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## My Choice

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Continued from last week

It was the latter half of the last inning, with the Spartans at the bat, with a man on second and third, and the score six to five in favor of the Trojans. The excitement on both sides was intense. Three balls and two strikes were counted on the batter. His last chance came. He knocked a grounder which was quickly picked up by the shortstop and thrown swiftly to the catcher. The ball was in the catcher's glove before the base runner touched the home plate by the fraction of a second, but whether or not the catcher touched him I could not tell, and, seeing how much depended upon that decision, I hesitated a moment, seeing which Howard with his love for fair play shook his head slightly in the negative. I, according to the rule in case of doubt but not heeding his well meant "tip" called the runner safe. The Spartans were wild with jubilation. There was, on the other hand a great bowl of disapproval from some of the Trojans who were already claiming the game. They had seen Howard make the sign and with the usual school-boy impetuosity, forgot their regard for their leader and began to denounce him as a "sis" and a traitor and such like names which come so readily to the excited school-boy. I was not entirely free from the attack but Howard had to stand the brunt of it. It looked as though the game would end in an uproar. Howard stood his ground like a man, and Miller and some of the more cool-headed boys stood by him.

Amidst the jangle of voices there was one that seemed to gain control. It was Miller's. "What's the matter with you fellows?" he was saying. "You're a brave bunch of Trojans, you are. You all know the umpire must give the runner the benefit of the doubt, and would have decided that way in any case. Come on, let's play ball!" saying which he started toward his box giving Howard an encouraging slap on the shoulder as he passed. The others had to admit that they were in the wrong and returned sullenly to their positions. The game was resumed, the score standing six to six. The next batter knocked a safety and brought in another run which won the day for the Spartans and made the teams even in the series.

Although the game was over the impression left on me by the incident was a lasting one, and I took occasion to commend both Howard and Miller for their admirable principles. I also expressed my admiration to Brother Charles who laughed and remarked: "So you, too, have taken a liking for 'two inseparables' as I call them. They are truly first class boys and at the same time full of life and fun. They are always busy at something, either playing, working, studying or praying for they are really devout. It is edifying to see them in church, besides they are among the boys who receive Holy Communion at least once a week, and doubtless this is what keeps them so good. Francis Howard is not in good circumstances, his father having been killed in a shop accident several years ago, and his mother, a fine woman, depends on her sewing, and the little that Francis can earn after school hours. He is very anxious to get an education so that he can support his mother and little sister. Joseph Miller's folks, on the other hand, are fairly well to do. His father is the leading man in the parish and Father O'Brien's great friend and adviser—but there's a visitor; I must go to meet him. Excuse me."

I formed a great esteem for the self-denying Brothers, who impressed me as ideal Christian gentlemen devoted heart and soul to the great work of forming in their pupils strong religious and

intellectual characters. That the boys realized this was evident from the respect and confidence they always displayed toward the Brothers. Moreover their lives were so peaceful and happy; the hundred-fold, no doubt, which our Lord promised even in this world to those who give up all to follow Him was theirs.

The first Saturday in May was the day set for the school picnic, so dear to the heart of every school boy. It was held at a favorite resort for picnics, and everything was arranged for lunch, games, and all the features. The large lake was an attraction, and the interurban cars ran right by the grounds, making the place convenient of access. Besides the members of the school there were present the parents and friends of many of the boys, so that it was almost a parish affair. Of course I went because I would not miss such an opportunity for anything. The rival nines had set this day for their decisive game. This time Brother Charles acted as umpire. He had made the boys promise that no matter what happened there was to be no quarrel at the picnic as had been the case on a previous occasion, and they had all faithfully given their word. This game was even more exciting than the previous one and was for the time the centre of interest. Both sides played magnificent ball. Both sides had their rooters who cheered vociferously whenever their favorite made a good play. The game was so close that at the first half of the last inning the score stood nine to eight in favor of the Spartans with the Spartans at bat. The first and second bases were filled with only one out. It was now that pitcher Miller felt it was "up to him" to win or lose, but he seemed to keep as cool as ever. "Ball one," counted the umpire, "ball two! ball three!" "What is the matter with Joe?" shouted one. "He's all right," came the answer in a ringing chorus. It was just the thing needed at the time. "Strike one!" shouted the umpire.

The next one the batter hit with a resounding whack sending the ball like a bullet towards Miller. He was ready, however, and caught it magnificently. It was now Taylor's turn to bat. With his usual assurance he swung at the ball but failed three times to "connect" with Miller's curves. There was a long shout of applause from the camp of the Trojans at their plucky pitcher's success. But the game was not yet won. The Trojans were now at bat. The first man struck out. The second made first base. The next knocked a fly to right field which was caught.

There were now two men out. The next was Miller who was greeted with a hearty cheer. "It all depends on you, Joe," they yelled. With a lusty swing he knocked a two-bagger. Howard was the next at the bat. A hearty cheer again rent the air for he was considered the best batter. He knocked a long fly over the left fielder's head and just succeeded in making a home-run, which brought in three points and won the eventful game. Howard and Miller were carried off the field in triumph with loud acclamations of victory. Nothing else of consequence occurred till late in the afternoon. A number of the boys at the pressing invitation of Charlie Moore, one of the Spartans, accompanied him to his uncle's home about a mile from the grounds. As they were going through the fields, Harry Taylor, after his fashion, had tormented a boy named Jones, who unable to endure it any longer, in self-defense struck Taylor a sharp blow in the side. This made Taylor angry, and although Jones was much younger and smaller he attacked him furiously.

To be continued

The consecration of Rt. Rev. Michael Higgins, P.P., Castlebar as Auxiliary Bishop of Tuam, Ireland, took place recently. Archbishop Healy was the consecrating prelate. Bishop Higgins was born forty-nine years ago in the parish of which he is now pastor.

## News From Ireland

**Arragh.**  
While engaged in her household duties on July 8, Mrs. Mary E. Mooney, aged 33, wife of a Killylea farmer, fell into her husband's arms and died in a few minutes.

**Castlew.**  
The tenants on the Newton and Butler estate have sent a petition to Judge Ross of the Land Commission Court asking him to sell the property to the Estates commissioners so they may enter into purchase agreements.

**Cavan.**  
The late Dr. Samuel Caldwell of Drumshel, formerly of Virginia, left personal estate valued at \$5,134.

From over forty applicants the Kilmore Catholic Benevolent Society has appointed Louis Roche, son of Professor Roche, Cavan as their secretary at \$150 a year.

**Clare.**  
The death occurred at O'Callaghan's Mills July 7 of the notorious Colonel John O'Callaghan upon whose estate exciting scenes occurred twenty-five years ago, battering rams being employed to knock down the tenant's houses.

**Co. Wick.**  
Mrs. Mary Twohig of Castle-townhere, has died at the age of 106, retaining her mental faculties to the end.

**Co. Wick.**  
Mr. H. K. Mitchell of Derry, while diving at Castlerock on July 7, misjudged his distance and striking the bottom sustained serious injuries.

**Co. Wick.**  
J. P. Ferguson has resigned as surveyor to the Donegal county council.

Judge Wright congratulated the Grand Jury at the opening of Donegal Assizes in Lifford on July 12 on the peaceful state of the county.

**Dublin.**  
In Dublin on July 12, Miss Marjorie Haslar, Miss Kathleen Houston, Miss Hilda Webb and Miss Maud Lloyd suffragists charged with window breaking on the morning of June 13 were sentenced to six months in prison.

**Galway.**  
Miss Molloy, an assistant nurse in Galway Union hospital has resigned.

**Kerry.**  
Michael O'Connor, assistant clerk of Tralee Urban council, has been elected chief clerk to the Town Court at a salary of \$125 per year.

**Kildare.**  
Dr. James Kilbridge, for thirty-four years medical officer at the Athy district, has resigned his position owing to ill-health.

**Letterk.**  
A young man named Martin Keegan of Dromahair, was killed in Glasgow, Scotland on July 7. He was employed on the Glasgow and Paisley joint line as a surface-man.

**Limerick.**  
Myles Finnan, who took part in the 67 Movement and was outlawed by the British government but escaped to the United States, has returned to his native home near Mountbruis after an exile of over thirty years.

**Longford.**  
Died.—July 3, Peter McCormick, Rabbittown, Ardagh.—July 8, Mrs. Hanley, N.T., Newtowncashel.

**Louth.**  
Judge Dodd congratulated the Louth Grand Jury in Dundalk on July 8 on the peaceful state of the county.

**Monagh.**  
Whilst a man named John Daly, was out shooting rabbits on July 7, his gun exploded and shattered his left hand.

**Monagh.**  
Chief Baron Palles congratulated the Monaghan grand jury on the peaceful state of the county at the opening of the session on July 9.

## Catholic News Notes

Sister Rose has been elected Mother-General of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. This Congregation was founded in Kentucky one hundred years ago and will towards the end of the current year commemorate its centenary. Its academies, schools, orphanages and hospitals are widely known.

**AE Water-town, Mass.** A new \$50,000 church will be built to replace the old one recently destroyed by fire.

The fortieth anniversary of Ordination of the Rev. Patrick O'Brien, pastor and builder of the \$50,000 Good Shepherd Church in Toledo, O., was splendidly celebrated a few days ago. Rev. Bishop Schrembs of Toledo, celebrated the solemn pontifical mass and Rev. F. A. Henck preached and the Bishop addressed the jubilarian.

The Catholic Sioux Indians of Dakota held their annual Congress July 12-14. Bishop Doeh of Lead, addressed the Congress numbering 2,500 men and women and over 40 societies. All the proceedings were edifying and far-reaching for good.

The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart have made a foundation of their institute in Philadelphia.

Very Rev. Gabriel Messner, of New York, and brother of the Archbishop of Milwaukee, has been elected Provincial of the eleven Capuchin monasteries, and of the Order, in the United States.

**The Lure of Opium.**  
"It is human nature to wish to ease pain and to stimulate itching vanity. There is no normal adult who, under strong stress, falls or swoons or faints and thoroughly appreciating the immediate action of an easily accessible opiate, is not likely to be a moment or less restrained to 'take it.'" says Dr. Charles B. Towns in the "Century." "Many men who have become addicted to a drug have started out with small occasional doses, and so far as expected to fall a victim to the habit. Indeed, many have been totally unaware that the medicine they were taking contained any drug whatever. Thus, the danger being one that threatens us all, it is every man's business to insist that the entire handling and sale of the drug be under as careful supervision as possible."

**Queen Elizabeth's Pedigree.**  
One of the most interesting curiosities at Hatfield is the pedigree of Elizabeth, which is to be seen in the gallery. Those entrusted to make out the document wisely discovered that her descent could be traced through every important person, and especially through every beautiful person, straight back to Adam and Eve. It is on record that the virgin queen highly commended the work.—London Standard.

**The Parrot.**  
"Now, Razza," said the visitor at the southern hotel, "I want some coffee, corn cakes and two fresh eggs."  
"Ah don't know about dam eggs, boss," said Razza, shaking his head dubiously. "We have all we kin do keepin' our eggs fresh enough without havin' 'em too fresh, sah!"—Harper's Weekly.

**Ambition.**  
Ambition becomes displeasing when it is once satisfied. There is a reaction, and as our spirit fills our last sigh is always aiming toward some object it falls back on itself, having nothing else on which to rest, and having reached the summit, it goes down.—Cornwell.

**Cruel.**  
"Now, I could be happy with a nice little flat," began Aramantia.  
"Take me, Aramantia," said little Jinks.  
"Oh, I don't mean a nice little flat of that kind," replied the heartless one.—Harper's Weekly.

**His Belief.**  
"Does old Skinnim believe in his fellow man?"  
"Yes—is his fellow man's infallible gullibility?"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Disaffected.**  
Martens—Well, dear, and what sort of a time did you have? Lady (sitting playing toro game)—Oh—er—ragtime!—London Opinion.

## Catholic Summer School

The Forty Day term, the grand religious celebration of the Catholic Summer School, will be a creative and sublime event, meeting, made of Assumption Day on occasion of great beauty and splendor. With all the solemn devotion of a Brittany pilgrim party, and more than 1,000 persons in reverent robes, leading the way to the sanctuary, also some facing the lake, the procession was one of gripping grandeur.

Sunday next will be the date of another religious event, when the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Ann, Lake Umbagog, will take place.

The banner in the New York City College on Friday afternoon, creating under the auspices of the Algonquin Auxiliary Association, was an affair that will long be remembered in the annals of the Summer School.

A solemn Mass, Mass of Requiem was celebrated on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Vincent, president of the Institution, the Hon. Michael E. Hannan of Brooklyn, who died last week after a lingering illness.

One of the most important lecture courses and likewise one of the most widely attended and attractive, closed with the present week when the Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan, of St. Paul Seminary, spoke on "The Industrial Revolution and the rise of the modern wage earning class." The evening course was also one of interesting dimensions as delivered by Rev. James J. Fox, S. T. D., of the Catholic University, who spoke on "Some Typical Social Problems of the Nineteenth Century," including Archbishop Keeler, the late Leo XIII., Cardinal Manning and Cardinal Gibbons.

The Rev. Thomas McMillan, C. S. P., of the Board of Trustees for many years chairman of the Board of Studies, is acting president during the absence of the Rev. David J. Hickey, S. J., who left a few days ago for his parish in Brooklyn after six weeks of active administration.

The weekly hop at the Champlain Club on Wednesday evening was featured with a number of Colonial figures that were well executed by a number of young couples in costumes. Dances were under the direction of Miss M. Geary.

The camp fire at the College Camp on Monday evening contained a mirth provoking farce called "Ham-Omelet," a burlesque on the great tragedy. Fine musical numbers were also presented.

The Cardinal Gibbons Memorial Hall will probably be ready for occupancy and dedication by October 1.

For the first time in 30 years the members of St. Patrick's church, Baltimore, have held a parish picnic.

At Watertown, Mass., a new \$50,000 church will be built to replace the old one recently destroyed by fire.

On "Flag Day" the Catholic women of Albany, N. Y., sold miniature flags, realising from them for the Maternity Hospital \$18,432.

The Cause of the holy Jesuit, Ven. di Castello is proceeding favorably in Rome.

The Belgian statesman, M. Boernaert, has 39 vacant parishes because of scarcity of priests.

The Total Abstinence Union of America convened at Notre Dame University, Aug. 6-9, under the presidency of Very Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, C.S.P., of Chicago.

Rev. J. J. McAniffe, of Ellsworth, Me., died of apoplexy on the street and before aid could reach him.

The death is announced of Mrs. Paris of Me. I. Abbe, D.D., of the age of 93 years. During the legendary system of photography which bears his name.

Reverend Father Bernard... Fall term opens Tuesday, September 2. Call at our office any business day this month (Monday afternoon excluded) and your course of study and register you in advance. If possible.

Night school classes in evening, September 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 1931.

Reverend Father Bernard... Y. M. C. A. Building.