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Vita Pro Vita

A scarlet card was affixed to the door of No. 14 Glendon St. The harmless piece of pasteboard might be deemed some modern death-dealing device, were one to judge its significance from the accelerated pace of the bystanders the moment they first caught sight of the little red square. True, red is ever a color to irritate the nerves of man or beast, be the former a rabid anarchist or the latter a peaceful gobbler. But this particular red possessed the additional characteristic of exciting fear. The timid souls who rushed by the branded cottage lived in a hygienic age, and had a fearful knowledge of bacteriology.

"No, dear," answered the young wife gently. "We are isolated by order of the board of health. The doctor says that they are very strict in the matter."

"I know now how those poor devils of lepers that I saw at Molokai must have felt. I, too, am 'isolated.' Why don't you leave me?" he suddenly asked.

"You would never ask that, Lester, were you not unstrung by your illness," the young wife answered, while her eyes filled with tears. "Did you not tell me that those lepers had wives, too, and that you marveled at their devotedness? Is my conception of wifehood lower than theirs that I should leave you when I am most needed?"

"Pardon me, little girl, I was not my right self to question your devotion. But I am selfish in keeping you."

"It would be selfish of you to deprive me of the pleasure of nursing you," she made answer, smiling bravely through her tears.

"The days passed, and in spite of loving care the young artist failed steadily. The doctor suggested that, as a measure of prudence, he put his spiritual and temporal affairs in order lest the malady prove fatal."

"My temporal affairs," the patient replied, "are bounded by the four walls of this house. I have no one to mourn for me save my wife, and nothing to leave but my paints and brushes."

"But,"—the doctor hesitated. "Get with it, doctor. You are anxious about your bill, and—"

"My bill will take care of itself, Aubrey. I never fancied the role of Shylock," interrupted the doctor. "I wished merely to know if you care to make any spiritual preparation for the hereafter."

"Spiritual! Do you believe that I have a sufficient 'spirit' in me once you have baptized a penniless artist to induce a visit from any sleek, well-fed gentleman of the cloth, at the risk of taking this damnable malady?"

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The doctor rose, then seated himself again as Aubrey resumed. "One moment, doctor, I make one exception to my last remark—the young priest up in Merriam Square. I once asked him to sit for a St. Anthony which was to hang in the Cathedral. At first he refused, but when he found out that I was an atheist he consented on condition that he could talk as I worked."

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"Well, he talked, and I encouraged him—not because his discourse did me any good but because his manner became so earnest and his expression so ethereal that I felt I could bear such heavenly doctrines as long as they made my model so like my actual subject."

"I know the young man," rejoined the doctor. "He is in very delicate health at present. More delicate than I have often met him in a professional way at deathbeds, and each time I have been attracted anew with the fervor and conviction with which he performed his ministrations."

Aubrey was silent some moments before he said: "It is a selfish thought, but I would like to have that young fellow near me at the last."

"My dear Aubrey," rejoined the doctor, "it is more than selfish, for in his present state two minutes at your bedside would mean certain death for him."

"He is not ascetic enough to pay that price for my soul, Lester," Aubrey reasoned, somewhat bitterly.

The doctor again arose, and after giving some parting directions to Mrs. Aubrey, promised to call the following day, if possible.

During the night the young man became alarmingly worse, and the lone watcher felt the end was not far off. Soon after daylight she heard the door bell, which she supposed announced the doctor's return. Mrs. Aubrey heard her little servant open the door and a few moments later there was a gentle knock at the door of the sick room. The door opened softly and husband and wife alike astonished to behold not the portly form of the doctor, but a tall stranger in clerical dress. He advanced to the bedside and took Aubrey's hand.

"I heard that you were seriously ill, and I thought that you would like to see me."

Aubrey motioned to his wife and she left the room. Then he turned calmly fiercely on the young priest.

"Father Vogt, do you know the penalty you will have to pay for this visit?"

"I do," was the quiet answer. Aubrey regarded him some moments in silence, then with slow emphasis on each word asked, "Do you know that you have signed your death warrant?"

There was no wavering in the blue eyes that looked into the brown ones of the artist. There was no tremor in firm voice that answered, "I am absolutely certain of it."

Aubrey fell back among the pillows and covered his face with his hands. He seemed to forget the other's presence. It was some minutes later before he again looked at the priest.

"What is your object in making this—this awful sacrifice?"

"I want an opportunity to earn the aureole which you gave me in your portrait of St. Anthony," smilingly rejoined the priest.

"Supposing that I should die as I lived?"

"Even then I should not consider my visit useless. You told me once you were baptized a Catholic, and I consider it a sin from any sleek, well-fed gentleman of the cloth, at the risk of taking this damnable malady?"

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He looked at the kneeling figure, and marked again the features which had first attracted him—the bold, white forehead, the thin straight nose, the chiseled lips and chin. Such a fate and form combined with his talents might have won him an enviable place among his fellow men. Do-

News From Ireland

The late F. Hull, sexton of Jordanstown church, County Antrim, who died recently in his 82 year-old office for forty-two years, during which term he was never absent from his post, for a single Sunday.

In the City hall Armagh, on the evening of April 29, Joseph Devlin, M.P., delivered under the auspices of the Armagh Catholic Ratepayers' Association, an interesting lecture on the House of Lords in Ireland. Mr. Devlin was enthusiastically received.

April 29th Sister M. Cecilia Roche passed to her reward at the Presentation Convent, Mountmellick, Queens county, in the 37th year of her age, and the 15th of her profession. She was the second daughter of the late Edward Roche and Mrs. Roche of Rathol, County Carlow.

Patrick O'Brien, relieving officer of the Quin district has resigned his position.

Mr. Donovan has decided to appeal from the decision of the King's Bench, invalidating his election as Lord Mayor of Cork.

In the presence of many interesting spectators, Most Rev. Dr. Tohill, on April 29, solemnly blessed a magnificent new bell for the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Newcastlemore. The bell bears the following inscription: "Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Flynn in the year 1910. The Most Rev. J. Tohill being Bishop of Down and Connor and the Rev. J. McIlveney, P. P. of Newcastle and Bryansford."

The death of the Rev. John Pimor, S. M., occurred in the Catholic University school, Leeson street, Dublin. Father Pimor was born in 1848 made his religious profession in 1866 by the late Bishop Eloy of the Society of Mary, in the University church, Stephen's Green. He has been on the staff of the Catholic University school for more than twenty years past and was a most popular teacher and pious member of the order.

The marriage took place on the 28th of John Slattery, Mount House, Tralee and Miss Margaret O'Connor, daughter of the late O'Connor and Mrs. O'Connor, Cooksbridge, Listowel. Rev. Father McCarthy O'Connor, P. P. Barrymore, officiated.

The new St. Patrick's church, Philadelphia, of which Magr. Kieran is rector, will have a corner stone hewed from Armagh's hills and sent for the occasion by His Eminence Cardinal Logue.

The Catholic Women's League of Chicago brought to an end its seventeenth season Saturday afternoon with a banquet in the Auditorium Hotel. Over 500 members and guests of the organization came to celebrate the close of the prosperous year.

The thirty-ninth annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of the archdiocese of St. Paul was held at the old State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn., on Tuesday, June 7.

T. P. O'Connor, M. P., has informed the correspondent of the New York Sun that it was practically certain that representatives of the Irish Nationalist party would visit the United States in autumn for the purpose of appealing for financial assistance. Mr. O'Connor was not certain whether he would be one of the delegation.

Mrs. Winifred Ryan died recently at her residence, Moberly, Anacarty, at the patriarchal age of 104 years. She had retained all her faculties to the end.



Rev. Bernard Henry Gallagher.

Rev. Bernard Henry Gallagher of the diocese of Buffalo died at St. Mary's Hospital in this city last week Wednesday morning aged 31 years. Father Gallagher was a son of the late Owen Gallagher of Brockport and received his early education in the parochial schools of that town. He later entered the Brockport State Normal School, taking the classical course and graduating with honors. He entered St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester and completed his education for the priesthood in St. Rose's Seminary. He was ordained in Buffalo on July 4, 1906, and was assigned as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church Lockport. For some time past he had acted as pastor of St. Joseph's church at Albion, in the absence of Father Quinn, who is absent.

He leaves five brothers, Owen, James and Joseph Gallagher of Brockport, John Gallagher of North Lee, W. E., and Edward Gallagher of Buffalo.

The funeral was held Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock from the church of the Immaculate Conception, Buffalo. The Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., bishop of this city and St. Rev. Charles Colton, D. D., bishop of Buffalo.

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23 FINISH COURSE AT ST. BERNARD'S

Seminary Will Be Closed for Summer Monday

Ordinations On Saturday

Bishop Burke, of Albany, Expected to be Here for Services at Cathedral Place of First Masses of Young Priests Ordained, Confirmed

St. Bernard's Seminary will close on Monday to remain closed until September 12, Saturday at 8 o'clock. A total of 23 O. C. C. students who have completed the six-year course and passed the final examination will be ordained priests:

Arthur Smith, Francis O'Riordan and Anthony McGee, Rochester; James H. Burns, J. Filalowski, of Syracuse; Herick H. McKean, Rochester; John F. Brennan, Detroit; O'Rourke, of Detroit; Quinn and Walter L. Brown, Chicago.

They were ordained by Bishop Burke, of Albany, on Saturday at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was held in the cathedral at Albany. The officiating priest was Rev. Father J. J. O'Rourke, of Detroit. The other priests present were Rev. Fathers J. J. O'Rourke, of Detroit; Quinn and Walter L. Brown, of Chicago.

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