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A Marvel of Grace

Continued From last week

"It seemed to me that I could linger there forever, drinking in the comfort my thirsty soul was longing for. Troubles, heartaches, poverty, the pending law-suit, my husband's anger, my own bitterness—all—everything was swept away by the torrent of sweetness the Divine Presence poured into my soul. The red lamp shed its crimson glow on the motionless women, on the white altar, on my bowed head. I fell on my knees and my heart cried out, "My Lord and my God!"

She stopped; the tears had gathered in her eyes and my own heart had risen in a lump in my throat. Oh! the goodness, the yearning love of our dear Lord—I thought—but I said nothing. She continued:

"Father, do you not wonder that I say my conversion was a marvel? It began then and there forever. I left the church with the peace of faith singing in my heart. Secretly I hurried home my burdens lifted. Again and again, as the days passed, I returned. I learned to pray.

"But I did not dare to tell my husband and father-in-law. They were absorbed in their trouble. The litigation in the United States Courts was raging furiously and at home the words, Roman Church, priest, bishop, land and treaty, were sounding in terms of execration from morning till night. How could I dare to say that for weeks I had been daily visiting that church, and the altar where I firmly believed my God reposed day and night? How could I do it?"

"The suit ended, we were beaten and ejected.

"With money I had we managed to tide over the crisis, to get on our feet again, and life went on, while I speaking to no one, sought out the little church, and found my consolation, my peace, in kneeling before the altar—the altar of that religion whose minister I had heard had robbed us and driven us into the street. I could not think of it did not seem to trouble me there. The Lord himself held me in His arms, and spoke to me in the depths of my soul. "Daughter," He said, "I am thy God who dwells here on this altar, and My religion is the Catholic religion, and none other.

"I arose and went to my home a new joy in my heart. I had been taught by God Himself, and not a doubt remained. But the making known of my belief!

"Oh, Father, it was a long struggle—an agonizing struggle—between God's grace and my husband and father-in-law. They sought harder for my soul than they did for the ranch. I shudder when I look back at it all even now. I was forbidden, yes, hindered from approaching even that little church so dear to me. It seemed to suffer all that woman could suffer for her convictions, but my heart was so full of calm and peace that I bore it all with serenity, nay, gladness. Even my husband marveled for it was long and bitter. But, the Church won, even as she did in the legal suit, and in the end God shed the light of faith on my dear husband's soul and he abjured Protestantism and joined me. But, oh! it took such a time and prayer and patience and long suffering.

"All this time I had never spoken to a priest. At last I stole away, to San Francisco, found one, and was received into the Church. My husband followed. Our thirteen children have all been baptized. My life has had its share of trials, but my Faith, the heavenly comfort of my religion, has supported me all through, and will I know support me to the end. Tell me, Father, is not my story a marvel of grace?"

Her eyes were wet, her face glowed as she finished. She looked like one of the saints of old.

I felt like kneeling for her blessing—this holy woman in the world, whose life had been a beautiful record of God's lavish grace corresponded to amid the vicissitudes of the ordinary life.

She had done angel's work in the guise of common things. — Richard W. Alexander.

News From Ireland

Armagh.

Married: August 1, at Newry Cathedral, by Rev. Father Kerr, assisted by Rev. Father Doyle, Newry, Thomas, eldest son of Patrick Champion, 9 Union St., to Molloy, second daughter of James Vaughan, Balfour House, Portadown, Co. Down.

Our Lady Day a great Home Rule demonstration and parade organized by the A. O. H. and U. I. L. was held in the town of Arva and was attended by over 5,000 Nationalists from the counties of Cavan and Leitrim, while a large number of cattle grazed the proceedings with their presence.

Cont.

Queenstown Urban Council recently passed a resolution congratulating Mayor Gaynor on his recovery from the injuries sustained when he was shot recently.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, in the Catholic church, Schall, during the celebration of mass, an old woman named Bridget Whoolley, aged 75 years, was taken suddenly ill and almost immediately expired.

Derry.

A band of Orange hoodlums attacked the houses of several Catholics in Coleraine on the evening of August 15. Windows were smashed and a great deal of other damage was done, but as usual in such cases the police were away from the scene of Orange rowdiness, proclaiming peaceable meetings held under the auspices of the United Irish League and A. O. H.

Down.

Letterkenny was the scene of an immense muster of the Nationalists of Donegal on Aug. 6, under the auspices of the A. O. H. and the United Irish League. Stirling and patriotic speeches were made by Rev. J. McCafferty, Swift, McNeill, M. P., Philip O'Doherty, M. P., and others.

Down.

The solemn blessing and dedication of the new church at Mahonberry by the Most Rev. Dr. Tohill, Bishop of Down and Connor, took place on Sunday, Aug. 14. The church which is prettily situated in a sheltered nook on the hillside overlooking a picturesque valley, was crowded with devout worshippers, many of whom came from a long distance, the congregation being augmented by visitors from Belfast and Lisburn, who journeyed to Moira in a special train.

Ferriemagh.

An Erriskillen draper, Joseph Hackett, has had his name put above his shop in Irish. It is the first Irish sign to be seen in Erriskillen.

Kerry.

Died. — August 17, as the result of an accident, Timothy Mahoney, Boolteens, August 12. Mrs. Dillon, Ballyhennessy, Kilkenny.

The reception took place recently at the Mercy Convent, Lurgan, of Miss Hanra Byrne, Ballyfoyle, Kilkenny (in religion, Sister Mary Kieran.)

Leitrim.

The Rev. J. R. Kenny, Medina, O., and his brother, Rev. F. M. Kenny, D.D., Mohawk Hill, New York, have been visiting their parents and relatives in Aughavas and Carrigilla, County Leitrim.

Ulster.

Rev. Daniel Daly, pastor of the parish of Templeglantine, died on August 17.

Recently Hon. Myles O'Brien, of New York city, accompanied by Mrs. O'Brien paid a visit to his native town, Newcastle West, after an absence of over forty years.

Wicklow

Patrick Kearns, Ballinacree, Bannadrigg, aged 22 years, was

killed while drawing hay. He was driving a pony and cart, when the animal became restive and the cart overturned, with the result that Kearns had his neck broken.

Wexford

An immense number of people made the annual pilgrimage to Lady's Island, on Lady Day, Aug. 15.

Blessing Graves

Annual Ceremony Will Take Place Sunday Afternoon

Announcement has been made at the Cathedral and in all of the Catholic churches in the city that the annual ceremony of blessing of the graves will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at 3.30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25th. Bishop Hickey will be in charge, and all of the priests of the city and the students in St. Bernard's Seminary will participate.

This annual event should appeal to every Catholic, old and young, irrespective of whether they have relatives buried in Holy Sepulchre or not. It is but a simple act of Christian charity to offer up a prayer for the happy repose of the souls in purgatory but what a reward it may bring to him who performs it! Let us do for the souls in Purgatory what we would that those who come often may do for us when we depart this life.

Cardinal Logue of Ireland Visits Rochester

Cardinal Michael Logue, of Armagh, primate of all Ireland, is the guest of Bishop Thomas F. Hickey at his home, 15 Lake View park. The primate will remain here until Saturday and possibly over Sunday. Rev. D. J. Curran, V. G., of Corpus Christi church, went to Buffalo Thursday and accompanied the Cardinal's party to this city.

In the party, in addition to Cardinal Logue were Monsignor Michael Seagrave, B. T. Rev. Wm. Cassidy, P. P., Rev. Thomas O'Reilly, of Montreal, and Rev. Christopher O'Byrne, of Buffalo. They were received at the New York Central station by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, Rev. J. J. Hartley, Rev. M. J. Nolan and Rev. J. F. O'Hern.

Cardinal Logue and party took luncheon at Bishop Hickey's home. The Cardinal will remain there during his stay in the city while the remainder of the guests will be entertained at the residence in Frank St. in the rear of the Cathedral.

The noted Irish prelate occupies the see Armagh, which was once held by St. Patrick. He is on his way to attend the dedication of the New York Cathedral on October 5th. It is likely that he will remain in the city over Sunday, although this has not been determined.

Cardinal Logue visited Rochester two years ago, but remained here only two days. He desired to return here for another visit and took the opportunity while on his way from the Eucharistic Congress at Montreal to the New York ceremony.

Bishop Visits Dr. Lambert Newfoundland, N. J. — Rev. Dr. Louis A. Lambert, the venerable Scottsville priest, who is ill in the Idleace Sanitarium here, was reported to be much weaker this week.

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey of Rochester, was a guest at the Idleace Inn Monday evening, and called on Father Lambert. The bishop was the guest of Father McGuinness.

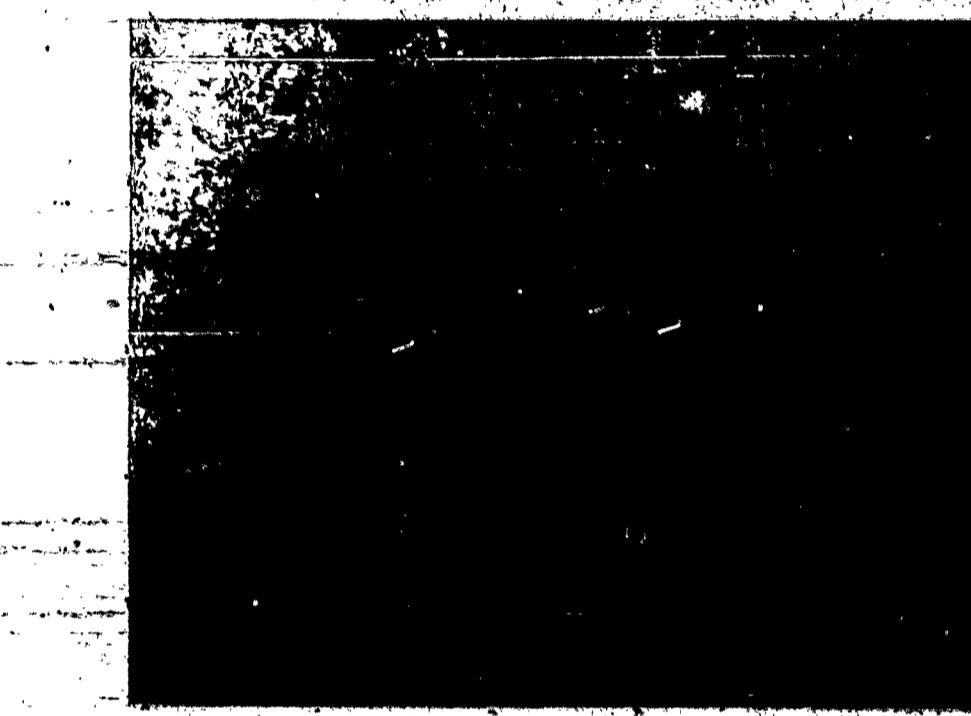
At no time since the beginning of his illness has Father Lambert lost control of his mental faculties, and he is able to converse with the friends who called to see him. One of his guests has been Rev. T. J. Malone, who came all the way from Denver to see him. Other visitors have been Father Eisler of Caledonia and Father Day of Rochester.

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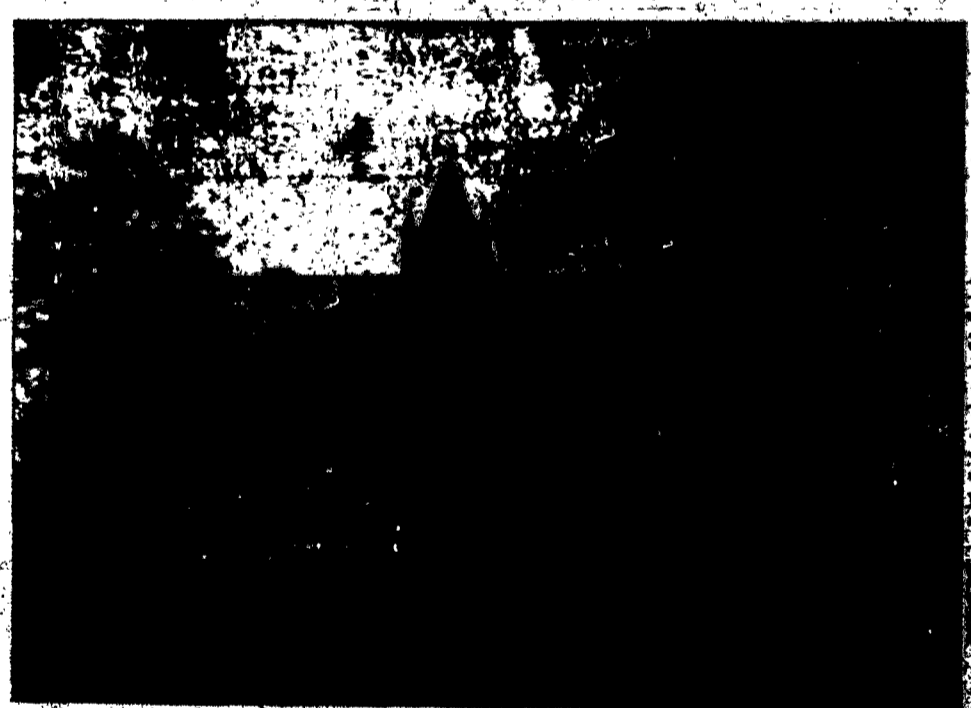
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Entrance to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



All Souls Chapel and Tower in Comstock.



St. Bernard's Seminary from which Procession Starts.

Letters from Catholic missionaries mention the death of Father Peter Wang, a Chinese Jesuit, in the eighth year of his age, and who had been a priest for fifty years. For forty years he was secretary of the Apostolic Vicariate of Nankin, during which time he collected and preserved every useful document in this department. Moreover, his literary works in his own language are considerable.

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Rev. Dr. John O'Reilly, chaplain of the Mississippi-Hoop, St. John, N. B., has been appointed chaplain also of the Catholic emigrants on the different steamers visiting St. John from Europe. His Lordship Bishop Casey has made a move inland Sandwich, Ont.

In Philadelphia Bishop Franz de Groot, at Overbrook, recently conferred minor orders on five converts from the Protestant Episcopal ministry, and sub-deacons on three others.

Pius X has honored Rt. Rev. Dr. Reville, O. S. A., Bishop of Sandhurst, Australia, by naming him Assistant Bishop at the Papal throne.

A new college is to be founded at Chatham, N. B., the Basilian Fathers, who have been invited to take charge of the institution, are to be sent from Europe. His Lordship Bishop Casey has made a move inland Sandwich, Ont.

The Cistercian monastery of Our Lady, founded at Yang-Kia, China, was established years ago by Bishop Delaplace, and has been kept up by the presence of his successor. It is one of the most beautiful of the kind in the border of Manchuria.

The French Academy recently conferred on the late Alexander LeRoy, former Apostolic of Gabon and now Superior-General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, the honor of being made a member of the Academy. He has contributed to the knowledge of the primitive life of the