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Shadow of the Cross

"We are Christians, now, Father, aren't we?"

"Yes, child. He made us Christians by His Blood." And the old man bent his head until the white hair mingled with the golden curls of the child on his knee.

"You know you promised us a story, Father, and the sun is almost set."

This was the hour the old monk always spent with his little friends, as he was the friend of all the little children of the hill country around, and he always had stories to tell; stories of the Master, the great Law-giver, the Christ who had been put to death not sixty years before.

"I wish I'd never been a Jew," said the child again.

"So do I," echoed Rachel, and the old man smiled.

"He knows we are His children, now, doesn't he?" and Daniel looked straight into the old man's eyes, and was reassured.

"Well, now the story, Father, for soon we must sleep."

The old man rested his hand on Rachel's head, as she sat on the sand beside him and began.

"Did you ever see the gate of the city?" he asked.

"Often, and I have wondered and wondered who lived there."

"It was the home of a little boy of whom I am going to tell you. He was a very little boy, and he was blind. He had never seen any of the beautiful world because he came into the world already blind, and none of the great doctors could make him well. And now he had spent eight years in this terrible darkness."

"One day he sat in his father's doorway listening to the people pass to and fro, some going to market, some hurrying to a morning feast, others selling their street wares to the passerby. It seemed to the boy there was more excitement than usual in the street. When his good friend Benjamin would come by, he would ask what it all meant. Until then he could be patient. Now Benjamin always had a kind word for David and many times he would take him with him to the city gate, or to the seashore."

"David loved Benjamin because he was kind to him, and the other boys took no notice of the poor blind lad. So, patiently he waited. At last Benjamin came by, whistling as usual. 'Benjamin,' shouted little David, 'Ben knew the little shrill voice of the poor blind boy, and came toward him. 'Good morning, how fares it today?'

"Tell me, Benjamin, what means all this noise? There is something going on today. What is it, Benjamin?"

"Benjamin's face darkened. 'There is something going on today,' he answered, 'but never mind that now. Tell me how are the sheep?'

"I say never mind the sheep," answered David, 'things feel strange to me today. I must know. Tell me the truth. I must know. Tell me, Benjamin, I would know if I could see.'

"Benjamin thought awhile. He knew what a tender heart the boy had, and then he answered: 'There is a man been condemned to die, David.'

"Poor man," said the little fellow sadly. 'I hate to hear of that.' And both were silent.

"At last the child spoke again: 'Have you seen the Nazarene lately, Benjamin?' he asked at last; then he added more timidly. 'Benjamin, I have been thinking lately that if I could see Him, and if we asked Him, perhaps He would be sorry for me and make my eyes see again.'

"Benjamin started, but he did not answer.

"Do you think He would, Benjamin?" His friend was strangely quiet thought the boy.

"It is too late now, little friend," he answered at last.

"Why, we can go today; that is if you will take me. It has not been long since He was in this

neighborhood, and we can find Him. Will you take me?"

"This was a trying moment for the older boy. How could he disappoint the little fellow, with his face all aglow with excitement. Yet he must tell him in the end, so he might as well say it right out; but it was hard.

"It is He that is sentenced to die, David, the Nazarene. He is to die on a cross upon Calvary."

"The Nazarene— But you said He was a good Man, and made sick people well, and fed the hungry and people loved Him. How can this be?"

"The Nazarene— Yes, but come, these things are too sad for you. Let me take you to the seashore to watch the ships."

"No, no, I must see Him. I must. You have told me all of the wonderful things He has done; and all these days I hoped He would pass this way. It isn't too late, Benjamin. Take me where He will pass with His cross. Please take me. If only the shadow of His cross should fall on me, Benjamin, I believe I would be cured. I believe I would."

"Benjamin hesitated. He deeply regretted he had not taken the lad before the gracious healer; but today would be too sad, too pitiful. And yet, thought Benjamin, David is blind. The sad spectacle would be hidden from him; and as for himself—well, he was a man.

"We will go," he said. Lifting the little boy on his big shoulders they started off in the direction of the city gate.

"On they went, on and on, out into the open, toward the hill that led to Calvary, until at last they reached a knoll by the wayside near which Benjamin knew the sad procession must pass.

"Now, little David, we will wait here," said the big fellow, tenderly letting down the little boy from his shoulders, and when I see Him coming I will tell you."

"The minutes seemed to David to stretch into hours. He had waited so long to see, and now this final waiting was longer than ever.

"They are coming now," he said, as he caught sight of the armed men in the distance. But there was no need to tell the blind boy. He had heard the tramp of horses' feet, he had felt the approach of the crowd, even before Benjamin had seen them, and he drew closer to the big friend beside him.

"They are coming nearer," said Benjamin, and we are close beside where he must pass. Kneel with me. I think He cannot fail to see us if only He will look this way. David knelt and clasped his hands.

"What if the soldiers should see us first, Benjamin?" he asked fearfully.

"Do not be afraid. They are not looking this way."

"Is He coming closer, Benjamin?" David asked again as the steps seemed to draw even nearer and nearer.

"Yes, He is close now," answered Benjamin, but his answer was drowned in the shouts of the crowd.

"Does He see us? Tell me," and David lifted an anxious face to Benjamin.

"Yes, He comes nearer and nearer, whispered the boy, and again shouts of the approaching crowd filled the air. David shuddered. The uproar frightened him, and the heavy tramp of horses' hoofs shook the ground where they knelt.

"He comes, David." And Benjamin saw the great cross that weighed down the form of the silent prisoner almost to the ground.

"He is here. The shadow of His cross is falling on our path, but hush, He sees us." And Benjamin was thankful in his heart that David's eyes were held.

"For a moment the little boy's heart beat fast and loud, but only for a moment. Then a great peace and joy, such as he had never felt, filled all his being, for suddenly his eyes were opened, as by a miracle the crowd parted and he looked into the face of Christ.

To be continued

A lie never lives to be old.

Catholic News Notes

The Holy Name Societies of New London Conn., will unite in a great demonstration at Norwich, Oct. 12.

It is stated that, on the banks of the Illinois River, marking the site of Father Marquette's Mission at Kaskaskia, a great granite cross will be erected.

The combination school hall and Church of Our Lady of Angels, at Vanderbilt and Lafayette avenues, Brooklyn, will be dedicated on Nov. 27. The building will be one of the handsomest in the country.

Rev. Nicario Makelin, who celebrated his first mass a few days ago, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Ovid, N. Y., is one of the four young Filipino students sent to this country to be educated some years ago, by Bishop Hendrick of Cebu, P. I. Father Makelin is a native of Iloilo, and made his studies at St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

Some time ago the Archbishop of Milwaukee, from the pulpits of his churches, warned the faithful against a certain Polish paper. That paper now sues for \$100,000 damages.

At Prairie du Chien, the College of the Jesuits is to have a \$50,000 chapel. The students will give \$25 each towards it.

There were twenty-four Popes on the "chair of Peter" during the tenth century; the largest number in one century; and in the nineteenth century there were only six, the smallest number.

Lightning struck St. Martin's Church, Ashford, Wis., while 200 people were attending Vespers. No one was hurt.

Three thousand persons witnessed the unveiling of the bronze statue in memory of Father Abram Ryan, the poet-priest of the South, in Ryan Park, Mobile, Ala., recently.

Crossing Broadway and Seventy-second street, New York, Sister Mary Irene of St. Joseph's Home, was knocked down by an automobile and fatally injured. While her companion, Sister Agnes, knelt beside her stricken companion in the street, all busy congested Broadway traffic stopped and waited until she was placed in a vehicle to convey her to a hospital.

At Los Angeles, Cal., St. John's Hospital is in course of erection.

The Philadelphia St. Vincent de Paul Society, in the last three months relieved 1,815 families, made up of 3,579 persons, and expended \$10,603.26.

In St. Columba Church, in Derry, Columbkille, Ireland, a magnificent Eucharistic tribute and procession with the Blessed Sacrament took place. Every half hour Mass was celebrated and 11,000 Communions were received.

Catholicity is entering upon an era of prosperity in China. The Bishop of Peking, in response to the Government's request for prayers, held special devotions in his Cathedral.

Queen Elizabeth of Belgium holds a Leipzig University degree of Doctor and could practice as such.

At ancient Trier, on the Mosel, Germany, stands a basilica built by Constantine the Great. It is unfortunately now an Evangelical Protestant church.

News From Ireland

Antrim.
A Gillespie, of Howth street, was fatally injured in an accident at Panaghy by colliding, while cycling, with a trap driven by A. Woods, on Black road. An operation was performed on the injured man in the Royal Victoria hospital, Belfast, but he succumbed to his injuries in a short time.

Carlow.
Three thatched cottages on High St., Carlow-Graignal, were destroyed by fire on the night of July 26.

James Maher, Leighlinbridge, has been appointed rent collector to the Carlow Rural council.

Cavan.
On July 21, at Miltown Park, Dublin, Rev. Patrick Gannon, S. J. (son of Mrs. Gannon, Erskine house, Cavan, and of the late John Gannon, J. P.), was ordained a priest of the Jesuit order by His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin.

Cork.
Miss Moynihan has been elected night nurse in the Schull Workhouse at a salary of \$30 per year.

On July 31, John Galvin, an old pensioner, living at 4 James street, Cork, fell downstairs and died a short time after.

Derry.
Thomas John Andrews of 1 Bearnville, Portadown, Derry, barrister-at-law, who died on June 3, last, left estate valued at \$2,640 6s 9d.

Donegal.
The potato blight has made its appearance in Donegal, and great uneasiness is felt by the farmers generally.

Dowry.
R. N. Mayne, Warrenpoint, son of the late Joseph Mayne, Warrenpoint, has been appointed by the Redditch Urban district council their electrical engineer at a salary of \$300 per year. There were 200 applicants for the position.

Galway.
Amongst a number of young ladies received in the Convent of Mercy, Waxford, on August 30, was Miss Alice Keane (in religion Sister Mary Peter Joseph), daughter of Patrick Keane, Loughrea.

Kerry.
Mr. Coyle has resigned as accountant under the Kerry County council, and his place has been filled by the appointment of T. P. Kennedy, Tralee.

Kilkenny.
A fire which occurred on the business premises of J. C. Price, Newbridge, on July 27, caused considerable damage.

Kings.
Athy Urban council is arranging to carry out a new scheme of cottages under the Laborers' acts. The scheme embraces forty cottages.

Kilkenny.
Miss Ellen Holland has resigned as charge laundress in Callan union.

Kings.
The death took place recently of Miss Mary Cassin, Bridge House, Thomastown.

Kings.
Miss E. M. Lynch has resigned her position as Dispensary nurse in Clara.

Limerick.
Died.—Recently, Mathew Fahy, Upper Summerhill street, Limerick.—Recently, Mrs. Byrne Bruree.

Longford.
T. P. Farrell, the popular Parliamentary representative from this county, is rapidly recovering from his recent illness.

Louth.
Died.—July 30, John Gernon, July 26, at Dunleer, Edward Morgan, Vittleur.

Tipperary.
John O'Brien has been appointed clerk of works by Glenmalur Corporation.

Rosecommon.
Died.—July 30, Mr. Flanagan, N. T., Elphin.—July 29, James Dolan, Castleruby.

Renounce the World

The Chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth convent was the scene of a solemn religious ceremony last Saturday morning when five young women received the habit of the Congregation and 33 novices were admitted to their religious profession. Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, bishop of the diocese, officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Stephen Byrne, chaplain of the convent, and Rev. J. F. O'Hern, rector of the cathedral.

The ceremonial of the Church in which these young women pledged themselves to a life of noble self-forgetfulness and devoted service to their neighbor in works of Christian education and charity is most beautiful and impressive. Those received into the congregation entered the chapel as brides in robes of snowy whiteness, symbolic of their spiritual nuptial and union with Christ. Each young aspirant to religious profession carried in her hand a lighted taper typical of her faith in the high ideals of the life to which she bound herself.

In the body of the chapel were gathered the friends and relatives of the young religious. Several of the clergymen of the diocese were present in the sanctuary.

The young women who were received into the congregation will hereafter be known as follows: Miss Anna Hasenauer, Sister Mary Rose; Miss Martha McGrath, Sister Mary Blanche; Miss Anna Kinsella, Sister Mary Monica; Miss Bride Hart, Sister Mary Pelagia; Miss Leonia Martin, Sister Wilhelmina.

Those who were admitted to their first vows were: Sister M. Lucilla, Sister M. Blandina, Sister M. Victorine, Sister M. Raymond, Sister M. Baptista, Sister M. Waltrude, Sister M. Aquina, Sister M. Irma, Sister M. Paulette, Sister Vincent Joseph, Sister M. Everilda, Sister M. Demetria, Sister M. Gabriel, Sister M. Sophia, Sister M. Germania, Sister Angelo Joseph.

The following Sisters took their final vows: Sister M. Emma, Sister M. Reparata, Sister M. Andrea, Sister M. Rosella, Sister M. Mil-dren, Sister M. Adriano, Sister M. Edith, Sister M. Assunta, Sister M. Gerald, Sister Clara Joseph, Sister St. Agnes, Sister M. Rosalita, Sister M. Marcellina, Sister M. Anastasia, Sister Gerard Majella, Sister M. Rosetta, Sister M. Agnieszka.

(At the close of the ceremony the Bishop addressed the young Religious in words of felicitation and encouragement.)

BELGIAN ALLIANCE IN CONVENTION
The third annual convention of the Belgian-American National Alliance convened this week in French hall, Pleasant street, and the session closed Monday. Father A. A. Notebaert of Our Lord of Victory church, is head of the organization.

The programme of the convention is as follows:
Saturday evening two playlets were given by the Belgian-American Dramatic Association Alliance of Detroit, Mich., under the auspices of the Belgian-American Alliance and of the Belgian-Holland Club of Rochester.

Sunday morning at 9:15 o'clock Rt. Rev. Henry Gabriels, D. D., Bishop of Ogdensburg, N. Y., celebrated mass and made a Flemish address.

At 1:30 p. m., sight seeing in touring cars.

At 7 p. m. the Detroit Dramatic association presented the original drama in three acts, "The Sheriff," Monday morning at 8 o'clock: Solemn high mass, celebrated by Rev. A. A. Notebaert, spiritual adviser of the Belgian-American Alliance, assisted by Rev. Joseph Stillmans, Belgian chaplain of New York, and Rev. E. X. Van Nistelrooy, of Kimberly, Wis. During mass, address by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, bishop of Rochester, N. Y.

At 9 o'clock: Opening of the convention at the French hall. Welcome by Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton; address by Rev. A. A. Notebaert, spiritual adviser.

At 10 o'clock: Banquet at the Whitcomb house; music by Professor Ernest Van Haute's orchestra.

BISHOP MAKES NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Right Reverend Thomas F. Hickey, Bishop of Rochester, has announced the following changes among the priests of the diocese:

Rev. Joseph J. Baerl, at present assistant at St. Michael's church, Rochester, and Rev. James Veale, D. D., former professor at St. Andrew's seminary, to be professors at St. Bernard's seminary; Rev. John Muckle to be assistant at St. Francis de Sales church, Geneva; Rev. William McFadden to be assistant at St. Stephen's church, Geneva; Rev. Joseph Diacet to be assistant at Holy Rosary church, Rochester; Rev. Joseph Curtis to be professor at St. Andrew's seminary; Rev. Francis Moffat to be assistant at St. Monica's church, Rochester; Rev. Otto Geiger to be assistant at St. Michael's church, Rochester; Rev. Arthur Smith to be assistant at Brockport, and Rev. John McMahon to be assistant at Spencerport.

A CATHOLIC ORDER ASSIST MISSIONS

The sum of \$30,000 was voted for the work of the Catholic Church Extension Society by the Catholic Order of Foresters, assembled at their twenty-first biennial convention at Louisville, Ky. This appropriation is to be equally divided between the mission fields of America and Canada. In following the footsteps of the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians by assisting the work of the preservation and extension of the Faith in neglected districts, the Catholic Order of Foresters deserves high praise. Our own country counts many real missionary dioceses, and Northwestern Canada is also absolutely dependent on Catholic charity for the building up of the Church. Last year the Society for the Propagation of the Faith appropriated \$62,544.89 to the needs of the poor missions in Canada, and \$61,000 to the missionary districts of the United States and its possessions. When we consider the poverty of the missions assisted by the Society we fully realize that the help given is not adequate, and that is the reason why we rejoice at the movement lately started by Catholic Societies to come to the help of these poor missions. When the "spirit of the missions" will fully animate our Catholic societies an extraordinary impetus will be given to the work of the Propagation and Preservation of the Faith at home and in the foreign fields.

PERRY-MCDONALD.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth McDonald to Carman F. Perry took place Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock in Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Francis O'Hern, and the nuptial mass was sung by Rev. Victor J. Hurley, Professor Eugene Bonn played the march.

The bride wore white crepe de chine with shadow lace, and a picture hat. She carried a white prayer book. She was attended by her sister, Miss Josephine McDonald. James Hillock was best man.

After the ceremony breakfast was served at the home of the bride, No. 247 Oak street, covers being laid for thirty.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry left for a trip to include New York and other points on the Atlantic coast. They will return to Rochester the latter part of the month.

Most Rev. Dr. John Bonzano, apostolic delegate, who has been named by Pope Pius X., as the Pontiff's special representative at the Second Missionary Congress which will convene on October 10th in Boston. More than one hundred archbishops and bishops from all parts of the United States, Canada, Mexico and the West Indies will attend the congress. Cardinal Gibbons, Farley and O'Connell will take prominent part in the congress.