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## Shadow of the Cross

Continued from last week

"Only a second—and it was over. The crowd pressed closer, and he could be seen no more. But neither David nor Benjamin could speak, and the eyes that had been blinded all his little life by the hand of God were blinded now by the great tears that welled up and flowed down his pale cheeks. Benjamin, too, was sobbing and trying to keep back the tears that forced themselves into his own eyes. He knew that the Nazarene had looked at him also and suddenly a great longing had filled the boy's soul to run after Him, to die with Him—but the thought of the child at his side had held him. He did not need to ask if the boy could see. He knew that a look from his eyes of the great Healer had dissipated the darkness forever from David's eyes. The sad procession had passed on its way, and now only the distant cries of the soldiers could be heard.

"Come, little brother," said Benjamin. There was a peculiar tenderness in the words; he had never called David thus before, but the love felt for him now was a different love than he had ever known.

"Long they had knelt; but they could not stay on under the spell that seemed to hold them, and the longing in the older boy's heart could not be fulfilled—not yet. He must take the little boy back to his home, time was passing, and that they had come a long way. They must leave the hallowed spot.

"O, Benjamin, what can I do? I could not thank Him, and how beautiful He was! His face shown like the sun yonder, and there was a great beautiful light all around Him." Benjamin started and looked quickly at the boy, but he did not interrupt him.

"He seemed to tell me that He loved me, and His eyes seemed to read all that I had ever done of good or bad. How could He know me, Benjamin? If we could only follow Him and help Him!

"But Benjamin was lost in thought. The boy's words had told another miracle: His face shown like sun, and there was a great beautiful light around Him—these were David's words; then the boy's eyes had been spared the fearful sight that met his own. With kindness! What tenderness! And Benjamin wondered which had been the greater miracle. Not until long after did David know what he had been spared by the tender love of the Nazarene.

The old monk paused. "This was nearly sixty years ago, children, nearly sixty years ago," and he looked out over the distant hills towards Calvary, and his eyes were moist.

"What a beautiful story, Father—but what became of Benjamin? Did he go back and follow our Lord? What did David's mother say? The children asked in chorus.

"O, David's mother cried for joy when she could look into her boy's eyes at last, and Benjamin's longing was fulfilled, for he gave his life for His Master in the great arena over there in Rome."

"I wish I could have been David. Is he still alive? He might be. You said it was nearly sixty years ago; but he'd be very old, wouldn't he?"

"Yes, very, very old, Daniel, with snow-white hair."

"Have you ever seen him, Father? Are his eyes very beautiful? Where is he now?"

"Yes, I have seen him and his eyes. They have the beauty His Master gave them."

"Where is he now, Father? I want so much to see him."

"You have seen him, child, and talked to him."

Then Daniel looked up quickly and saw a wonderful light in the old eyes that he had always thought so beautiful.

"Oh, Father, it is you? Are you David? And is that why your eyes are so beautiful?"

But for answer the old man only held him closer, as the child's arms were clasped about the old friend's neck. The silence of the evening hour had fallen, and the sun sank behind the hill that leads to Calvary.—M. G. M., in The Leader.

## A Little Mongolian Nun's Prayer to the Holy Father

This touching story of the odd experience that befell a little Mongolian Nun is related by a Franciscan Missionary of Mary: "Sister Mary Rosa, belonged to a well-to-do Mongolian family. Desiring to join our number, she was sent to Europe to make her novitiate, and finally received the religious habit. About six months ago she had a stroke of paralysis accompanied by a painful eruption that caused intense suffering."

"Now Sister Mary Rosa had heard of the cures God frequently grants to the prayers of His Vicar, and with that filial respect of the Chinese for the Holy Father she used to say: I pray the Pope every day that he may cure me, or that I may go to Heaven!"

"One morning she cried to her nurse, I am happy to-day, last night my pains were so acute that I asked the Holy Father to cure me or to let me die. All at once he appeared to me and said, 'Do you want to die at once, or will you suffer a month and then go straight to Heaven?' I replied: 'I would rather suffer a month and go to Heaven.'"

"The nurse assured the little Sister she had dreamed this, but the latter insisted that she had been awake and had distinctly seen the Pope. Towards the end of the following month Sister Mary Rosa became much worse. She endured great agony and was finally prepared for death. A month exactly from the day she had spoken of the Holy Father's offer and accepted her choice of thirty days' purgatory on earth her purified soul passed to its reward."

Madagascar, since a late decree from Rome, numbers now four Vicariates Apostolic and one Prefecture. Contrary to the long established usage these Vicariates take their name from the residential town of the Bishop, instead of the regions they comprise. They are the Vicariates Apostolic of Diego-Svarez, Fianarantsoa, Fort-Dauphin, Tananarive and the Prefecture Apostolic of Betafo.

The Rev. Father Raymond Zubietta, O. P., has been appointed Bishop of the Titular Church of Adraha and Vicar Apostolic of the new Vicariate of Urubamba et Matre Dei.

The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of Ossining, N. Y., will open in September at Scranton, Pa., a "Blessed Venard Apostolic School."

## Weekly Church Calendar

- S 14—The Holy Name of Mary
- M 15—St. Catharine of Genoa
- T 16—St. Cornelius, P. and Cyprian, Bp. M. M.
- W 17—Ember Day, St. Francis of Assisi
- Th 18—St. Joseph of Cupertino
- F 19—Ember Day, St. Januarius
- S 20—Ember Day, St. Eustachius

## Brilliant School Rooms

The L. L. Williams commercial school has just installed Mazda lamps throughout the building, preparatory to the opening of the evening classes next Monday night.

The new night school circular, giving the branches to be taught, the rates of tuition etc., will be mailed on request by telephone or mail, or will be delivered at the office of the school, 27 Church Street.—Adv.

## News From Ireland

**Ashton.** A sad bathing fatality occurred recently at Portstewart. The victims are Michael Malton, aged 23 years, of Moncynick, Randalstown, and Edward Liddy, Derry-hullagh, Randalstown.

**Armagh.** As the result of a driving accident, on the road between Poyntspass and Tanderagee, a farmer named Robert Whitten, Drummaether, received serious injuries, one of his ears being torn off, whilst a man named George Davidson, who was with him, was also badly injured.

**Cavan.** Forty thousand men and women took part in a very imposing parade of the Irish National Foresters in Cavan, to open convention week in the capital of historic Breffni.

**Cavan.** W. H. Allen, C. E. Ennis, has been appointed engineer to carry out the work of extending and equipping the County Sanatorium and Central Dispensary for the county.

**Cork.** James Welsh has resigned as Master of Michlestown Workhouse.

**Derry.** Michael McLoughlin, a well-to-do farmer of Bolls, has succumbed to the effects of terrible burns, which he accidentally received a short time ago.

**Down.** The bodies of Hugh Haughe, aged 20 years, and Bridge Haughe, aged 12, of Lottercran, about five miles from Pettigo, who were drowned in Lough Pintra, have been recovered.

**Dublin.** A special meeting of Newry No. 1 (County Down), District Council, accepted the tender of John Graham, Dromore, for the erection of 33 laborers' cottages in Rathfriland at \$29,500.

**Dublin.** Dr. Hayes, Seapoint House, Balbriggan, who has for some years past held the position of medical officer of Balrothery, has been appointed to the medical officership of Luak.

**Fermanagh.** James Donnelly, East Bridge St., Enniskillen, has been elected assistant county surveyor by Fermanagh County Council.

**Kerry.** The late Mrs. J. I. Blakeney, of Ballygunin, left estate valued at \$9,396 sterling.

**Kerry.** At the Convent of Mercy Galway, the profession took place recently of Miss May Forde (in religion Sister M. Liguori), daughter of the late Martin Forde and Mrs. Forde, Cross Park Tubber.

**Kerry.** Mr. Coyle, accountant in Kerry County Council, has resigned his position.

**Kilkenny.** The death took place recently at the Convent of Mercy, Callan, of Rev. Mother Mary Berchmans.

**Kings.** The priests and people of Clara have subscribed 22 guineas as their first contribution to the Home Rule Fund for 1913.

**Limerick.** Rev. Thomas Stack, a native of Drumcollagher, was raised to the priesthood in Middleborough, England.

**Longford.** Mr. Gunnis, County Surveyor, has resigned his position after twenty-two years service.

**Louth.** The death took place recently of Patrick Fearon of Seatown, Dundalk. He was widely known as a poultry man throughout Louth and Dublin.

**Leitrim.** The death took place recently of Miss Walshe, Matron of Leitrim County Infirmary.

**Mayo.** Died.—Francis Faulkner, merchant, Castlebar.—John Breen, Clewkeek.

## Catholic News Notes

The feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was festively and solemnly celebrated by the Italians in our larger cities. At Springfield, Mass., fully 50,000 celebrated it with great outdoor features.

The Gothic church and parochial buildings of St. Rose, at Monroeville, in the diocese of Fort Wayne, Ind., are very handsome.

At Chesapeake City, Md., the Ruthenian Catholics, under Bishop Orzynski, will build a Cathedral, College and Convent, the plans of which call for an outlay of two million dollars.

The parish of the Minneapolis Pro-Cathedral is engaged in a "campaign" to raise \$70,000 within the next three months. The parish has been divided into three sections for this purpose.

The new Gothic, two-towered church of St. Mary of the Angels at Olean, N. Y., will cost exclusive of site and furnishings, \$125,000.

Mother Hyacinth, the foundress of the Ursuline Convent in Brown County, Ohio, died recently in her 92nd year.

The former investiture of Very Rev. J. J. Garland, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Independence, Mo., took place August 27th at the Immaculate Conception Church at Charles City, where Father Garland was formerly pastor.

The Polish Catholic Union of America will meet in Milwaukee October 6-11.

The annual banquet of the Mt. St. Mary Seminary Alumni, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, will take place October 23rd.

Rev. J. M. Wolfe, pastor of Maquoketa, is planning the erection of a church and parochial residence to cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

At Rapid City, diocese of Lead, Bishop Busch is endeavoring to build a hospital to cost \$50,000.

The House of the Fathers of the Divine Word at Techny, Ill., was struck by lightning some days ago with a reported damage of \$60,000.

The first Bishop of Quebec was enthroned in the year 1647. He exercised jurisdiction over what is now known as Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Maine, Ohio and New York.

While excavating for a large hospital at Neuchatel, workmen found a bronze coffin at a depth of ten feet, within which was the mummified body of a young woman on whose wrists were four bronze bracelets. The grave is traced to 600 years before Christ.

The tower of the Gothic Cathedral of Ulm, dating from 1377 to 1494, is 528 feet high.

His Holiness Pius X received a fortnight ago a deputation of Maronite Bishops, who, in the name of the Patriarch of Antioch presented an offering of Peters-Pence.

The Most Rev. Archbishop of Cashel, Ireland, who recently resigned his See, wishes to return to the position of parish priest. Mgr. Fennelly is now 68 years old.

Up to 1900, the aggregate length of the Catacombs of Rome, as known, was equal to 587 miles.

**Baseball.** Rochester will play with Toronto on the 18th, 19, 20 26th.

## A Missionary Among Our Colored People

The Lyons African Missions have done, and are doing, good work, not only in Africa, but also in the United States, where they labor among the colored people of Georgia. Any one acquainted with the spirit of the State versus the Catholic Church will readily realize what it means to implant the Faith in the souls of indifferent, if not hostile, colored people, who cannot help entertaining some of the prejudices their white neighbors foster toward the Church of God.

Yet the good Fathers have registered some most satisfactory results in their uphill work. Father Dahlent, L. A. M., to whom we have been able to send an occasional donation, has of late been transferred from Savannah, Ga., to Macon, at the request of the Right Rev. Bishop. Speaking of his departure and of his new field of labor, Father Dahlent says: "After working faithfully for five happy years in Savannah, I have been transferred to Macon, where at the request of the Bishop, we have taken charge of the colored people. I left my old mission with great regret; I was very much attached to the good people of Savannah. But we, missionary priests, have to be ready to make any sacrifice. Here I have a hard and uphill work before me. There are only about fifty colored Catholics in Macon, and they are scattered everywhere. The little church and school erected for the convenience of the Jesuits near their Novitiate are not located in a central point, and are too much distant from the colored settlements. I have no rectory, and am the humble guest of the good Jesuit Fathers at the Novitiate; I cannot come in contact with the people as I should. In spite of all these drawbacks I hope my humble efforts will be crowned with success."

"Kindly remember me again in the future, and send me some help. I am poor; the Sunday collections amount to \$1.50, and how in the world am I going to run church and school with such income—I have to depend on outside help."

## From Alberta

A sweeping fire on the 8th of August brought destruction on the city of Athabaska, (Alberta, Can.). The old Catholic church along the railroad track was totally destroyed. It was the first church in Athabaska. In sending us this sad news, Father A. Desmarais, O. M. I., a veteran missionary who has worked unflinchingly for a great many years to build up his mission, sends the note of discouragement:

"My soul is heavily burdened," says he, "and I have no rest or sleep. My work, fairly begun, is in ruins, and there is no one to help me. Could not the Knights of Columbus do something for me? I hear so much about their charities!"

Father Desmarais is no stranger to our readers, who on many occasions came to his assistance and helped him to build the little hospital at Athabaska Landing.

The Assumptionist Fathers who kept our readers well informed of the incidents of the Balkan War that concerned our Catholic Missions, have several districts under their care in and around Adrianople. One of their convents the old Monastery of Mostrofil (near Adrianople), that they occupied, has been set on fire by the Turkish troops and completely destroyed. Fortunately no lives were lost, but the damage done amounts to over \$60,000.00.

"St. Peter," the chapel car of the Catholic Church Extension Society, which has been employed in the work of the society in the West, will arrive in Rochester at 9:10 p. m. on Friday, September 25, and will remain until the following Monday.

## Collins To Fight For His Cause

The United States of America is a free country, and every citizen has the right to express his opinion on any subject. It is the duty of every citizen to do so. It is the duty of every citizen to do so.

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## Faith Cure for Worry

It is sinful to worry. Worrying implies distrust. But one who is trusting in God, need not worry. Trust in God, and you will find a way. Trust in God, and you will find a way.

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## Lost You Forget

There are 17,944 priests in the United States, including 12,273 of whom are in the active ministry. There are 100 bishops and archbishops, three of whom are cardinals. There are 14,000 churches, 9,500 of whom are resident priests. There are 1,100 seminaries, with 6,100 students. There are 280 colleges for men and 684 academies for girls, and 5,256 parishes with 47,415 orphan asylums with 47,415 orphans, 108 homes for the aged and there are 1,500,000 Catholics in Catholic institutions. 900,000 are Catholics who think it necessary to refute the slander that the Church is opposed to education, that her membership is ignorant and alien to the country.

## Church Events for September

This is the month of the Seven Doctors. September 14, Commemoration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17, 19 and 20th, Ember days are days of fasting and abstinence. Saints of the month are: 17th Stigmata of St. Francis; 21st St. Matthew the Apostle, (d. 40); 22nd St. Michael the Archangel; 28th St. Jerome, (d., 420).

Earl Kenmare's fine new army house, Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland, was destroyed by fire on Sunday. It was built thirty years ago at a cost of \$100,000.