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An Idyl of Natal

Continued from last week.

"She always seemed to me," said, "to be one of those imperious natures which only the Catholic Church can tame. Naturally rebels and leaders of revolt, they can acknowledge but one Master and bow only to an authority which is legitimately exercised."

Wilmot turned thoughtfully to me and said, "That is so, but the Church masters us all." His tall figure and clear-cut face, bronzed with the southern sun, gave him that appearance of manly beauty and strength that drew admiring eyes everywhere he went.

"Well," Mrs. Palliser went on, "we have been interested in her before her conversion. Now that she is becoming a Catholic, let us take her by the hand and make her feel at home."

"Of course, of course," we all echoed.

A few days later Louise Merrier was received into the Church. Winifred Palliser and I standing as sponsors. She soon became a regular member of our little circle, and we all grew to like her more and more. The brilliancy of her conversation, the depth and range of her reading, added immeasurably to the fund of our enjoyment. We soon began to notice, however, that at any of our gatherings Stanislaus and she found themselves together and detached from the rest of the party. Two such strong natures attracted each other, and a hope unspoken sprang in some of our hearts that they might love each other and have the high happiness which comes from a marriage of kindred souls.

Wilmot and I had roomed in the same house and it was not without a certain pang that I noticed that I no longer got the share of his time I had had in other days. Many a walk and many a talk we used to have along the lovely roads that lead out of Durban over the Beres; but now, oftener and oftener, he and Louise met and I could see the glad light coming into his eyes and an immeasurable hope. He spoke little at first, but one evening he unbosomed himself to me and told me that he loved her.

"I love her dearly, John, and would give my life to make her happy. I know my strength and how to use it, but I sometimes ask myself if I am strong enough to cherish her and protect her as such a woman needs."

"I know your thought," I replied, "but the stronger the nature of the woman, the greater the victory of your love, and the sweeter the surrender. I shall be unselfish enough to wish you success with all my heart. I shall lose you I suppose, but not altogether. If you marry I shall again another friend."

"My dear old fellow, no matter what may happen," he answered, "we are friends always. Nothing can change that."

I said nothing, but we clasped hands silently.

The members of our little group were not long in noticing the romance that was being enacted in their midst. We were all anxious for the outcome, but knew that with two such characters the best was sure to happen.

We felt that with them two the will of God would be perfectly obeyed.

Mrs. Palliser, like many motherly women, was somewhat of a matchmaker, and at her house, where we often met, Louise found true womanly counsel and help. It was sincerely Winifred's hope that Louise would accept Stanislaus if he proposed, and too tactful to force him upon her in any way, she yet served his cause as only such dear women know how to do.

The intercourse of a few weeks lengthened into months and none of us could get a clue as to what was going to happen. I felt, as all true friends feel, that a great crisis was coming in the life of Stanislaus, but by no unwary word did I invade the sanctuary of his being. I knew, thoroughbred as he was, he would come through as a man should, but I

somehow wondered at what I thought a long delay.

At last she came, but not quite what any of us expected, except perhaps dear Edith, who seemed to be in the secrets of the heavenly ones.

One Saturday night I came in rather tired and had sunk into an easy chair beside my open window, when the familiar knock and step of Wilmot were heard at my door. He entered and I noticed the lines drawn a little sharper on his face, and a more thoughtful look in his deep clear eyes. "I want to tell you something, John," he said quickly.

"What is it Stan?" I asked. "Is all well?"

"All is well," he answered gravely, "because all that God does is well." I said nothing, but let him speak on. "I went to confession, this afternoon as usual," he continued, "and went up to Our Lady's Altar to say my thanksgiving and penance. When I came away I took the main aisle of the church, and about midway down I saw Louise kneeling. She beckoned to me and as I bent down beside her, she said: 'I have decided to enter a convent. Won't you congratulate me?'"

"For an instant, one of those moments that seem eternal, I hesitated, but it had to come. I knelt beside her, took her offered hand and said: 'Of course I do, with all my heart,' and came away. So, dear John, ended my romance. You know how I loved her, but I cannot grudge her to God. Fiat voluntas est."

I rose as he ended and laid my hand upon his shoulder with my head bent. "Amen" was all I could reply.

The next day our little group, indeed the whole parish, had the news. When we met again Louise was with us. We all felt subdued but happy, and she happiest of all.

A few days afterward we saw her off at the railway station, when she left for the convent of the order she had elected to enter. That was the last some of us ever saw of her.

A few months later, however, in the course of my duty as a government official, I had to visit a garrison in Northern Natal. I had to stay over Sunday and went to Mass at the little convent on the hilltop overlooking the town. I was leaving the church when a voice, somehow familiar, called out my name. I turned and saw Sister Louise with outstretched hand coming toward me. She was in her novice garb and looked serene and happy beyond words. She told me it was so with her, and she gave me all sorts of loving messages for the dear people in Durban. When I returned there I told them and told Stanislaus. He was glad to hear of her. "We may never meet again in this life," he said, "but in the resurrection, John, they never marry nor are given in marriage, but are even as the angels."

All this happened a few years ago and this little band of friends have scattered. One, dear Margaret Brougham, whose name I have only mentioned, has gone to her long home. She died a happy death after a long illness borne with exquisite patience and submission. She awaits us behind the veil. Frank and Edith are married. I was godfather to their first little child, a boy, and in my lonely bachelorhood I find delight in his baby ways. But the chiefest treasure of my life is the love of Stanislaus Wilmot. "Thy love to me was wonderful, surpassing the love of woman."

I got his permission to tell this story and I had just laid down the pen awhile when he entered my room. "Come out for a walk to the Urngeni and let us talk over old times," he said. I rose, and we soon swung with measured stride to where the gem-decked valley shimmered in the blue and silver of the southern night. Robert Francis Wilson in the Magnificat.

Your Eyes

Do not neglect your eyes. Have them examined and in case you need glasses have them supplied and fitted by the Briggs Optical Co., 223 Mercantile Bldg., whose reliable work and reasonable prices meet with the approval of all.

News From Ireland

Armagh.

John Ealer, a respected farmer residing at Cross, Moorefields, died suddenly on April 26.

Armagh.

Married.—At St. Monica's church, Camlough, by Rev. Joseph Devine, C. C., brother of the bridegroom, Bernard Devine, merchant, Strabane, son of the late Patrick Devine, Strabane, to Miss Christana Kane, youngest daughter of David Kane of Camlough.

Carlow.

W. H. Burgess, Ballycormick, has been elected rate collector for the Bagnalstown district by Carlow County Council.

Cavan.

The work of erecting a new church at Mullaboran has been started, and when completed will be dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Clara.

The death of Sister Mary Dympe Kelly, took place recently at the Convent of Mercy, Ennis. The deceased nun, who was the daughter of James Kelly, Clenagh Castle, Newmarket-on-Fergus, made her profession in religion a little more than seven years ago. Since then the greater part of her community life was spent in the Sacred Heart hospital, Ennis.

Cork.

Henry Robert Burke, formerly of Lota Park, Glanmire, County Cork, who died on December 24 last, aged 63 years, son of the late Edmund L. Burke left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £76,853.

Derry.

Died.—April 30, Robert William, youngest son of the late Charles Elliott.—May 2, at Ballyare, Ramelton, James Ewing, aged 85 years, father of Dan Ewing, cattle-dealer.

Donegal.

The Order of the De LaSalle Brothers have established a school in Ballyshannon.

Dublin.

On May 1, the Priors of the various Dominican communities in Ireland met in Dublin for the purpose of appointing a Provincial for the ensuing year. The result was the re-election of the Very Rev. Mr. O'Kane, O. P. St. Saviour's Priory, Dublin.

Fermanagh.

The death has taken place of John McMahon, Knocknagross, Roslea, at the age of 57 years. Deceased was a prominent member of the Rural District Council, and was highly esteemed by all classes.

Kerry.

An inquest was held at Clahaneade, Castlegregory, on April 30, touching the death of John Dwyer, whose death occurred as a result of injuries received through being crushed by a horse and car he was driving.

Kildare.

Miss Gannon, Castlemitchell, has been elected district nurse in Castledermot by Athy Guardians.

Kings.

E. J. Graham, Clerk of Tullamore Union for the past 20 years has resigned his position.

Lettin.

Mrs. John Gallen, Manorbhamilton, died on April 26.

Limerick.

Considerable damage was done by a fire which occurred in Staehl's premises in Cecil street Limerick on April 30th.

Longford.

Much regret was caused by the death of Robert B. Shaw, which took place at Rath Lodge Longford on April 29. The deceased was a popular figure in County Longford and adjoining counties.

Mayo.

The death occurred at Glenhest Newport, recently of Mrs. Mary McCormack, relict of the late Martin McCormack, Balytigue, in her 106th year.

Catholic News Notes

Rt. Rev. Bishop Metz of Denver, sails for Rome on July 3. He will be in the Eternal City from the 20th to the 26th.

Rev. Robert E. Kenna, S. J., formerly president of Santa Clara College, Cal., and the most prominent Catholic educator of the Pacific coast, died in San Francisco last week after an illness of several months.

Last Sunday, Rt. Rev. Bishop Ryan of Alton, dedicated the fine church of St. Rose, at Quincy, Ill.

Rev. Joseph Kraemer, for the past twelve years assistant pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Kalamazoo, Mich., died last week while returning from a four-months' trip in Europe and the Holy Land.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Hartley of Columbus, Ohio, has issued a pastoral letter on vocations to the priesthood. The collections for the students of the diocese in 1914 amounted to \$5,404.61.

On Memorial Day, May 30th, a tablet commemorative of the First Mass celebrated in New York City, and erected on the wall of the custom house, which is on the original spot, was unveiled.

In New Haven, Conn., the home of Yale University, Bishop Nilan the other day laid the corner stone of a new \$75,000 church that is being built by the Polish Catholics. There are now fifteen Catholic parishes in New Haven.

During the week's mission for men conducted by the Jesuit Fathers at the Cathedral in Indianapolis, Ind., 2,000 men received Holy Communion.

The parishioners of the Minneapolis pro-Cathedral desired to present Father Cullen, their pastor, with a \$3,000 automobile, but he would not accept it, recommending that the sum be given for the completion of the pro-Cathedral.

The cornerstone of the magnificent new Cathedral of Buffalo was laid with solemn services last Sunday. A general parade of members of the various parishes of the diocese was held in connection with the ceremony. The sermon was preached by Archbishop John James Keane of Dubuque.

Rev. Dr. William Demony, recently assistant at St. Peter's Church, Montgomery, Ala., has been named secretary to the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, according to announcement received at the bishopric.

In New York, Father Henry, director of the Holy Rosary Mission, gathered together the Irish survivors of the Titanic. About 80 of the 40 Irish exiles responded to his invitation and were generally entertained by him and his assistant.

Rev. Dean Wermers, for sixteen years pastor of St. Joseph Church, Detroit, Mich., has resigned from active ministry, on account of his advancing years.

In a letter read in all the churches of the diocese, Bishop Schrems, of Toledo, O., announced that he soon expects to visit Rome, to offer to the Holy Father the Peter Pence Collection of the new See.

Cardinal Farley consecrated the 150x70 feet marble and steel church of the Immaculate Conception at Tuckahee, N. Y. It is valued at \$175,000.

Mother Katharine Drexel has built a large Indian school at St. Michael's Arizona, caring for 200 Indian children.

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Ordination Services

at St. Patrick's Cathedral

At St. Patrick's Cathedral Saturday morning twenty young men, graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary, were ordained to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, D.D., coadjutor bishop of Ogdensburg. Twenty-one juniors of the seminary were elevated to the subdiaconate.

The sanctuary was decorated with palms and flowers for the occasion and the church was completely filled when the procession of students from both seminaries, headed by acolytes and cross bearers, entered the church for the ceremonies.

The candidates for the priesthood were dressed in the white alb, surplice and stole, carrying on the left arm the chasuble with which they were to be invested. Rev. J. F. Goggin, D. D., was master of ceremonies and Bishop Conroy was attended by Very Rev. J. J. Hartley, D. D., rector of the seminary, and Rev. J. F. O'Hern, rector of the Cathedral. Rt. Rev. J. M. Lynch of Utica and many clergymen of the diocese of Rochester and other dioceses were present in the sanctuary. Bishop Hickey occupied the throne.

Bishop Conroy celebrated a low mass, and at the appointed time the young men prostrated themselves before the altar, while the litany of the Saints was chanted by the sanctuary choir, each having been called forward to answer to his name and indicate his willingness to accept the heavy responsibility of ordination. After their ordination the young priests joined in the celebration of the mass, each being assisted by a fellow priest at his side. At the close each one came forward and received the kiss of peace from the ordaining prelate and promised obedience and reverence to his own bishop. All joined in singing the "Holy God" and the parents and relatives came to the altar rail to receive the first blessings of the newly ordained.

The list of those ordained to the priesthood are as follows:

John J. Baker, city; David Arthur Coughlin, Buffalo; Theodor Driscoll, Syracuse; Thomas J. Farley, Mobile; Francis Edward Gilbert, Zephyrinus Jutra, James Robert McClure, Ogdensburg; John Joseph McCarty, Syracuse; John Messier, Springfield; Matthew Swenney, Ogdensburg; Joseph Curtin, George Walter Doud, Adolph F. Edelman, Michael B. Groden, Rochester; Philip H. Hildebrand, Buffalo; Victor John Hurley, Charles Edward Muckie, Jas. Edward Napier, Jas. Martin O'Brien, Charles Francis Shay, Rochester.

Jesuit Discoveries

It was a Jesuit missionary, Father Marcel de Esperance, who discovered the rubber tree. He found it while on one of his apostolic journeys among the Camba Indians of South America, and gave it the singular name of the seringueira, because he remarked that the sap used the sap of this tree, which hardens quickly, to make rude bottles that were shaped like a syringe. The rubber-seeker's camp is still called a seringal, and the workers are known as seringueiros.

Weekly Church Calendar

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

G. The Lost Sheep, Luke 15

S 16—St. John Francis Regis

M 17—St. Adolph

T 18—St. Mark

W 19—St. Gervais

T 20—St. Florentine

F 21—St. Aloysius

S 22—St. Paulinus

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Catholic Seminars

School

The following is the schedule of lectures for 1915:

Week of July 1. Two lectures by Rev. J. J. Conroy, D.D., on the history of the Catholic Church in America.

Week of July 8. Three lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "American English Literature."

Week of July 15. Two lectures by James A. Rooney, S. J., of Brooklyn, N. Y., on "The Monastic Arts." Two lectures by Miss Virginia G. Conroy, of New Rochelle, N. Y., on "The Education of Women."

Week of July 22. Two lectures by Henry H. D. D., of New York City, on "The Development of the English Language."

Week of July 29. Two lectures by the Rev. Francis J. O'Hern, S. J., of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on "The English Composition Lectures by the Rev. S. T. D., of the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., on "The Development of the Church."

Week of August 5. Five lectures by the Rev. Francis J. O'Hern, S. J., of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on "The History of the English Language."

Week of August 12. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of August 19. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of August 26. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of September 2. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of September 9. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of September 16. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of September 23. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of September 30. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of October 7. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of October 14. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of October 21. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of October 28. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of November 4. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of November 11. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of November 18. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

Week of November 25. Two lectures by the Rev. Wm. Martin, S. J., of New York City, on "The History of the English Language."

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