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My Choice

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"Say, Morris, do you realize that I am getting on in years?"

These words were addressed to me by Mr. Russell, the senior member of the Russell and Morris Manufacturing Company. The speaker was a man of about sixty-five, a business-like, but withal a benevolent old gentleman who never let a chance pass to do a good work. Several years before to the great grief of himself and his beloved wife, their two children, a son and a daughter, died, leaving them childless. Life had never been the same to them afterwards.

I saw that this morning he was in a communicative mood, so I pushed my work aside and became attentive.

"Yes," he continued, "I feel as though I ought to be looking around for some one to take my place so that I can retire and have more time to prepare for the life to come."

"I tell you, Morris," he exclaimed, as if the thought had struck him suddenly. "I wish I could find a trustworthy young man—if poor all the better—I should give him a chance, and if he proved worthy I would make him a member of the firm, even my heir. I should be under great obligations to you if you could discover such a one."

I agreed to do what I could, for I myself was desirous to have some one share with me the great responsibility that would devolve on me once the senior member had retired. Thereafter all the time I could spare from home and business was devoted to this quest.

There was in the city one school especially noted for the intellectual and moral training it imparted to its pupils. This was Saint Joseph's High School, in charge of the Brothers of Holy Cross. I betook myself to this school one morning and made my object known to Brother Charles, the Director, who entered cordially into the affair and promised his hearty co-operation. "We shall introduce you to the boys as their semi-official coach," he remarked laughingly. He would not, however, suggest anyone, as he wished me to proceed free from favor or prejudice.

My first object was to get on easy terms with the boys, as I wanted them to be themselves. I had no difficulty on this score, for they were accustomed to have one of the Brothers mingle freely with them during recreations, quelling disturbances, starting and umpiring games and seeing that the boys were active in some way. The prevailing belief was that the good and happy boy is the one that plays hardest at the time for play. There was, of course, the "Willie boy," with his hair combed precisely, his shoes shined beautifully, his clothes pressed and immaculately clean, who hated in the worst way to play anything lest he should spoil his appearance. Then there was the "goody-goody" boy, who would not enter into any games because he thought the boys were so rough and unkind to one another. Most of the lads, however, entered into the sports with great enthusiasm. It was not until I had spent several days with them, both in the classroom and at recreation, that I began to note two boys worthy of special attention.

They were, I observed, close friends. At study and at class they were all earnestness, respectful, and intelligent, although they sometimes gave way to the mischievous pranks natural to lively boys. But it was during recreation that I had the best opportunity to study them as they really were.

Besides numerous smaller nines, there were two strong ball teams named, with true school-boy fancy, respectively the Trojans and the Spartans, between which there was a spirited, but good-natured rivalry. To make the games more interesting the

good old pastor had promised an extra outing at his own expense to the team winning the greatest number of games in the series. The score stood four to three in favor of the Trojans, and I was prevailed upon to umpire the next game for they began to look upon me as one of themselves, little suspecting the object I had in view. It was this in game that my attention was called to the two boys of whom I have spoken. Francis Howard was captain of the Trojans, and Joseph Miller, pitcher.

Howard was a tall, earnest-looking lad of about sixteen. Miller, about the same age was a well-built, pleasant faced boy.

The captain of the Spartans was a boy named Harry Taylor, a banker's son, handsome and somewhat conceited.

Excitement ran high as the game proceeded. All the boys of the school were present, besides visitors from other schools, and even some of the parents came to see the eventful game. The teams were well matched and honors were about evenly divided.

The Trojans were at a disadvantage by the fact that the regular second baseman was sick and his place had to be filled by a substitute. This was made up in some degree by the masterly way their captain handled his men. Once the second basemen in his excitement threw the ball to third base instead of throwing it home and thus preventing the other side from scoring. He was loudly denounced by some of the others, but the Captain merely shouted: "Never mind, George, just keep cool," which so encouraged George that he soon afterward retrieved his honor by making a brilliant play. The cool head of Joe Miller added much to the strength of his team. No matter how excited the others might become, Joe could be seen with a smile that showed that he was not losing his head. The same could not be said of the other side for let any player make the least error and he was sure to be nagged by the imperious captain, with the result that he became either resentful or disheartened.

To be continued

A congress of the Catechists of France will be held this year. Not less than 40,000 Catholic ladies in France are laboring effectively for the religious education of children.

The Canonical Chapter of the Cathedral of Limerick, Ireland, after a discontinuance of 267 years, was restored with ecclesiastical ceremonies on June 10th.

The Spanish Church of Our Lady of Hope, New York City, has been dedicated by Cardinal Farley.

The court at Cartaxo, in Portugal, has sentenced several priests to one year's imprisonment and a fine for disobedience to the Law of Separation.

Cardinal Bourne addressed a meeting at the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent. The Mayor and Council welcomed him, and the railway station was decorated. He spoke on education.

At the request of Archbishop Christi of Portland, Ore., the Paulists will shortly make a foundation in that city, where they will look after the needs of the Italians. The Paulists now have foundations in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Austin, Tex.; Winchester, Tenn.; Washington, D. C., and Portland, Ore.

Shattered.
"What a lot of old fashioned beliefs have been shattered completely in these modern days."
"For instance?"
"Well, you never hear anybody advise a young couple now that two can live as cheap as one."—Detroit Free Press.

Correcting Him.
The Husband—I was taken by surprise when you accepted me. The Wife—You were taken by mistake, John. Don't make any mistake about that.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

News From Ireland

Antrim.
The late Henry Crawford, of 4 Queen's Square, Belfast, solicitor, left personal estate in the United Kingdom, valued at £158,967, of which the personal estate in England amounts to £92,188.

Armagh.
The death took place on June 24 in Glasgow, Scotland, of Miss Bessie Kelly, formerly of Derry-hale.—Francis E. eldest son of Edward Hughes, Armagh House, Portadown, died on June 26.

Carlow.
Married—On June 26, at the Church of St. Patrick, Rathoe, by the Rev. D. Murphy, C. C., Edward Conroy, R. D., C. Carriganey, to Margaret Doyle, youngest daughter of James Doyle, Carriganey, Tullow.

Co. Wick.
At Blarney Castle, on July 2, Mr. Churchill, with the assistance of Sir Jas. Long, who held him by the legs, lowered himself from the turret of the famous old keep and kissed the Blarney stone.

Doune.
Miss MacDonnell, Laredo, Texas, formerly of Newry, has sent £500 to Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill towards clearing the debt of Newry Cathedral.

Dublin.
The late J. E. Martin of 6 Clyde Road, Dublin, left estate valued at £48,114.

Fermanagh.
The death took place July 3 of Mr. J. Gamble, who for many years held the position of station-master.

Galway.
Dr. Connolly, for many years medical officer of the Moycullen Dispensary district, has resigned his position.

Kerry.
A man-eating shark, over fourteen feet in length, and weighing several cwts, was recently killed at Castlegregory by a man named Greany.

Kildare.
Married—At St. Joseph's Church at Prosperous, County Kildare (with nuptial mass), by the Rev. Father Gurry, C. C., Christopher, son of the late Peter Byrne, The Mill, Killock, to Bridget, fourth daughter of John Carey, Sullins, Kildare.

Limerick.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGreevy of Huntington, Ia., were recent visitors at the old home in Boher.

Lisburn.
Died—Recently, Miss Margaret O'Grady, Ballygarry, aged 17 years.—Recently, Dr. P. T. Dillon, Glin.

Longford.
A highly respected and popular man died recently in the person of Thomas Brody, Moyne.

Louth.
Ardee No. 1 Rural Council is considering plans for the erection of 122 cottages under the Housing Scheme. The cost will be \$108,700.

Mayo.
Mr. Frank Paul and his family of Chicago, Ill., were recent visitors to the old home in Cattlebar.

Meath.
The Chief Baron, at the opening of the Meath Summer assizes in Trim, congratulated the Grand Jury on the peaceful state of the county.

Queens.
The late Andrew Leech of Fruitham, Abbeylax, left an estate valued at £9,900.

Rosecommon.
The marriage was solemnized on the 24th of June of Mr. Henry Casserly, Loughrea, and Miss J. Wynne, Bridge street, Boyle.

Tipperary.
Mrs. Catherine Dwyer, for thirty-three years caretaker of Golden Dispensary, has resigned her position on pension.

Waterford.
Died—June 30, Miss Margaret Power, Ballyboy.—July 1, Lawrence Brien, Ballinabanogue.

Catholic Summer School

The bazaar conducted for the maintenance of the Chapel of Our Lady of the Lake under the auspices of the Alumnae Auxiliary Association at New York Cottage on Friday afternoon and evening of the week just closing was made a very successful one by the large attendance and generosity of the guests of the Catholic Summer School. With more than one thousand at present sojourning here, the spacious reception rooms of the New York Cottage were crowded with enthusiastic patrons during every moment the affair was in progress. Mrs. Mortimer M. Kelly, of the famous Hotel Champlain nearby, generously offered to conduct a booth in the name of that institution and this section proved a central feature of the fête.

The women's golf tournament for the silver cup trophy presented by Lieut. Gov. Conway of New York State, began on Monday morning the qualifying round. The successful participants in that preliminary continued in elimination competition until the winner is determined.

At the family gathering on Sunday evening, the aisles and balcony crowded with overflow guests, the affair took the form of a reception to the Rev. Thomas McMillan, C. S. P., late chairman of the board of studies, and but recently returned from Panama. He gave a delightful narrative, dealing with the points of interest in the trip.

Musical numbers of note were tenor solo by Eugene Tyrell and a piano solo by Miss Cleary, a highly talented young lady who acquired her accomplishment though permanently deprived of sight. Both soloists are from Philadelphia. A delightful soprano solo was also given by Miss Angela Harker of Brooklyn. Addresses were made by Rev. M. J. Tierney and the Rev. Francis P. Duffy, D. D. At the close of the program George J. Gillespie presented the golf trophy and silver and bronze medals to the winners in the recent general athletic meet.

The week just closed was featured as an Alumnae Auxiliary week, and the lectures under the auspices of that association were by Miss Rose F. Egan of Columbia University, who delivered an able course on "The Aims of Literature in its theory and its art."

The morning lecturer during the ensuing week is to be the Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan of St. Paul Seminary, the noted economist, who comes to speak on "The Industrial Revolution and the Rise of the Modern Wage earning class." This course has long been awaited with eager interest. For the evening course the speaker will be the Rev. James J. Fox, S. T. D., of the Catholic University, Washington, who will have as the subject of his series "Some typical social reformers of the nineteenth century."

The Visitation Church at Des Moines, Ia., has entirely paid its debt of \$33,648.

Her Costume.
"Marie," asked the star of her maid, gazing perplexedly at her reflection in the mirror, "what was I about to do step into the bathtub or go on the stage?"
Marie shrugged her shoulders. "How can I tell? Mademoiselle is dressed for either."—Judge.

Making Good.
The Guest—When I asked you if you had given me a quiet room you said that after 9 o'clock I could have a pin drop, and now I find it right over a bowling alley. The Night Clerk—Well, can't you hear 'em drop?—Exchange.

Paw Knows.
Willie—Paw, what is a talking situation? Paw—Any occasion when two or more women meet.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Labor to keep alive in year-round that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.—George Washington.

Bishop Ludden of Syracuse, Dead

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Bishop Patrick A. Ludden, D. D., Bishop of the diocese of Syracuse, died at 5:15 a. m. this morning at the age of 77 years and was the first Bishop of Syracuse. He was 77 years old. The Bishop contracted a cold early in the summer which he was unable to get over. Since June he had been confined to his home.

Bishop Ludden was born February 4, 1855, in the village of Breaffy, outside the town of Carrigrohilly, County Mayo, in the province of Connaught, Ireland. Breaffy is a part of the parish of Castlebar.

Bishop Ludden had seven brothers, James and Edmund, and five sisters, Mary Anna, Helena, Cecelia and Margaret. Helena, Cecelia and Margaret became religious. All three joined the Sisters of Charity at Des Moines, Iowa, assuming the names of Sister Agnes Marie, Sister M. Stephen and Sister M. Agatha, respectively. Sister M. Agatha died at St. Vincent's Hospital, Leadville, Colorado. Sister Agnes Marie and Sister M. Stephen are still performing the duties of their vocation. Mary married a Mr. McGuire, and still lives at Breaffy, her native home, and the two brothers, James and Edmund, remained unmarried and live on the paternal estate at Breaffy.

Many relatives of Bishop Ludden were called to the religious state including his cousin, the priest, Rev. John Ludden of Florence, N. Y., who died about thirty years ago; Rev. James M. Ludden of Albany, N. Y.; Dean Anthony M. Ludden of Little Falls, N. Y.; Dean James J. Carson of Rome, N. Y.; Rev. Martin J. Hughes of Binghamton, N. Y., and Rev. John J. Ludden of Renova, Pa.

Bishop Ludden was educated first in the village school of Breaffy, taught by a man named McCarthy. Afterwards he was sent to John Burns' Academy, Castlebar, from which he was graduated. He went next to St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, early in 1870. After a year and a half he finished his classical course at St. Jarlath's.

In the summer of 1861 he came to America and entered the Grand Seminary, Montreal, Canada, conducted by the Superior Fathers, where he completed his theological studies.

He was ordained for the diocese of Albany in the Grand Seminary, May 21, 1864, by Rt. Rev. Ignatius Bourget, the second Bishop of Montreal.

Bishop Ludden was immediately appointed pastor of Malons by the Rt. Rev. John McCobakay, Bishop of Albany, later Archbishop of New York and first American Cardinal.

Bishop Conroy succeeded Bishop McCobakay as Bishop of the Albany Diocese. Upon Bishop Conroy's invitation, Father Ludden, scarcely five years a priest, accompanied him to the Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, to act as his theologian and companion.

To the third Plenary Council held at Baltimore in 1864, Bishop McNeirny of Albany was summoned. He chose Father Ludden, his Vicar-General, then pastor of St. Peter's, Troy, N. Y., to accompany him as his theologian.

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