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In Honor of San Roque

Continued from last week

But, alas, what a baffling thing occurred! When Toni passed into the sacristy to fulfill his responsible duty of getting San Roque—lo, San Roque was nowhere to be found! Toni did not know what to make of it. He hunted high and low—everywhere—not knowing that a few weeks before dear Padre Sebastian had gazed disconsolately at the statue which had done service through many years, and which was now, to speak in all reverence, somewhat the worse for wear. The paint had been badly rubbed off here and there. And indeed poor San Roque was not without scars received from a fall during one of the earthquakes on the island. His sad estate decided the good priest to send his dear San Roque to Manila that he might be repaired, made new, clean and bright, a truly glorious San Roque—ready for the next procession. Alas, he had not come in time now when he was so much needed.

It would have been some consolation to Toni if he had known the reason for San Roque's absence. Not knowing, he had disconsolately gone to Manuel to beseech the disappearance. What was to be done? Vainly the brothers conferred about it. No San Roque for the procession in his honor tomorrow afternoon! Plenty of flowers, candles, banners, but no blessed patron to grace the ranks! Most unfortunate! The brothers fretted about it nearly the whole evening.

In the morning Manuel's inspiration came. It occurred when he was dusting before breakfast. There in Mrs. Allen's little parlor stood a small, exquisitely molded silver statue of none other than St. Patrick. It was a rare piece which Mrs. Allen, a great collector of precious things, had picked up in Ireland. One day in talking to Padre Sebastian she remembered that it was in one of the trunks she had with her. She had been telling the priest how the Protestants claim St. Patrick, and how she had acquired this rare statue. Since that day it had stood upon a shelf in her parlor.

Manuel had likely noticed it but casually on other mornings. Today it fairly shone before his vision. Manuel was by no means a scholar in the lives of saints. In fact San Roque was one of the few of whom he knew much. And now the simple intellect of this little man did not pause for reflection, for speculation over that silver saint's identity. Might it not be San Roque? If not, would it not serve? The thought had burned so into his heart that straightway his desire drove out any doubts about the figure's identity. The main point was—could he contrive to get it for the procession that afternoon?

The idea of asking Mrs. Allen for it dimly presented itself only to be dismissed. Manuel's half-tortured mind had apprehended that Mrs. Allen, kind as she was, and a friend of the Padre, was different from the Padre—she did not always go to church on Sunday. No, he would not ask her—she might refuse—and Manuel was determined to have at least something that looked like San Roque in the great procession that afternoon.

So keen was his desire that he was overjoyed when the Aliens announced that they were going out for the morning and perhaps the early afternoon. The little statue would not be missed. He could take it and bring it back, and Mrs. Allen would not know it had ever been gone.

Thus it was that afternoon that St. Patrick led San Roque's procession—all for the sake of warding off the plague from the beloved Padre; for driving it away if it had already come.

But alas for Manuel's duplicity! That afternoon the path of the procession led past Mrs. Allen's home. Fascinated always by the

local customs when she and her daughter heard the little bells and the chanting, they drew near to the little window. Two-by-two the picturesque strange figures of the Filipinos filed past, murmuring prayers and chanting hymns. The lights and the flowers came. And at last, came blessed San Roque's blessed substitute. Mrs. Allen looked forth and Alice gazed, held by the whole scene. And then a sense of something familiar flashed over the former.

"Alice," she whispered, "Alice is not that my St. Patrick?" Alice looked, turned hastily into the room, sought the place where St. Patrick had been standing. "He certainly is not here! she exclaimed. But meantime Manuel was passing with bent head and a grave expression on his child-like face.

"Of all things!" exclaimed Alice. Manuel had asked leave for the afternoon; he would not be back till morning.

Till then there would be no chance to interrogate him. But in the morning when the family assembled at breakfast, there was St. Patrick, august and serene in the parlor as usual.

"You can't scold him," Alice had said to her mother during one of Manuel's momentary absences from the dining room. "Surely not," answered Mrs. Allen, "but I shall at least feel justified in inquiring."

"What was going on yesterday Manuel; you had a procession?" she asked.

Manuel paused and his brown eyes glowed.

"Yes, for San Roque. And look, a miracle! Padre Sebastian's well-to-day! He up! Toni run round just now to tell. Maybe he come see you today."

Manuel's heart, beating quickly out in the kitchen, would have been comforted had it known that Mrs. Allen, far from being cross with him, was taking a sweet secret satisfaction out of yesterday's incident wherein her little statue had figured so prominently. Evidently San Roque was understood. The Padre was well.

He came in that afternoon, as Manuel had prophesied.

"Ah, Padre, we are glad to have you well again," Mrs. Allen and Alice exclaimed as they welcomed him, and the latter added: "Was it really San Roque that helped you?"

"Yes, surely," answered the elderly priest, smiling, "but what a pity my children had to march without San Roque," and then he told of San Roque's whereabouts.

Manuel and the others had evidently kept discreet silence about the patron of another far country who had done kind duty for the island's special—if absent—patron. The Padre was deeply moved as he listened to the tale of the proxy saint. Tenderness for his trusting and loving children alternated with a gently amused expression in his eyes.

"So then I must say a prayer of thanksgiving in honor of your San Patricio, as well as our San Roque?" he said at last.

Mrs. Allen looked up at him. "Don't you think your San Roque owes me something for what our St. Patrick did for you?" she asked.

"Why yes, surely," assented the Padre, "for what shall I ask him?"

"Perhaps for the gift of faith you have mentioned—one as trusting as that of your little brown children," she half sobbed.

"God bless you, my child," he murmured, as he laid his thin hand on her head.

San Roque evidently had understood.—Anna B. McGill, in Extension.

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News From Ireland

Alexander.
A band of Orange ruffians attacked a number of Sisters of the Sacred Heart and their young pupils from Lisburn School during an excursion on June 25.

Derry.
The following were recently ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Cloyne: Revs. Michael Harrington, James Cotter, Thomas O'Hanlon, and John O'Hanlon. For the Diocese of Cork, Revs. Patrick McSweeney, John Bernard, Denis Aherne and Patrick Calahane.

Derry.
Married—June 19, at St. Columba's, Waterside, Derry, by the Rev. Father Quigley, C. C., assisted by the Rev. Father Bradley, Govan, Glasgow (cousin of the bride), William, second son of Hugh Murray, Ardabrook, Waterside, to Sarah O'Donnell, niece of Patrick Brogan, Carrickmore, St. Johnston.

Dublin.
The death took place in the Mater hospital, Dublin, of Mrs. Byrne, of 16 Great Western Square, who sustained serious injuries through her clothes catching afire.

Dublin.
Married—June 24, at the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, Francis St., by the Rev. Father Coffey, C. C., Alexander, third son of James McGuirk, Chester Lodge, Chester road, Ranelagh, to Annie, third eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick King, 10 Upper Kevin street, Dublin.

Galway.
Patrick Walsh, Oughterard, has been elected rate collector by Galway County Council.

Kerry.
Dr. Daniel O'Sullivan has been elected medical officer of the District Hospital.

Lisowel Union.
Miss Mary B. Stack has been appointed school teacher in Lisowel Union.

Limerick.
Among those ordained to the priesthood in All Hallows College, Dublin, on June 23, was the Rev. Charles Mulahy, son of William Mulahy, Tralee. This is the second son Mr. Mulahy has given to the Church. Amongst those also ordained in Maynooth were the Rev. Timothy Cronin, B.A., and Rev. G. O'Leary, who belong to the Kerry diocese.

Limerick.
The death took place on June 26 at the home of his mother, Lisnatullagh, of Rev. Edward J. Dolan, the curate at Chapelizod, County Dublin.

Longford.
The following were ordained to the priesthood in Maynooth recently for the Limerick diocese: Revs. Patrick Ruddle, Wm. O'Sullivan and Michael O'Brien.

Louth.
The following were ordained to the priesthood in Maynooth on June 23 for the Ardsagh diocese: Rev. Edward McCormack, John Lee and Peter Kelly.

Louth.
Out of five candidates Mr. Johnston was elected by Louth County Council as rate collector for the electoral division of Ballymascanlon and Fairhart.

Meath.
At Maynooth, on June 23, the following were ordained to the priesthood for the diocese of Meath: Revs. Robert Callary, Wm. Cooney and Maurice Weymes.

Tipperary.
At the Presentation Convent, Fathard, Miss Katie Russell (in religion Sister M. Paul), fourth daughter of the late Michael Russell of Ballyduan, Thurles, was solemnly professed and received into the Presentation Order, Fethard.

Waterford.
The Very Rev. Father Kenny, O. P., St. Saviour's, Waterford, is being transferred to the Dominican church, Newry.

Wexford.
The death has occurred at the Convent of Mercy, New Rose, of Sister Mary Cecilia Brody in the nineteenth year of her religious life.

Catholic News Notes

The state convention of the C. M. S. A. of New York will be held at Niagara Falls in August. The order has about 100,000 members.

The "Good Friday" collection for the Holy Land in the diocese of the United States, this year amounted to \$25,710.79.

The Holy Family Hospital, LaPorte, Ind., and St. Joseph Orphan Asylum for boys at Lafayette, are the residuary beneficiaries in the will of the late Rev. Anthony Massman.

The Socialists of Columbus, O., through their secretary, F. E. Lederhaus, have mailed a protest to the city council against the selection of Herman L. Root, a jeweler, as a member of the local school board on the ground that he is interested in parochial schools. Mr. Root is a member of the German Lutheran church, and sends his children to a Lutheran school.

The Mother-General of the Sisters of Notre-Dame has extended until 1916, the time when the Sisters of the Congregation may continue teaching boys' classes in schools.

The beautiful new building recently erected at St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, O., by Sister Eulalia Wehrle, O. S. D., in memory of her parents, has been blessed by Bishop Hartley.

The Central American diplomats in Washington are all Catholics.

Miss Clara Hill, of St. Paul, Minn., daughter of James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, has taken out a permit to erect a concrete and brick convent, costing \$110,000. This will be a gift from Miss Hill to the Visitation Sisters, from whom she received her education.

The fifth annual convention of the German Catholic Verein will be held in Toledo, O., September 15 to 18.

In Crookstown, Minn., recently, the cornerstone of the new Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was laid by Rt. Rev. Timothy Corbett, Bishop of that see.

Cardinal Gibbons will journey West next September to dedicate the new Cathedral of Wichita, in Kansas. The dedication is fixed for September 19. Archbishop Ireland will deliver the discourse.

Sister Isabella of the Little Sisters of the Poor celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of her entrance into religion at Louisville. The venerable nun is now 86 years of age and blind.

Of the seventeen young men who were graduated from Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J., fourteen are to return to the institution next fall and enter the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception to study for the priesthood.

Bishop Hanlon, Vicar Apostolic of the Upper Nile, is an invalid in Rome.

At Erl in Tyrol, a Passion Play similar to the Oberammergau, will be played during the Eucharistic Congress.

The Belgian Senate is now composed of 70 Catholics, 38 Liberals, and 12 Socialists, giving the Catholic Government a majority of 20.

The parish of Castlebar, Ireland, has the honor of supplying three bishops to the Church—the Most Rev. Dr. Higgins, auxiliary Bishop of Tuam; the Most Rev. Dr. Gilman, Bishop of Clonfert, and the Most Rev. Dr. Ladd, Bishop of Syracuse, U. S. A.

Catholic Summer School

The annual golf tournament for the McCall Challenge Cup began at the Catholic Summer school during the past week with more than fifty players for the opening round. During the preliminary competition sixteen successful high scores were chosen and these will continue in an elimination contest until the winner is determined. It was first thought that Dr. Canine, W. Zickwer, the present H.C. holder, the trophy would be unable to compete owing to the painful injury suffered on the links with the opening of the contest, however, Dr. Canine made good his entry and among the successful players for the finals, George Temple, Harry A. Linton, of New York; William A. Carr, of New York; N. J.; and Dr. O'Donogherty of Brooklyn.

Among those closely following Zickwer for the laurels were more than one thousand spectators have been registered at the assembly, and indications that the Lady Day attendance will be much in excess of former years. Another event of interest preceding the golf tournament is the bazaar to be held in the New York Cottage on the afternoon and evening of August 2. The proceeds are for the Chamberlain League. The bazaar is under the auspices of the Alumnae Auxiliary Association, and the affair is to be held in the New York Cottage on the afternoon and evening of August 2. The proceeds are for the Chamberlain League.

Card parties continue in progress and the event of the few days week, the affair of the New York City, and the bridge and lecture at West Point, Villa Frontino, at West Point, while the proceeds of the Champlain Club are being used for a very delightful and interesting that institution on the west coast. A beach party, cost \$1,000. This will be a gift from Miss Hill to the Visitation Sisters, from whom she received her education.

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