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## McDonald's Sacrifice

Continued from last week

Several days elapsed ere he could recover his balance. Hither to everything had been a strange delirium to him. He could not comprehend it all. With the fuller realization came, however, a terrible keenness of bitter pain and disappointment. He could scarcely bear to look at Bernard. The very thought of him was agony. Thank God, the visit would be over in two days' time—he could scarcely leave earlier without an excuse. Meanwhile he chatted and laughed, sang and joined in the games with a fevered zest that made the more observant of his neighbors wonder, knowing that sudden changes are due to some cause.

A strange dream visited Robert McDonald's slumbers that last night of their stay. He thought he was wandering along in a vast subterranean chamber. A thousand lamps swinging from the far-vaulted roof lent it a weirdly illimitable appearance, and a hot, drug-like atmosphere heightened the effect of Oriental mystery. There were passages hung over at the entrance with strangely worked curtains of silk, passages alternating with door-studded doors, all around this hall. While he was wondering what he should do and whether to go, a lady draped and veiled in white, with a shining lamp in her hand, his Esclairmonde, entered beckoning him to follow. She bade him burst open one of the great nail-studded doors and release her Bernard. He hastened to obey and a great dragon of incandescent heat came leaping forth to envelop him in a terrible fiery embrace.

At this juncture Robert awoke. It was not a moment too soon. The room was full of smoke, the heat was fearful. A crackling, frightful sound all around, a brilliant glow in the garden, hurrying steps and cries of "Fire!" left him without a moment's doubt. Hastily donning a strong wrap and snatching a few of the more valued of his possessions he left the room and succeeded in effecting a safe descent to the garden with a panic-stricken companion or two.

Here, in the large summer house, most of the household was congregated. One had a good view of the burning building from this place, and it was a terrible spectacle. A large, square old-fashioned house, compactly built, there was scarcely a hope for to increase the work of destruction. The flames had enveloped one whole side in a sheet that blazed up into the dark, pitilessly dry sky with a hungry roaring and crackling that made the onlookers shudder. A chill wind was blowing and this served but to increase the work of destruction, fanning the fire and carrying it more easily from point to point.

Ever and anon, a cruel, forked tongue of red leaped forth from another of the windows, joining its companions as a widened sheet of flame, spreading its baleful activities always further. Leaping, dancing and running here, one steady frightful blaze there, the sound of crashing beams, of splintering wood and stonework, the horrible crackling of destruction proceeding apace—it was a nightmare, a vision or horror. The house was doomed.

They were busy counting the refugees. One after another answered to the rollcall or was satisfactorily accounted for, there was no one missing. Stay! where was Bernard Codrington? Had any one seen him? Yes, the last that had been seen of him was in the burning house, he had awakened early and assisted many. But where was he now, none could tell. Hurried searching to and fro revealed nothing, and old Mr. Anthony was in despair, for the boy was the apple of his eye. O God! what had become of him?

Heavens! There at an upper window in that raging Inferno of flames the young man was

clearly seen. There was a simultaneous groan from the onlookers. It was too hot around the house—how could anyone enter? Tears streamed down old Mr. Anthony's stern face. He fell on his knees on the ground.

"O God be merciful to me a sinner!" he cried. "I have sinned, I have sinned, but if Thou, O God, wilt be merciful and spare him to me, no longer will I resist Thee."

"There is a back way up, a secret entrance," came the trembling tones of Mary Hamilton. "The flames have hardly reached it yet, but I am afraid, that before the brigade can arrive it will also be impracticable. The only hope—"

"Let me go, let me go, Miss Hamilton," eagerly besought McDonald. And he was gone.

How he succeeded in battling his way against tremendous odds to the room where Bernard had been seen, now with the unconscious, inert load he snatched from the smouldering floor that was almost aflame already, he tottering gained that stone back stairway after repeated falls he had not the faintest idea. Dazed and half dead, between the combined action of, at one time the stifling heat at another of the volumes of suffocating smoke and, frequently too, of the keen, bright white-hot agony of the flame, it was a miracle—a real miracle that the more than heroic feat should ever have been accomplished. There was an eager little crowd assembled around the stairway as he appeared, and, just as he would have dropped down unconscious with his unconscious burden, a dozen willing hands and arms received them safely.

Bernard would live, eye and retain no trace of that terrible night's suffering upon him, said the doctor, some few days later. It was otherwise, however, with the brave rescuer. He had been cruelly burned and the shock he had sustained had been of too grave a nature.

"He is sinking and cannot last very much longer. A noble man!" said the physician warmly.

Esclairmonde, radiant with a newer, stiller beauty, happier of face than of old, with a happiness that all the compassionate sympathy of her grief for the dying man could not altogether conceal, entered the sick-room again after the doctor's departure. Father Lang had been sent for, but it would be some little time yet ere he could arrive.

The dying man looked at her penetratingly.

"Esclairmonde, Light of the World," he murmured.

Her face flushed, tears filled her eyes. Kneeling by his bedside she gently lifted one of the wounded, bandaged hands and held it softly.

"Listen, Robert, I will call you Robert," she said. "Your devotion, your unselfish generosity was all revealed to me by the wanderings or your recent delirium. I was nursing you. Thank God, thank God, your reward will be beyond words. He will know how to return it to you. I cannot tell you how moved I was to hear that story from your lips. "But the best returns that I can make to you," she went on, "is to tell you how great a happiness you have brought to me, and to Bernard also. You may know that our engagement has been more a matter of our parent's wishes than our own. Well, about a year after it occurred, my real vocation in life was clearly made known to me, and some time later the Heavenly Bridegroom's call came also to Bernard. I had no freedom till my twenty-seventh year. Bernard also was under age, and Mr. Anthony persistently refused to listen to us. Once, becoming very angry, he threatened us with the curse of a slighted and neglected parent should we persevere in our foils.

"Bernard and I endured months of misery. Then came the fire. Mr. Anthony feared God was about to punish him by taking his son from him, and he vowed, as you heard, to surrender him should he be saved from death. Your heroism, your noble action was God's answer.

"Your martyrdom has given God a priest and a nun who will never forget you all their lives through. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, to the shelter of whose mantle I go, will receive you now. To you, under God, she owes another daughter. The Sacred Heart will embrace you, for to your disinterested generosity He owes a new priest, another Self."

"Thank God," were McDonald's dying words. His cup of bliss was full—the lost life was more than found again.—Richard Grant in The Magnificat.

## The Completion of a Great Work

It has taken just eight years to complete the Catholic Encyclopedia, from December 8, 1904, until now. To publish the first volume took over two years; it appeared in March, 1907, so that every year since, three volumes have been issued.

The cost of the work was necessarily very large. It had to be original, comprehensive, and authoritative. The very selection of titles took several months simply because there never had been any work precisely like this attempted before.

By the time the Index Volume is completed, in the spring, the entire cost of writing the Encyclopedia, and putting it into type ready for printing, will amount to \$650,000. This amount includes the expenses of writing all the articles, supervision of the editors, revision, proof reading, and finally, the composition. This means, then, that to write and produce each volume ready for printing, it cost \$40,000 per volume, or, as there are 800 pages in each volume, each page cost \$50, and as there are about 1,300 words to each page, each word cost about 4 cents.

This plant—cost of \$350,000 includes the cost of illustrations and maps, which are very select and very finely executed, many of them having been done in Paris by Goupil & Company.

To form some estimate of the vastness of the Encyclopedia as an editorial enterprise, to complete the fifteen volumes required, 1,342 contributors, representing 43 countries, 16 liberal professions, among them 405 secular priests, 506 members in 104 religious orders, 381 laymen and 87 women, besides 151 translators, revisers and indexers.

Meanwhile, as the work was in course of publication, the sale of the book has been carried on, in all English-speaking countries of the world, and already the sales have exceeded \$2,000,000, and now that the work is completed, the \$3,000,000 mark will soon be reached.

The production of The Catholic Encyclopedia necessitated the organization of a publishing house on the latest scientific methods, which are common factors of business success. This company, while only publishing The Catholic Encyclopedia, so far, has a fully developed organization, consisting of departments of administration, purchasing, stockkeeping, manufacturing, selling, collecting and accounting.

The directors of the company were selected as practical men of affairs and the entire board administers the business affairs of the company through its regular meetings and those of the executive committee composed entirely of directors.

Catholics, therefore, have reason to be proud of the publication of The Catholic Encyclopedia, and those who have been awaiting its completion before subscribing for the work will, as the years go on, have occasion to witness with gratification its profound and far-reaching influence on the public sentiment of our time.

As the Archbishop of Chicago, predicted soon after the appearance of its first volume, it has already created a new public opinion on all things Catholic. Milwaukee Citizen.

## Help Make Film Censorship Effective

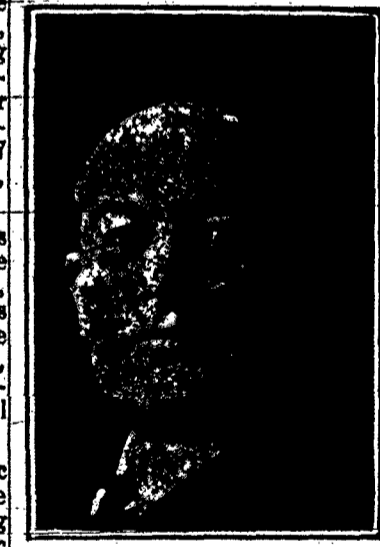
Our readers can help make censorship of moving picture films effective by co-operating with the National Board of Censorship in various ways. One way would be to call the attention of the Board to films which have its approval but fall below certain requirements of morality and general propriety. Another way is that of reporting the production of films that have been refused the O. K. of the Board of Censorship, but are nevertheless being produced.

Just recently the Board has condemned a film entitled "Mabel's Stratagem," produced by the New York Motion Picture Co., called the Keystone Brand. This film may be released in our territory through Independent Film Exchanges. You can help strengthen the position of the National Board if you report any presentation of this film to the Central Bureau of the Central Verein (307 Temple Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.) which will inform the National Board.

It is important that Catholics begin to exert a positive influence in the matter of moving picture theaters and films. This is one way of going about it.

## Order of Alhambra

Joseph P. MacSweeney was elected grand commander of the Order of the Alhambra at the annual election held at headquarters Tuesday night. He succeeds Don C. Manning. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-Grand Commander, Willard A. Marakle; grand scribe, James Davigan; scribe of the check, Dr. Walter B. O'Neill; grand chamberlain, Thomas J. McGovern; captain of bodyguard, Oswald V. Hughes; sentinel of the tower, B. Leo McIntee; sentinel of the desert, John Hall; master of the oasis, George Mingos; master of the wardrobe, John P. Haggerty; historiographer, Dr. Phillip Conboy.



Joe P. MacSweeney

The degree will be worked on a class of seventy-five neophytes on the night of January 15th. The candidates come from all over the middle and western part of the state, points as far distant as Syracuse, Batavia and Dansville being represented. Supreme Commander William J. McMahon and his staff from Albany, will be in charge of the initiation ceremonies and there will be delegates from Albany, Buffalo and Elmira in attendance.

On this occasion Musa's degree team will be seen in action for the first time, appareled in their gorgeous new uniforms and with all the paraphernalia of their office.

Another degree will be worked by Musa in the spring and a little later the local caravan will institute a similar organization in Syracuse. Musa Caravan is a purely social organization, formed for the purpose of promoting social intercourse and for the dispensing of charity. Among the things it does is to look after children in the hospitals every year.

## News From Ireland Catholic News Notes

Considerable damage was done by a fire which occurred in the Labor Exchange on Bow St., Lisburn.

The death has occurred at Midletown, of John Murphy, who was extensively engaged in the egg, butter and fowl trade, and who was a familiar figure in all the surrounding markets.

E. Nugent, auctioneer, recently put up for sale on the premises a farm of 8 acres in Carrickasticken, the property of Miss Rose Murphy. Mrs. James Matthews was the purchaser for \$257.

On November 27, Edith Graham, in religion Sister Cecilia, youngest daughter of the late James Graham and Mrs. Graham Tullow St., had the happiness of making her vows in the convent of the Sisters of Charity, Fairview, Dublin.

M. J. Caray, assistant clerk of Ennis Union, has been appointed assistant secretary of the Church County Council.

Andrew Jervis, a large farmer who resided in the townland of Salthill, Mountcharles, was found dead in bed on the morning of December 5. Deceased, who was unmarried, was aged about sixty and retired to rest the previous night apparently in the best of health.

Died—Recently, Henry Keenan, cattle dealer, Newry.—November 20, Bernard Connor, Gliford.

As a result of an epidemic of measles sixteen children have died in Ballinaloe during the week of December 1st to 7th.

Damage estimated at \$40,000 was done by two fires which occurred on the farm of J. D. Gibson of Ballyheigue Castle.

The death took place on November 29 of Peter Doyle, Sunnroft.

Dr. Wm. O'Brien has been appointed medical officer of Tipperin dispensary district by Kilkenny Guardians.

A large quantity of hay, the property of James Byrne, Cordrehid, was destroyed by fire on the night of November 30.

On November 27, a pretty marriage took place in Mullinalaghta church, with nuptial mass, between Lizzie McCabe, Derrycaison, and James McCabe, president of Granard division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. O'Farrell, C. C.

Died—November 28, Miss Sarah Gannon, Newport Road, Westport.—December 3, Thomas Keam, Bohergorra.—Recently James Casey, Edmondstown, aged 14 years.

Died—Recently, Mrs. Mary Lavelle, Ballybay.—November 30, Mrs. Catherine Brennan, Coracharra.

The death took place on November 29 of Miss A. Kane, Cloonmaan, Hill street, at the age of 50 years.

Very Rev. P. J. O'Grady has been appointed parish priest of Kesh.

Rev. Father Kiely has been appointed parish priest of Templemore in succession to the late Canon Meagher.

Died—November 28, Mrs. McCorney, Lisnarable.

Died—Recently, Robert Lang, Collinstown.

There has been recently Germany the expression to Catholicity of Bismarck. Bismarck, the Baron into the Catholicism, has been for years past, an attitude toward Catholicism, particularly in the Bavarian States. He has been a great benefactor of churches and convents, and restored to the Benedictine the Abbey of Ettal, which had been granted almost gratuitously to his ancestors by King Maximilian I. at the time of the suppression of religious institutions.

The Metropolitan Council of Geneva has passed a resolution protesting against the refusal of the Holy See to grant the right of the Holy See to the refusal of the Holy See to the hope that the Council will not obstruct the coming of Geneva of its personal wishes. A great majority of the Council desires to welcome the Holy See.

The Crucifix has been removed to the tribunal and placed in St. Paul's Basilica, after a session of twenty-three years. An enormous quantity of crucifixes, religious pictures, medals and commercial medals were removed.

Rev. Miss J. White, D.D., a distinguished member of All Souls, High Wycombe, who has been the ablest and most devoted teacher of the school of the Sacred Heart, died on December 5.

In the Church of the Holy Trinity, at the mother house of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Detroit, Mich., a young girl, aged sixteen, died on December 5.

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On Saturday, December 21, St. Michael's church, Westborough, N. J., eleven members of the Passionist Order were ordained by Rt. Rev. J. J. O'Connell, Bishop of Newark.

Some days before the opening of the Malta Eucharistic Congress the Holy Father will give a great Papal chapter at St. Peter's in commemoration of the sixteenth centenary of Christian Liberty. Many of those about to take part in the congress will thus be enabled to be present at the functions in St. Peter's.

### Weekly Church Calendar

12—1st Sunday after Epiphany
13 M—St. Veronica of Milan, V.
14 T—St. Hilary, Bp. D.
15 W—St. Paul
16 T—St. Marcellus
17 F—St. Anthony
18 S—St. Peter's Chair at Rome

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