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Father Van's Penitent.

"Say, Tom, old fellow, you're not looking so very bright today. Only a few hours of the New Year have passed, and looking like that! Cheer up, old man. This is the first time in our long years of association in the business world that I have seen you so glum. You have had your head buried in your hands, leaning on that desk some moments; say, is it money matters? Maybe I can help you out."

"No, Dick; finances are not bothering me this time. I may as well tell you, it is Jim!"

"What! Jim again? Oh, don't bother—"

"Please don't, Dick. I am sorry to interrupt you, but I just heard one of the boys from the other side of the office say he would be a great deal better off dead than alive. Now, Dick, I don't think so. When mother died she left him in my charge. I have tried, as you know, so many times to get him on the right road, but it didn't seem to be in him. He never was guilty of a criminal act in his life, but to my pleasure it was always the same old answer, 'The Bowery for me.' You know we were born on the Bowery. It's in the blood. After mother's death there were only two boys; we moved up town; Jim was a kid at that time. I had very little to do with him and we both earned our daily keep through selling papers in the streets. I was ambitious and wanted to be someone as I grew up. I went to night school and got an education such as it is, but Jim was perfectly content to jog along and get his board and keep any old way, and here he is to-night, dying—droopy they say. He is up in the New York hospital, had him taken there on New Year's day. It is certainly a bad beginning for me."

"Well, you're a nice chap, why didn't you say something about it? He will be all right in a day or two."

"Yes, he will be dead then; he can't possibly get well, and say, Dick, what do you think of him? He won't see a priest. He says he is afraid of them. I don't know what he didn't threaten to do to-day, when I suggested sending a priest to him. He can't get well. A few days, maybe hours, and God! What a death! What a funeral! My mother is waiting for him. Dick, do you hear me? She is waiting for him. He was only a little kid when she died, and time we visited the hospital left him in my care. If we had only been fortunate enough to have had a sister, she would have helped me out of this and found a way. Say, Dick, I have an idea! You remember several times he swore off and tried to do better. I got him in different departments in the retail downstairs. He has delivered messages and packages to your home, and on several occasions had an opportunity to meet and talk to your wife. He knew we were friends. Well, he couldn't say enough in praise of her. She is a Catholic, Dick, do you think she would go to the hospital and see him? Would you have any objections?"

"Why, Tom, that's a splendid thought; have I any objections? Well, I guess not. It is only a short distance from the hotel where we are stopping and I know she will be glad to go down immediately. Just a moment, Tom, she is on the line. I have just explained the situation to her and she will be at the hospital at 8 o'clock."

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turn to the right and keep a turning and I would find Jim Quinn. He knew just where he was for his own name was Quinn.

In my numerous revolutions to find Jim's bed I met my wife, so we entered the ward together. Feeling confident it would be best to leave Jim and my wife alone, I sat in the shadow of the screen that surrounded the bed where I could see Jim very plainly without being observed by him. He was raised up on the pillow when I saw my wife with the expression, "Hully gee, but I taut youse was an angel, Mrs. Reynolds."

"Oh, Jim, an angel! They don't have great large angels like me in heaven. Why, Jim, I am surprised at you recognizing me. You are better today, aren't you?"

"Sure ting—dere never was anything da matter wid the blinds on me windows. I'm a little shorts of da breath, winded, dat's all."

"Jim, may I borrow one of those glasses? A poor woman at the door had these flowers for sale, so I brought them to you. I have friends in the hospital and I thought I would stop a moment to see if there isn't something I can do for you. A hospital is a very lonely place, nothing to look at but bare walls. By the way, Jim, we find a difference in the Catholic hospitals. I was very ill at Buffalo and was confined to my bed two months. Just in front of me was a beautiful picture of the crucifixion. I thought of you and brought this little picture of the Blessed Virgin with me and a Crucifix. You don't mind me hanging them at the foot of the bed, do you? You can take them home with you when you are leaving here."

"Dat's da talk—sure ting, it's going home I am to the Bowery. If I stays here I wakes up and finds da tomb stones growing in da mud over me. With dese flowers and dat picture it takes me back to da days of me childhood. Me mother had a little garden and yust raise snowballs for da Queen. When da were ripe I'd take 'em to the church."

"Say, Jim, they were the happy days, weren't they?"

"Oh, dem da was da snowballs and me alright. I had me chanas, but I didn't freeze to it."

"Well, Jim, the nurse says I may only have a moment with you. I hope you will be better tomorrow. I will say good-by and will see you soon."

I joined my wife as she left the ward and we spoke to the nurse general. She told us he would possibly live a day longer.

The next day about the same time we visited the hospital again. When Jim saw my wife he only been fortunate enough to have had a sister, she would have helped me out of this and found a way. Say, Dick, I have an idea! You remember several times he swore off and tried to do better. I got him in different departments in the retail downstairs. He has delivered messages and packages to your home, and on several occasions had an opportunity to meet and talk to your wife. He knew we were friends. Well, he couldn't say enough in praise of her. She is a Catholic, Dick, do you think she would go to the hospital and see him? Would you have any objections?"

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ated abroad and became a Protestant minister, afterwards a convert to the Catholic Church, and a priest of the Jesuit Order, and this was Chimmy's swell friend.

As my wife was preparing to leave the hospital, the nurse said, "Jimmy will not be here tomorrow. Poor fellow, he has only a few hours more to live." My wife was very much startled and she steps from the hospital, she said, "Oh, I must run and see Father Van. Jim must go to confession and receive the last Sacraments." She hastened over to the church, and as it was Saturday, Father Van was hearing confessions. As usual, his confessional was surrounded by men, policemen, letter carriers, all in their respective garbs, waiting for their favorite, much-beloved Father Van. As my wife came near the confessional he had occasion to draw the curtain aside and stand up for a moment. He recognized her and in his gentle dignified manner, asked if he could be of any assistance to her. She said, "Father, the man whom you saw at the hospital a few hours ago—James Quinn—he is dying. The doctors say he will only live a few hours. He hasn't gone to confession. Will you be able to go to him?"

"Why I am surprised, I didn't think his condition so serious or I would have given him absolution."

"But he didn't seem quite ready to go to confession!"

"Why, Mrs. Reynolds, I am certainly surprised at you! Surely you don't think a priest would let a soul slip away from him in that manner, and a Jesuit, too? You know we have many ways of reaching souls and saving them. We are all God's children and He alone can see the true workings of the brain and the heart. Jim will tell you what a bad fellow I have been, but I am sure you will say I was justified in helping him on a little just to gain his friendship. Leave it to me; I will go to him now, and all will be well with him."

Several hours later Father Van and Tom, the brother, were seen kneeling beside Jim's bed, and a great wave of peace seemed to hover over the living as well as the dead and they murmured fervent "Requiescat in pace" for Jim's soul. — Mrs. D. Francis Murphy, in the Michigan Catholic.

The beautiful young daughter of Adelaide Norwood, the opera singer, recently took the veil in Mt. St. Agnes' Convent of Mercy at Mt. Washington, Md.

Youngstown, O., June 13. — The will of the late Rev. Michael P. Kinkead, which has been filed for probate, leaves a residue of his estate as a perpetual loan to the Immaculate Conception parish at 4 per cent. interest, this last to be used as a fund for the education of boys for the priesthood. He stipulates that boys from the Immaculate Conception parish be given preference, though others are eligible.

The Catholic library to be established at Ft. Wayne, Ind., for the parochial schools of that city will have something like 2,000 volumes on its shelves when it opens its doors.

The Georgetown University Alumni Association has agreed to raise a \$15,000 memorial to Archbishop John Carroll, founder of the college.

The Christian Brothers have purchased a building and grounds for a select school and academy in Manila. The new school will be under the direction of Brothers from the United States. It will therefore be the first establishment of a religious house in the Philippines by Americans.

Mrs. Denis Horgan has offered to erect a church at Lowerre, N. Y., at a cost of \$50,000 in memory of her husband, the late Denis Horgan, who was prominent in the real estate business in that city for many years.

News From Ireland

Antrim.
The Most Rev. Dr. Tohill, Bishop of Down and Connor dedicated a new chapel of St. Anthony of Padua at the Convent of Mercy, Crumlin road, Belfast, on June 12. The chapel and cloisters are the gift of the Misses Hamill, Trench House and have been erected at a cost of \$10,000. The Hamill family have been generous benefactors of Catholic works in Belfast.

Carlow.
Messrs. Walter Kavanagh and Patrick Kinsella have been re-elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively of Carlow County Council.

Clare.
On Sunday, June 12, Rev. J. J. Smith, son of Philip Smith, merchant, Cavan, was ordained to the priesthood at Carlow College, by Most Rev. Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Wilconia. Father Smith intends to pursue his missionary labors in the diocese of Harrisburg, U. S.

Donegal.
A highly successful auction of the premises lately occupied by James Campbell Scariff, was carried out by Mr. Holland, auctioneer, recently, Edward Rodgers, merchant, being declared the purchaser at \$385 with fees.

Meath.
Messrs. James Dunlevy and Wm. Gallagher have been re-elected as chairman and vice-chairman respectively of Donegal County Council.

Galway.
The Most Rev. Dr. Healy has appointed the Very Rev. Dr. Higgins, President St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, P. P. of Cummarrin room of the late Rev. William McHugh.

Some 350 parents, men and women, in their picturesque native costumes, the majority of whom had journeyed from the Arran Islands, off the coast of Galway to Dublin, were despatched from North Wall to Glasgow by the last sailing of the Laird Line boats. They were all Gaelic speakers.

Kerry.
A fire occurred on the premises of Mr. O'Halloran, the Mall, Tralee, on the night of June 16, causing some considerable damage.

Kildare.
W. G. Doyle, a pupil of the Christian Brothers' Academy, at Athy has gained a King's scholarship for St. Patrick's College, Dublin.

Mayo.
During the progress of mass at the Cadamstown chapel, June 12, an elderly lady named Julia Horan, of Deepark, was taken suddenly ill and had only reached the gate when she fell and expired immediately. Rev. Father Cunningham, P. P. Kinnetty, who was celebrating the mass had the deceased immediately conveyed to her home.

Monaghan.
Married.—June 8, at Clonsilla Queen's county by the Rev. E. Cahill, S. J., Mungret College, Limerick, brother of the bridegroom, Patrick son of Patrick Cahill, Callow, Askeaton, County Limerick, to Mary B. daughter of the late Michael Walsh, Healy House, Rathfeale.

Monaghan.
Amid impressive scenes the remains of the late Rev. Mother Mary Camillus Fallos, of the Convent of Mercy, Urim, who passed away recently were laid to rest in the little cemetery adjoining the convent. The deceased religious, who came of a well known Westmeath family, had spent fifteen years in God's service and her death is greatly regretted.

The Sisters of Nazareth have just opened a branch house to their order in Melville Sligo. The Sisters have devoted their lives to the care of aged people rendered destitute and of boys whose parents are deceased and who are left exposed to all the temptations incidental to their helpless state.

Wick.
Died.—June 14, Thomas Farrell, Ballinwilling, aged 43 years.

Around The Globe

Rt. Rev. Bishop Fitzmaurice of Erie, was received in private audience by the Holy Father.

The sacerdotal silver jubilee of Very Rev. J. P. Cronin, V. G., of Louisville, Ky., was celebrated recently.

Things Catholic are progressing in Russia. Since the manifesto of October 20, 1905, writes a Russian correspondent of the Germania, a large number of Catholic papers have sprung up in the kingdom of Poland and the former Polish provinces.

When Bishop Barberi, Vicar Apostolic of Gibraltar, died recently the Protestant and Jewish communities were represented in the funeral cortege, which included the governor of Gibraltar and a large contingent of troops.

The Catholic University of America now has funds securely invested amounting to \$900,000. Official announcement to this effect was made last week by the rector, Mgr. Shahan on the occasion of the conferring of degrees.

At a recent meeting of the Hibernians of Philadelphia steps were taken to boom Joseph McLaughlin of that city for president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to succeed Matthew Cummings, of Boston, the present incumbent.

On July 11, Brother Hosca celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his entrance into the order of Christian Brothers. For the last thirty-five years he has been in California. He is now stationed at St. Mary's College, Oakland.

Two other brothers entered the order, one of whom, Brother Jerome, celebrated the diamond jubilee of his profession last month.

A decision of great interest to Catholics, especially in the State of Wisconsin, was handed down by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. In judicially declaring the Mass a charity and in partially overruling previous decisions of the court, a new rule of law is established for Masses. The case was on appeal from the Circuit Court of the county, which had declared invalid a provision of the will of James Kavanagh, whereby he left all his property for Masses for the repose of his soul and the souls of members of his family.

Among German Catholics attention is centering upon the preparations being made for the "Catholic Day" (Katholikentag) to be held in Augsburg, in Bavaria, next August. Begun in the revolutionary days of 1848-1849, they have been during the past sixty years a principal means of cementing the union of Catholics in Germany and of strengthening their courage and faith. Year after year they have grown in importance and enthusiasm, and the inhabitants of the city of Augsburg are already planning to make the present year's congress surpass all of its predecessors in imposing splendor.

The Rev. John F. Cummings, the oldest alumnus of Boston College and pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Roxford, Mass., was honored by the surviving members of his class, who presented to him a magnificent bronze tablet.

St. Mary's parish school, Sandusky, Ohio, erected at a cost of \$100,000 and which is one of the handsomest structures in the city was dedicated on June 19 by Bishop Farrelly of Cleveland.

Subscribers Notice
Our collector will call on subscribers in Genesee, Charlotte, Fairport, Gates, Geneva, Lyons, Macedon, Newark, and Palmyra.

Catholic Summer School

The closing July days have been very beautiful and full of interest. The Sunday masses were at the usual hours. The high school at 10 was celebrated by Rev. J. Sharkey of Buffalo. The masses at the mass was presided over by Rev. Daniel J. McCarthy, of St. Bernard's Church, Cobleskill.

The family gathering, usually an interesting feature of the opening of the week, Hon. Frank E. Gunnion presiding, introduced the first speaker of the evening, the Rev. D. J. McCarthy, who gave ten minutes of most interesting stories and impressions of the next number on the program was the treat of the evening, a beautiful rendition of the "Song from Madam Butterfly" by Zuckewer, following which the talented soprano sang an exquisite composition of Mr. C. W. Zuckewer which the latter had graciously dedicated to the summer school. Dr. John J. O'Connell was the next speaker of the evening. Dr. Cronin gave an interesting and amusing account of his impressions of the School of its patrons. The piano solo by Miss Elizabeth Walsh, of Brooklyn concluded the musical portion of the program, at which Rev. Robert Swickard, S. J., of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., lecturer of the week, spoke briefly of the past days spent at the school. Rev. D. J. Blakey, Acting President of the School, brought the evening's programme to a close with a short talk.

The Rev. Edward A. Pace, D. D., professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University, who has lectured the course on "The Philosophy of Education," conducted a course on Friday with a lecture on the "Qualifications of a Teacher."

The 11 o'clock hour during the week has been taken by the Rev. R. Swickard, S. J., who has given his general theme, "The Mass for religious liberty," to many Catholics.

The evening lectures of the week have been given by Johnnie H. Naughton of Brooklyn, Fine Arts lecturer at New Rochelle. The Poetry of Dr. Johnson was the theme of the evening recital on Thursday and Friday. These interesting readings were given by Mr. Albert E. Haney of Osceola, Wis.

The social gathering of the week had been well attended. Events of interest to the crowd present on the lawn grounds. On Thursday evening the Philadelphia College gave musical and recitation for the Rev. Mr. McGinnis, and Judge Joseph P. Conroy, Philadelphia. Dr. John J. O'Connell presided. Speeches were given by Rev. Mr. M. J. Lavin, of the revolutionary days of 1848-1849, they have been during the past sixty years a principal means of cementing the union of Catholics in Germany and of strengthening their courage and faith. Year after year they have grown in importance and enthusiasm, and the inhabitants of the city of Augsburg are already planning to make the present year's congress surpass all of its predecessors in imposing splendor.

The morning sessions of the week will be given by John T. Driscoll, S. J., N. Y. On Monday Miss Alma Gray of New York will give their recital on Tuesday and Friday Dr. McGinnis will preside. On Wednesday Peter's and the Apostles course in Education will be given by Rev. Mr. Wm. Turner, D. D., Philosophy at the Catholic University who will address general thesis the History of Education.

St. Mary's Hospital
The report of St. Mary's Hospital for the month of June shows that there was 123 patients in the hospital at that time during the month. 123 were discharged and 123 were admitted.