almost as old as life itself. If he knows—and who can say that he does not?—he would wish us to be happy. And, above all things, do not write hastily in rejection. Give yourself time to weigh the advantages and happiness of a marriage with me, against a life of loneliness and widowhood."

Yours devotedly,

Arnold Bryce.

"P. S.—The concluding lines may seem egotistical; they are not. You know very well we never quarrelled in the past that now seems so far away. You cannot have forgotten that we used to have no end of good times together."

"We surely did!" murmured the lady, wiping a tear from her cheek as she finally placed the letter on her desk, and, taking a shade hat from the sofa, went into the garden. For some time she walked up and down between the long avenue of elms, her eyes fixed on the ground. The sound of a child singing arrested her attention. As she lifted her head and paused in her walk, a little girl about nine years old appeared running swiftly from the house.

"My lessons are all done!" she cried. "I saw you out here, mamma; and Ewaulein said I might come down. And may I go with you, please?"

Her mother looked down at her with loving eyes.

"How like me she is, and how glad I am!" she thought. "She is all me!"

Taking the child's hand she said:

"I am just walking around, and I shall be glad to have you with me, Dora. I've been thinking over a story I once heard, and I believe I'll tell it to you. You're such a wise little creature that I shall enjoy hearing your opinion of it."

"Oh, no, I am not wise!" replied the child, as they walked gaily along together. "But I'll tell you just what I think, mamma; you know I always do."

"I had a friend once," said the lady—a very dear friend; and she had two friends, who were also great friends of each other."

"Boys or girls?" asked Dora.

"Boys. These two each wished to present a gift to the girl; and, curiously enough, they both selected the same thing."

"That was because they were such chums," said Dora, sagely. "Don't you know how often you and I think the same thing at once?"

"Was it a doll?" asked Dora. "Oh, no! My friend was too young to grow-up for that. She was a young lady. It was a gift of a pair of glasses, which he has never used, not even for reading purposes."

"That could open and shut—hold something—handkerchiefs—or maybe embroidery?"

"Yes, the hearts could be opened and shut, Dora. But you mustn't ask too many questions. It makes me lose the thread of my story."

"I shan't say another word, mamma."

"It was a little strange," continued the mother, "that neither of us knew positively of the gift the other had decided to offer the girl. One of the young men was suddenly called away a great distance; and, after he had gone, he wrote his friend about the gift he intended to present to the young lady; and also asked him to hand her a letter he had written, as he (the one who was staying at home) would soon see her. And then he went away."

"And the other boy took her the letter and both hearts?"

"No," rejoined the mother slowly. "He did not give her the letter at all; and he offered her only one heart—his own."

"Wasn't that a shabby trick to play?"

"A very shabby trick."

"Did she like it?"

"Pretty well, but not as well as she would have liked the other one."

"Was the other prettier?"

"Very much prettier I think. The one to whom it belonged was an artist, with every quality an artist should possess; while the other was less talented and tasteless, but throughly sincere in his affection for the girl."

"Yes, I know. But he certainly was contemptible, wasn't he, mamma—the first one, I mean?"

The mother did not reply. Presently she continued:

"After a while the man who really gave my friend the heart—you understand, not the artist?—went very far away, never to return."

"That was a blessing, wasn't it?"

The mother looked down into the eyes of the child uplifted so earnestly to her own. A slight shiver ran through her; she could not meet those eager eyes.

"Perhaps it was foolish for me to begin this story," she said.

"You can hardly understand."

"Please go on, mamma. It's very easy to understand," said Dora.

"After the one had gone away never to return," she resumed—"a good while after the other came back and wanted to give her his heart, after all these years."

"I thought he'd given it to the other man for her."

"Yes, he had; but the other one withheld it."

"Yes, I remember. But I should think he would have changed his present and given her something else; don't you?"

"Probably he thought a heart most appropriate. But she would not take it."

"Didn't she like him any more?"

"Yes, she did. She liked him a great deal better than she had ever liked the other one."

"Wasn't she queer and foolish?"

"Perhaps. Three times in six years he offered the gift, but she would not accept it."

"Poor man! He hadn't a great deal of spirit had he?"

"I think he had. But he did not know the real story, you see."

"Yes, of course. He did have perseverance, though I like that, don't you?"

"Very much."

"I can't make her out, though, mamma. She seems to be silly."

"Well, you see, Dora, she had found out about the letter that hadn't been given her, and it made her suspicious. She had, somehow, grown to believe that there was no such thing as true love or friendship."

To be continued

## New From Ireland

**Antrim.**  
Thomas Allan, of Bleary, near Lurgan, although 92, still attends daily to his work as a weaver. He has enjoyed good health throughout his long lifetime, and performs his duties without the aid of glasses, which he has never used, not even for reading purposes.

**Carlow.**  
The Tullow branch of the U. L. L. recently passed a resolution of confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party under the leadership of Mr. Redmond, and backed it up with a contribution of £20 to the Party fund.

**Carraig.**  
On the day of the month's mind of Rev. Terence McGovern, B.D., C. C., at Kinawley, the parishioners held a meeting and with the approval of Very Rev. O'Reilly, P. P., V. F., they decided to erect a monument to the memory of their beloved priest.

**Clare.**  
The death is announced of Rev. Canon Little, P. P., of Quin, County Clare, in 1841. He made his classical studies in Limerick, and in 1859, entered Maynooth, where he attained considerable distinction, and was a Dunboyne student with some great dignitaries of a later date.

Ordained in 1866, Father Little served as curate in Tully, Ballywilliam, Birr, and as parish priest in Sixmilecross and Quin. In the parish of Ballywilliam, near Nenagh, he prepared for confirmation a boy who was afterwards to be his Bishop, and who only a few years ago made him a member of his diocesan chapter.

**Cork.**  
After a brief illness the death occurred at the Monastery, Mitchelstown, of Brother Sheedy, a native of Tipperary, who celebrated his golden jubilee a few days ago.

A sad accident occurred in Skibbereen on December 31, by which a builder's laborer named Patrick Harte, aged about 40, lost his life. Deceased was, at the time of the accident, engaged in doing some repairs to the house of Mr. Dillon, corner of Townsend street and Bridge street. He faintly reached the top of the ladder, a distance of 25 feet, his head coming in contact with an empty barrel fracturing his skull.

**Dublin.**  
Married.—January 4, at Steventown, by Rev. Father O'Neill, C. C. Robert Joseph, third son of the late Thomas Hennessey, St. Catherine's 8 West View terrace, to Josephine, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Kentenry, Bathampton, Tallaght.

The announcement of the sale of the house, No. 10 Pitt street, Dublin, in which Baife was born, reminds one that the late Sir Robert Prescott Stewart was proud of claiming this street for his birthplace. His initials, anagram a resemblance to the Irish musical instruments "harp," distinguish the front of the house was erected by the late William Logan, for many years the double-bass player of the Gaiety and Queen's Theaters.

**Galway.**  
Cecil Robert Henry, of Crumlin Park, Ballyglunin, was sworn in as high sheriff for the County Galway.

Galway Urban Council has appointed Patrick O'Sullivan an inspector under the dairies and cowsheds order at a salary of ten pounds per year.

The Most Rev. Dr. Healy presided at the requiem mass and also at the interment of Sister Mary Rose Murphy, a native of Kerry, who died at the Presentation Convent, Tuam. Deceased, who had entered on the 12th year of her religious life, is a distinct loss to the teaching staff of the Community.

Michael Kelly has been unanimously co-opted a member of the Galway Board of Guardians in the room of the late R. J. Cooke.

The night schools opened by the Brothers of St. Patrick three months ago have proved a decided success. The average attend-

ance for the first term is 68.3. After the first night the students settled down steadily to their work, and the majority have made considerable progress. The staff has done all in its power to make the lessons attractive, and the students have responded to their efforts with right good will.

**Kerry.**  
A fire broke out recently in a farm house belonging to Timothy Casey and his family live in a shop in another part of the farm. The damage is covered by insurance.

**Kildare.**  
Sister M. Mackin has been appointed nurse in Calbridge Union Infirmary in succession to Sister Vincent Burke who resigned.

The death occurred recently at Newbridge, of Mrs. Bridget Coyle at the age of 104 years. Mrs. Coyle, who was a native of the town, was in possession of all her faculties up to the time of her death, and a week previously she was engaged at her usual occupation of knitting. She leaves a son Patrick Coyle, aged 72 years who for the past few years has been in receipt of an old age pension.

**Limerick.**  
A young man named John Sullivan died at Ardpatrick on January 7, as the result of a kick from a horse on January 2.

Captain J. J. White, J. P., Nantenan, Rathkeale, was sworn in High Sheriff of the County Limerick. Benjamin K. Lucas was re-sworn in Under Sheriff.

On Sunday night, January 2, the anniversary of the death of the late Rev. Father Casey, the patriot pastor of Abbeyfeale, was solemnly commemorated. At half-past seven an immense crowd assembled in Chapel street, and in a torchlight procession, organized by T. J. Keane, D. C., accompanied the local brass band through the principal streets, the band playing the "Dead March."

A large photo of Father Casey was recently borne in procession. **Leitrim.**  
Near the pass of Toomna, Carrick-on-Shannon, a discovery has been made of old armour shields and battle-axes, together with some skeletons. The discovery was made a few feet from the surface of a plain, which tradition ascribes as the scene of a sanguinary encounter between the clans of Ulster and Connacht in ages long past.

**Mayo.**  
In the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Castlebar, the marriage took place recently of Paddy Carney and Miss Anna Mary Walsh, the officiating clergyman being Rev. P. J. Madden.

**Rosecommon.**  
P. O'Reilly, stationmaster and goods superintendent, G. S. and G. Railway, Athlone after a service locally of nine years, has taken over the control of Newbridge station and the Carragh district.

At a public meeting of the tenants common, on January 2, a series of resolutions was adopted on the motion of the Very Rev. D. J. Keely, seconded by Philip O'Donnell, solicitor, with a view to an amicable settlement of the dispute arising out of the sale of Aughrane Castle and 200 acres of land to the Department.

**Sligo.**  
His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, is at present in Rome, to make his usual visit "ad limina Apostolorum."

Thomas Cawley, formerly a student of Summerhill College, Sligo, has passed the final B. A. Degree of the London University.

**Waterford.**  
Mrs. Redmond, formerly matron of Waterford Asylum, has been granted a pension of £40 per year.

**Wexford.**  
Died.—December 24, Miss Johanna Kennedy, New Ross.—December 27, William Chambers Assaly.—December 20, Denis Malone, Bantown.

**Tipperary.**  
Died.—Recently.—Denis McCann, Rutland, Shintone.—January 4, William Ryan, Jervis street.—Recently, John O'Connor, Irish town, Clonmel.

## Around the Globe

One result of the first week's work of the Josephine band among the colored people of the South has been forty-nine converts.

The Pope has sent a letter to Cardinal Fischer, Archbishop of Cologne, congratulating him on the success of the Eucharistic Congress. His Holiness calls Cologne the "German Rome."

Eighty students have registered at the Biblical Institute in Rome—a good start for Pius X.'s new foundation. Post-graduate courses are for the few who have the inclination and ability to drink deep of the Plerian springs.

Abbe Perot, the priest-composer, has finished a new oratorio which is commemorative of the death of his father. It is entitled "In Patris Memoriam," and the music represents the anguish of the composer for his father's death.

Plans are being discussed by Monsignor Shahan and the directors of the Catholic University for the opening of a summer normal school at the university. The present idea is to have sessions commence July 15 and last six weeks.

At Techy the reverend fathers of the Society of the Divine Word have a large industrial plant, where 180 pupils pursue technical studies. In their printing department alone fifty boys are employed and the society publishes monthly magazines in German and English.

The magnificent church erected as a memorial to Cardinal Newman on the scene of his most fruitful years of work at the Oratory of St. Philip, Edgbaston, Birmingham, England, was opened recently in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of priests and laymen.

The will of Mary G. Byrne of No. 152 East Forty-eighth street, New York City, leaves the residue of an estate worth more than \$50,000 to Archbishop Farley to pay the income to her mother and on the latter's death to use the principal for the education of young men for the priesthood. The will gives \$500 to the Rev. Richard O. Hughes of St. Patrick's Cathedral, who is named executor.

Pope Pius X. received Bishop Walsh of Portland, Me., in private audience a few days ago, and detained him for an unusually long time. The Bishop presented to the Pontiff several books and other articles of art and interesting workmanship, which had been made by Indians living within the diocese of Portland. His Holiness was pleased with the gifts and later received several Americans introduced by Bishop Walsh.

A spectacle unique in western religious history was witnessed when Christmas was celebrated by the Catholics of Reno, Nevada, in a Congregational church Tuesday night St. Thomas' Cathedral was destroyed by fire and the Congregationalists generously offered the use of their edifice for the carrying on of the extensive musical plans of the Catholic Bishop Grace of San Francisco authorized the action. The solemn High Mass was celebrated and the church was crowded beyond capacity.

Loyola College, Baltimore, has been the recipient of two scholarships, one the gift of Mrs. A. I. Knott, and the other donated by George A. Blake, builder of the new St. Ignatius' College and a member of its laymen's financial committee. By the will of John T. Curley, a student from 1876 to 1881, a new professorship has been founded.

Rev. Jos. C. Kennedy recently appointed chaplain in the United States army has been assigned to

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infantry.

An interesting case in the chapel of the St. Charles, N. H., Diocese when Rt. Rev. J. G. Anderson, Auxiliary Bishop, administered Sacrament of Confirmation some of its inmates. The money was procured from High Mass, celebrated by Augustine D. Malley of the Church who is chaplain of the prison. Bishop Anderson and had for his assistant, Rev. Mr. E. J. O'Farrell of the Church of St. Sales, Roxbury, and Rev. Malcom D. Deane of the Church. Over 500 were presenting all grades, the services and prayers were two men sentenced to the penitentiary for life were present. Bishop Anderson's were converted. They were Daniel J. Hurley, former famous captain of the "Irish Guards" and James M. Clarke.

The will of the late John Den, which was dated at Kenosha, Wis., George congregation of Holy Church at the residence to be one state value \$15,000.

Weekly Church

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