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A Marvel of Grace

A TRUE STORY

It was the mission time, and after my sermon I had come from the church to the rectory. As I passed the parlor I saw an elderly lady standing there alone, as if she wished to speak to someone. I addressed her and gave her a chair.

She was a woman whose kindly face bore an expression of serene content and mother-love; with the lines of past sorrow sweetened by religion. She was no longer young, but her bearing commanded profound respect and deference.

After a few commonplace remarks about the sermon, I waited for her to speak.

"When I hear of God's wonderful goodness to the world, Father," she said, "I cannot help reviewing the events of my own early life. They were so remarkable, so filled with Divine mercy, so unusual in their trend, that they were evidences of the purest goodness and love of God, and worthy of being recorded for the edification of the skeptical and the worldly. I want to tell you something about them. Have you time to listen?"

The address and language of this sweet old lady charmed me. I took a chair and bade her tell me her story; I was interested already.

She then mentioned she was a convert; her husband had only died recently. God had blessed them with thirteen children, all of whom had done well, and were faithful in their duty to God and to her.

"In all these long years, Father," she said, "my husband and I were lovers to the end. He never seemed to think I was growing old, and his courtesy and devotion were the light of my existence. When he died that light went out, and I, too, would have died were it not for my faith—that faith given to me through so much tribulation.

"I want to tell you, Father, I was the daughter of a Methodist Bishop, reared in strictness, and saturated with the Bible. I was well educated and given the best that the old-fashioned days could offer—in solid home training and academy instruction. Roman Catholics, however, and their creed, were the 'scarlet woman' of horror, in my mind—I knew none of them, and if I accidentally touched one, I felt contaminated. Bigotry in those days was more bitter than it is now.

"My life was happy and peaceful, and as I grew near twenty, I met my future husband. He was a young lawyer, one of our neighbors. He was bright, clean, ambitious, and my heart went out to him in answer to his love. Time we were married by my father, and no young couple ever began life with more enthusiasm and devotion than we did. I was willing to go anywhere, as long as he was at my side, and so I agreed—almost without a pang in the greatness of my love for him—to leave my home town, my family and my friends, and go to the West with him and his father's family to seek wealth and fame. His father, too, was a lawyer, and they were deeply affectionate and devoted to each other and to the new daughter-in-law.

"We were going to live on a ranch; and they had made negotiations, investing every penny they had in a perfectly beautiful and immensely fertile piece of land adjoining a flourishing town—the land that came up to the very door of an old-time adobe church—a Catholic church of course.

"And here the blunder was made that brought sorrow and misery and bitterness on our lives and threw us into poverty. How those two bright lawyers, my husband and his father, took such steps without acquiring the information necessary to their negotiations, is a mystery to every one to this day; but as it happened, I must believe it to have been one of the inscrutable dispensations of Providence.

"We took possession of the land, caring nothing for private

treason to my husband and his family to harbor a thought, even a curious thought—about a place of worship—especially this place which was bringing misery and trouble upon our young life. It was all useless. When my husband and the men would go to work, I would leave baby with its nurse, and walk quickly down the lane until I came to the church, I would look at it, walk around it, meeting no one; then one day I boldly opened the door and walked in.

"A cool silence filled the place. I saw nothing but a bright red star halfway to the ceiling at the upper end of the church. There was not a sound. I went on trembling. Near a portion that was raised off I saw one or two Indian women squatted on their heels, their hands clasped, their eyes fixed on a little door on a long white table hung with white linen. They never heeded me—never even turned their heads.

"I sat down on a bench and looked long at that door. And then, Father, a strange sweet peace came over my troubled spirit, an overpowering sense of the nearness of God like the touch of a strong and soothing hand. Father, I believed. I knew the Lord was there. In one instant the prejudices of years fell off like scales. All my life's traditions on the superstitions and idolatry of the Catholic Church fell away like ashes. A miracle had been wrought in me. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament had drawn my tired heart to His Divine Breast, and I was a Catholic—a believer in the Blessed Eucharist.

Continued next week

At The Eucharistic Congress
Among the 5,000, 122 bishops, and 3 Cardinals present at the Eucharistic Congress at Montreal this week were the following from Rochester diocese: Rt. Rev. Bishop Hickey, Mgr. Hendrick, Revs. J. P. Brophy, O'Brien, Eckel, Wm. Harrington, Day, Dougherty, Baierl, Kuntz, Curran, Eneas Muckel, Dr. Patter, Wirth, Nolan, Rev. Notebaret and others.

Next Big Event
Montreal, Sept. 10.—New Yorkers will have the unprecedented privilege of seeing three Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church together at the consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral, on October 6. Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, the Papal Legate to the Eucharistic Congress; Cardinal Logue, of Ireland, and Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, who are all here, have accepted invitations from Archbishop Farley to attend the ceremonies.

Bishop Hickey Names Diocesan Consultors
Announcement is made by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey that the diocesan consultors for the diocese of Rochester during the next three years will be as follows:

Very Rev. D. J. Curran, V. G., Corpus Christi, city.
Rev. J. J. Bloomer, Elmira
Rev. Dr. M. A. Nolan, chancellor and president of St. Andrew's Seminary.
Rev. S. FitzSimons, M.R., Lima
Rev. M. J. Hargather, St. Michael's church, city.
Rev. A. M. O'Neill, M.R., Immaculate Conception church, city.

The Temple.
Frank Fogarty, an Irish enterpriser is the headline attraction at Temple this week, Beatrice Ingram & Co., in a new comedy sketch "The Duchess." Fay, Two Coleys & Fay, a whirlwind of fun and frivolity; Natalie Aurie Dagwell in a cycle of historical songs; Zeno Jordan & Zeno introducing wonderful aerial feats; The Lessons in novelty juggling act; Karl wizard of the l-string instrument; Julius McVicker formerly with Jessie Bonstelle Co., & his company will play "A Couple of Cocktails" and the Moorscope complete the bill.

Great Congress Closed
The twenty-first Eucharistic Congress came to a glorious close last Sunday afternoon and according to His Eminence the Cardinal Legate it was the most important in the history of the Canadian Catholic Church everywhere throughout the world.

The congress was opened Tuesday in St. James's Cathedral in the presence of several hundred archbishops, bishops and priests, representing nearly every Catholic centre in civilization. Long before the Papal Legate, Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, left the palace of the archbishop of Montreal, accompanied by his suite, who were attired in the evening apparel of their rank as Papal Chamberlains, the streets leading to the Cathedral were jammed.

When the Legate reached the main entrance of the Cathedral he was met by Monsignor Bruchesi, the Archbishop of Montreal, and by other Church dignitaries and heads of religious Orders, who escorted him to a special throne, at which stood the Papal Chamberlains, Thomas Hughes Kelly, of New York, and M. de Marigny, of Montreal, attired in quaint garb of the Pontifical Orders, which they represent. Cardinal Logue occupied a second throne on the Epistle side of the sanctuary.

Unfortunately, the capacity of the Cathedral was miscalculated and hundreds who could have got in remained away, thinking that there would be a crush. As it was only thirty-five hundred persons assembled, and the edifice was not more than half filled, while nearly five thousand stood patiently at the entrances, under the impression that they were crowded out.

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Other dignitaries in the procession, over a hundred of whom passed the allotted span of three score years and ten, had to be assisted before the end of the route had been reached.

Although the procession itself went off without a hitch, there was many accidents reported along the route. Many enterprising citizens had built grand stands, small flimsy affairs, along the streets on which the procession was to pass.

Although they were all O.K. and passed upon by the building committee of the city several of them collapsed. Boys fell out of windows, and fences and telegraph poles and women fainted from the crush and heat, but there were no fatalities.

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Around The Globe

News From Ireland

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Rt. Rev. John B. H. V. Millet, permanent rector of St. Aloysius Church, Nashua, N. H., will be invested with the robes of a missionary during the first week of October.

Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, recently celebrated the silver jubilee of his consecration. In deference to his wishes there was no public observance of the happy event.

A priest in the person of Rev. Don Alonzo Lunardi who was also a member of the Municipal Council, has been elected mayor of Frasinaro, Northern Italy. However there is a law barring priests from holding the office and it is expected that the election will be annulled.

According to the Rome correspondent of the Catholic Times of Liverpool, the villa, erected in the Vatican Gardens by Pope Leo XIII, has been transformed from a summer residence into a structure which is destined for use as an observatory. Cardinal Meucci's intention being to make the papal observatory second to none in the world.

The remains of the famous abbey of the Dominicans in the town of Rhy, which was founded by Rannald de Blundeville in the twelfth century, was recently sold at auction. But little of the material structure remains, and that little has been incorporated in some farm buildings, while the about half a mile to the east of the castle.

With a view to waging warfare upon tuberculosis in Missouri, Gov. Hadley recently appointed a commission of fifteen persons, men and women, to make extensive investigations of tuberculosis in Missouri. The commission, headed by Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis, will begin its work at once, so as to be ready to report its findings to the Governor before the General Assembly convenes next January. Residents of St. Louis have contributed \$2,000 toward paying the traveling expenses of the commission. The members will receive no pay.

Zalulaid is a part of the viceroyalty of Natal which was established about sixty years ago and confided to the care of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. This immense apostolic territory has at least one million five hundred thousand inhabitants. Bishop Delesee, the viceroy, is assisted by sixty-five missionary priests and more than eight hundred sisters.

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While some men were engaged in excavating for a site for a new townland of St. John's Grange near Antrim, recently they came across a large quantity of what looks remarkably like gold ore. A sample has been submitted to a Government Department, and the report is awaited with anxiety.

It is officially announced that the Cunard steamers engaged in the mail service to and from New York which have hitherto sailed only at Fairhead on the same ward journey, will in future, with the exception of the *Despatch* and *Mauretania*, call at Queenstown and Plymouth, Ireland.

There has been some speculation that a specimen of Celtic Crosses of the kind known to the Rev. Dr. John MacDonagh, P. O., of the Blacklion, the supposed height over 9 ft. high. The Rev. Dr. MacDonagh is a member of the Celtic Crosses. It is said to be a representation of the cross of St. Patrick. The Rev. Dr. MacDonagh is a member of the Celtic Crosses. It is said to be a representation of the cross of St. Patrick. The Rev. Dr. MacDonagh is a member of the Celtic Crosses. It is said to be a representation of the cross of St. Patrick.

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