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John Winter's Daughter

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"Come into the parlor," she whispered.

"Who is it?"

"Father Colton. He was with Mary when she died."

John Winter's face changed. He had felt much brighter and had meant to tell his wife so, and to suggest that, as the day was broken now, they should go in the country together.

His wife's tearful eyes and imploring manner grated upon him. He was not unfeeling—he could never cease to love Mary's memory—but he wanted to forget the horror of the past twelve months.

He controlled himself and entered the parlor. The missionary father, who rose at his entrance, was prematurely old, spare and white-haired. Hardships he had suffered had left their traces. His eyes were bright and his smile swift to come and go.

The missionary explained briefly. He was the bearer of a little package the Sisters had sent to Mr. and Mrs. Winter. He had left Dawson City as soon as the river was navigable, but had met with many delays en route. He told what he had come to say briefly, not too precipitately, and with a sympathetic grasp of the hand he bade farewell to his hosts.

After his departure the wife returned to the parlor with her husband. Together they opened out the package. It contained the crucifix that had hung by Sister Augustine's bed.

Summer passed; autumn brought its leaves to the ground, and the streets were taking on a festive appearance. Business was brisk and times prosperous. John Winter, benefited by the summer vacation, felt better than he had felt for years.

His nephew, Robert Deland, had just made his office a visit, and had told him of his engagement to "the dearest girl in the world." That was pleasant, John Winter had closed the street door after Robert and stood examining some boxes ready for shipping when this same door opened, and he turned suddenly.

"We have nothing for you this morning," he said.

His voice was gruff, almost harsh, as he took the step forward. His unwelcome visitors, the two Little Sisters, moved toward the door with murmured excuses. One was very young, and she did not lose any time. She returned to the sidewalk and awaited the older woman. Very pale, the latter walked to the doorstep. As she closed the door after her, her habit caught fast within it.

John Winter saw it. He gave a swift look toward the general office behind him. Apparently no one was watching. Several seconds passed while his gaze remained riveted upon the black cloth in the door, then, "Why erous note from his pocketbook, doesn't she open the door and take it out?" he murmured, and performed that office himself.

There stood the humble Sister mine, Robert Deland, whose mother upon the threshold, motionless, with eyes lowered and the color will be, too. She is now, indeed, stealing into her pale cheeks.

"Will you come back a moment madam?" he asked stiffly. The feeble eyes again sought the young Sister did not move, and pure young face. "How I felt," showed plainly her fright of him. He corrected himself.

She was not yet accustomed to the hardships exacted of her by you have done for me," he said her vocation. The entrapped Sister would have looked at Mary. "And other walked reluctantly behind you, too," he continued to the them. They stood holding their baskets within the sacred pre-will not remember anything about the private office.

He brought forward two chairs but as they declined them, he and he put on his hat and overstood also, and his eyes rested for the first time upon the younger Sister. Her innocent face in its noon," he said to the head book-keeper; then to himself he added:

"Why, she is only a child, a perfect child!" he exclaimed.

"She's twenty," the older Sister said.

"A perfect child," he repeated a look of pain crossing his face. "And you go out to beg," he said gently to the young Sister.

"How do you get the courage?" "It's for God," she answered timidly. "I haven't much courage," she added.

He smiled a little. "I beg your pardon for my rudeness," he said. "I let my only daughter become a Sister—she was very little older than you when she died." The younger Sister's mobile face encouraged him to go on. They let her nurse a horrible drunker miner up in Klondyke way up in Alaska, you know. She drank from a glass he used and died. I never understood the circumstances. I have always felt it was someone's carelessness, not hers. I never have been able to feel anything but aversion for Catholic religious orders since."

"You say your daughter died by her own mistake?" the older Sister now inquired.

"Yes, madam; at least, so they wrote us."

"Then it was no fault of the community that she died. Besides, she had given herself to God. What mattered it whether she went soon or late?"

"But what of us, her father and mother?"

"He that loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me." You know who said that. She died at her post. She might have died at home, or might have married and left you and died. Sir, I hope you will see this differently in time."

"What was your daughter's name?" the younger Sister asked softly.

"Mary—Mary Winter. They called her Sister Augustine."

"Oh, the young Sister cried, "was it Mary? I went to the school with her. Oh, sir, I know how you must feel to lose any one so beautiful and good as Mary."

The tears coursed down her cheeks. It was the needed human touch.

John Winter put out his arm as though he would caress her, but he remembered, and his hand fell to his side.

"What is your name?" he asked.

She told him. The name was one familiar indeed to his ears in the days of Mary's school days, he had never seen the owner of it. A mist obscured his sight, and he felt the old weakness, but the flush and the hatred had gone.

"Then you are not apathetic members of an apathetic system? You can feel for individuals?"

"Sir?"

He saw the puzzled look on the young Sister's clear brow. The older one understood, however.

"There are no abstractions in the religious life," she answered with impressive dignity. "As Christ hung on the cross to save mine, and would have hung there for you or for me alone, so each soul is dear to us in Him. The drunkard needed your daughter."

He raised his hand. The gesture stopped her. He was not angry, but he could not bear the thought her words implied.

"Wait, please." He took a general note from his pocketbook, and gave it to the older Sister. "My take it out?" he murmured, and performed that office himself.

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Around The Globe

The Very Rev. Wm. Klopfer, D. D., German Canadian Provincial of the Fathers of the Resurrection, has died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Ont., in his sixty-second year. As a young man he studied philosophy and theology in Rome.

The splendid St. Patrick's church, in Rome, will be dedicated on next St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Thomas H. Carter (Rep.), the only Catholic in the United States Senate, will be succeeded (according to the latest advices) by Thomas J. Walsh, (Dem.), a Catholic lawyer of Helena, Mont., who has won success as an anti-corporation lawyer.

The Rev. J. W. Casey, chaplain at Blackwell's Island, has been for some time past engaged in the good work of organizing a new branch of the Holy Name Society among the inmates of the institution under his care, and as a result, on Friday evening, January 6, four hundred of his men were received into the society and the occasion presented a most inspiring scene to all present, many delighted friends from all over the city being present to witness it.

The Archdiocese of Montreal has already two parishes of Poles, two Italian, and one of Greeks, and its cosmopolitan organization will shortly be increased by the establishment of a German parish. The subjects of the Kaiser think themselves in sufficient number in Montreal to have a church of their own, and the religious authorities, interviewed on the question, have agreed.

One of the foremost champions of Catholic interests in France is M. Jacques Pion, who has labored against anti-Catholic influences for many years past. Last month at the closing of the diocesan Congress of Besaucon, he counseled the Catholics to make use of all the rights guaranteed by the laws, in defense of religious liberty. He invited the Catholics to unite closely around the Pope and their Bishops as one of the strongest means of overcoming the anti-Christian aggressions of the times.

The Pope has received in private audience the Right Rev. Francis Gasquet, the abbot president of the English Benedictines. The abbot Gasquet is head of the commission appointed to revise the text of the Vulgate. He said that he expected to make a trip to the United States next summer, when he would deliver lectures on the revision of the Vulgate.

At the recent sale at Sir Thornely Stoker's the block on which Robert Emmet's head rested after the decapitation was sold for a small sum. When one remembers it was in this very street (Ely Place) that Robert Emmet wooed and won Sara Curran, daughter of John Philipott Curran, it seems a curious fate that this gruesome relic should be sold so near.

Someone has said: "The Catholic paper is an insurance policy on the faith of every member of the household." A Jesuit Father calls it "the catechism of the nineteenth century" and Leo XIII. has said it is, "a perpetual mission in every parish." From another writer: "The Catholic paper is the priest's assistant." Bishop von Ketefer intimates that if St. Paul should come to life he would publish a Catholic journal as a means of doing the most good.

Sir Robert Anderson, Mullaghmore, has been appointed high sheriff of the preference to an Englishman recommended by the consulting engineer, specially employed to examine candidates for the position.

News From Ireland

The Lisburn gas works, which have been controlled by a private company since their inception a good many years ago, have just become the absolute property of the Urban Council as representing the rate payers. The purchase money, by award, was fixed at over \$32,000.

Dr. G. R. M. Pattison, Rathfriland, has been elected medical officer for Ballyward dispensary district, Banbridge Union.

John H. Michael, of Florence Court, has been appointed High Sheriff of the County.

Major Hall, Knockbrack, Atheny, will represent Dublin Castle as High Sheriff of the County for 1911.

Major Leslie, of Tarbert House, Tarbert, has been appointed high sheriff for the year 1911.

Captain Denis Lyons, of Croom Castle's representative as sheriff of Limerick for the current year.

County Court Judge Law Smith was presented with white gloves on opening Limerick Quarter Sessions on January 4, and said he was now coming to regard these presentations as one of his privileges in the city.

Most Rev. Dr. Fennelly has appointed Rev. Thomas R. Power, vice-president of St. Patrick's College, Thurles, pastor of the parish of Galbally, rendered vacant by the death of the late Canon Ryan, and Vicar-Forane of the archdiocese.

Limerick Corporation has appointed Mr. Cloran of Galway, to the important position of electrical engineer.

While excavating by the roadside near Athboy recently, the County surveyor's men unearthed the remains of what are believed to be a well-developed man, and of middle age. The skeleton has apparently been a considerable period in the spot, probably thirty years, but how the body came to be buried by the roadside is not known.

A little boy named John Dillard, aged 10 years, whose parents reside at Durrow, Queen's county, met with a tragic death at Lisdowney, County Kilkenny, on Dec. 31, through the accidental discharge of a gun, which was in the hands of his cousin.

Late on the night of December 31, the motor garage and cycle repairing shop attached to John Brennan's premises, Church St., Strokestown were completely destroyed by fire. The damage, which is not covered by insurance includes the destruction of six new bicycles and a quantity of machinery and plants.

Frederick O'Hara, of Cultibar Coolaney, has been appointed high sheriff of the county for 1911.

Much regret was felt locally at the death, which has taken place at his residence, Seaview House, Corballa, Sligo, of Peter Gallagher, J.P. Deceased had reached his 72nd year.

Sister Mary Vincent Dowley, a native of Carrick-on-Suir, died on December 27, at St. Mary's Dominican Convent, Kingstown, Dublin, at the age of 88 years.

Sir John Keane, Cappoquin House, Cappoquin, has been appointed high sheriff of the county for 1911.

John Wilson of Streets has been appointed Sheriff of Westmeath for 1911.

Holy Name Suggestions

By C. H. McKenna, O. P.

In its February issue the Holy Name Journal has very valuable suggestions for all the Holy Name Societies of the United States. Coming from the venerable Apostle of the Holy Name, Father McKenna, O. P., who has given forty years of his life to the propagation of the Society, they deserve the serious attention of spiritual directors, both diocesan and local, as well as all Holy Name men.

The celebration of the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus Christ for the year 1911 has been entered upon the records of eternity. These are not open for our inspection, but who will gainsay that honor has been given to Him who bears the sacred Name by the hundreds of thousands of Holy Name men who approached the Sacraments on the Feast? The Church in the United States must be grateful to God for the blessing of the great organized movement of the Holy Name Society. It is a body and a movement that needs give no concern to the clergy because of its power and numbers, for the simple reason that it is a strictly religious society, absolutely under the guidance of spiritual directors throughout the length and breadth of the land, and we have included as one of the basic principles of the Society, that the local spiritual director has the final and decisive word in the government of the Society, and the diocesan director is supreme in matters pertaining to the Society.

The Holy Name Society, was made the great organized body that will successfully oppose Socialism.

The conquests of the Holy Name of Jesus for the year 1910 has been most encouraging, and we thank God to have lived to see the day that the army of the noble soldiers of the Name of God is numbered by the hundreds of thousands. Our age and our experience we hope will permit us to offer some few suggestions.

First, we may pray God that the close of the year 1911 will see a Holy Name Society in every parish of the United States. We ask the co-operation of all our devout laymen. If priests have any doubts about the power of good that a Holy Name Society can do in every parish, let them consult their brother priests whose Society is established.

Secondly, our saintly pontiff is urging the more frequent reception of the Sacraments. Let every Holy Name Society who goes to communion in a body only once in three months consider assuming the obligation of approaching the Sacraments in a body once a month. Local spiritual directors know their duty of asking individuals to receive Holy Communion very frequently.

Thirdly, we recommend Lenten abstinence from football, and other men from the Holy Name Society. Many Holy Name men approach regularly the Sacraments but are negligent about attending the meetings of the Society. Expulsion in these should be rarely if ever restored. Think out the means to bring the men to the meetings and let us be using in our persevering efforts, but so long as men go to the Sacraments, let us thank God that we have been able to do so much.

Fourthly, we urge Holy Name men, especially workmen, to keep out of drinking places on Saturday afternoon and evening. It is then that the greater part of the week's wages is often spent if men must drink, let them drink in their homes.

Fifthly, we ask every Holy Name man in the United States to withdraw his support from the daily newspapers of the city which are indecent or immoral and unfit to put in the hands of our growing boys and girls. If the Society in every part of the country starts a crusade against yellow journalism, and if

the co-operation of the Society has invited the far-reaching influence of the editors and publishers of papers respect the Catholic religion.

Sixthly, how many poor there are who buy daily two pages of the secular press means more than ten dollars the year. Ask these men to subscribe two or two and a half dollars for a weekly Catholic paper and thousands of Catholics will be believing the truth, will say, "I can see it." Unhappily, many Catholics weekly papers own cities or dioceses, even at a sacrifice, but terminate to take any paper, or to do without a day later of the daily paper than not subscribe to the Catholic weekly paper.

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