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The Dawning of the Day

Continued from last week

Billy was sorely tempted to add a surreptitious postscript, but refrained. "If she's the real thing, she won't need it," he sagely assured himself; "and if she isn't, why it's good ridance."

Presently the nurse entered and drove Billy away, saw to Jerry's bandages, rearranged his pillows and made him as comfortable as possible for the night. When he was sure that he was alone Mr. Costigan had to set his teeth hard that no moan might escape him. He stretched out his empty arms in the darkness. There was no one to come to them; there never would be any one. He had given Celia her freedom; that was over. Perhaps after a time he would become inured to that agony, perhaps his faith would give him strength to bear it.

Three weeks must elapse before he could look for a reply. To Jerry, in the prison of the dark, they seemed, as they dragged themselves past his bed, like an eternity. In a fortnight he was able to make a first essay in walking about with the aid of a nurse and a cane. It seemed very strange to Mr. Costigan, in the prime of his young manhood, to tap his way along so sightlessly; to sit by the window and feel the sunlight on his face and yet not see it. He must get used to stranger things than that, he realized—life without Celia, for one.

He had many visitors. Billy was indefatigable in his attentions, and even the general manager of the factory deigned to call.

"You must hurry and get about," said the latter wistfully, a puffy individual of whom Jerry held no high opinion. "We need you back at the shop."

Jerry smiled grimly. "Oh, I mean it," continued the other, conscious of Jerry's skepticism. "We can't afford to let you go. We've all agreed that nobody but you can advise us on some points. And there's a hundred shares of stock to your credit on our books. We paid twelve per cent last year. There's no thanks about it. It's strictly business," and the puffy one, in a frenzy of embarrassment, hurriedly took his departure.

Two letters came from Celia, but they had evidently been written before the arrival of his, so Jerry did not open them. He made Billy put them away. He would have them read to him some day when they would not so tear his wound.

Then the time came when he might look for the awaited answer, and Jerry took to counting the visits of the postman. But no letter with a European postmark arrived. Billy's worst suspicions were confirmed.

"She never cared for him—or anybody else. She thought he was a good catch, and now she assumes he isn't. At that, she might have the decency to write." Such was the general tenor of Mr. Peter's self-communings. If Jerry had any such thoughts, he kept them resolutely suppressed. Probably he never doubted her loyalty. He invented a hundred reasons, more for Billy's benefit than his own, why the answer might have been delayed, but as the three weeks became four he came to believe in them less and less. Perhaps she had thought it was better not to write, he finally reasoned, or perhaps she had found it too cruelly hard. He did not want her to write if it hurt her too much to do so, yet had she known how he longed for even a word, surely she would have sent some message. But no word came.

Jerry sat at his favorite post by the window with the morning sunlight on his scarred face. He had been blind a month, a month of horror and grief, lightened by the indomitable power of the faith that rose undaunted to strengthen and sustain him in his trial. Through it he was learning to bear his burden without flinching.

This morning he was humming a tune, the old Irish song he had whistled so joyously on the night he first knew Celia loved him. Fragments of the words came back to him, and he fitted them into the melody:

I left the town and wandered on
Through fields all green and gay
And whom should I meet but my
Colleen-dhas

By the dawning of the day,
He was far from self-pity, but he could not help thinking that he could never see the dawning that his Colleen-dhas was lost to him forever. He hummed the sweet old tune over and over, as if there were a kind of comfort in its simple cadences:

And whom should I meet but my
Colleen-dhas—

The door behind him opened and closed very softly, and then, as he turned, somebody's arms were around his neck, somebody's voice spoke in his ear:

"Jerry! Oh, Jerry!"

"Celia!" he choked, stricken with wonder.

Celia did not heed his exclamation.

"Jerry, I took the first boat. Didn't you get my letter? Or my cablegram? Oh, my dear! My dear!"

Celia had determined to be very brave indeed—for his sake—but the tears would force themselves into eyes and voice despite her. And Jerry, caught unawares, rallied his strength during their swift mutual explanations to battle for honor's sake and Celia's. She was making his duty terribly hard as she told of the letters he never received, of her wild rush across three thousand miles to reach him.

"And how dared you suggest breaking our engagement?" stormed "the girl who didn't care."

"Why, sweetheart, it's the only thing to do," replied Jerry. "I can't have you tied down to a helpless, blind—"

"Suppose I choose to be tied down?" cried Celia, with great spirit. "A gentleman has no right to break an engagement. It's the lady's privilege."

"But, dearest girl, be reasonable!"

"Don't you know, sir, that when a man tells a woman to be serious it simply makes her furious? Reasonable, indeed! I'm going to stay right here with you and put my arms round you, so that people may know that we are—"

"Listen, sweetheart," he interrupted; "it's not just that I'm helpless. It's because—you see, I know what blindness looks like—I know I'm repellant physically—I know—"

He got no further. Celia's hands bent his head forward, and on his seared eyelids he felt the soft warmth of her lips in tenderest caress. Such was her answer.

Speechless, beaten, he drew her close, and Celia, with her victory won, gobbled out her sympathy and love.

"Oh, Jerry," she asked, "is it very dreadful—the dark?"

She felt his arm tremble about her, but his voice rang with triumph, as if the dawning of the day had come at last.

"There's no such thing, as the dark!" he whispered.—Hamilton Bogart Dox, in Extension.

Weekly Church Calendar

9 S—26th after Pentecost
10 M—St. Andrew Avelino, C.
11 T—St. Martin, Bp. C.
12 W—St. Martin I. P. M.
13 Th—St. Brice, C.
14 F—St. Stanislaus Kostka,
15 S—St. Gertrude, V.

The civil prefectures of Lun-yen-chan, Yung-chun-tcheou, Ksing-hou-fou and the island of Nanjik have been detached from the vicariate apostolic of Fokien and added to that of Amoy.

A new ecclesiastical province has been created in Australia. Perth is the metropolitan centre, with the vicariate apostolic of Kimberly as a suffragan see.

News From Ireland

Notes

Antrim.
A worker in Workman and Clark's shipbuilding yard, named Charles McKimm, of 2 Hatton Drive, Belfast, died as the result of injuries sustained by falling from a high scaffold on September 23.

Armagh.
The Armagh Revision sessions held recently, gives the Nationalists a majority of 50 votes more than the Unionists.

Cavan.
Rt. Rev. Mgr. E. Brady, of Denver, Colorado, was a recent visitor to his old home in County Cavan.

Clare.
Recently at the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Angers, France, the solemn profession took place of Alice, youngest daughter of Martin O'Haler, Kilbaha, County Clare.

Cork.
James Sweeney of Cork, who died on the 30th of May last, left personal estate valued at £1,456 14s.

Down.
The late Mrs. Lillian Lombe of Buncrana left an estate of £943.

Donegal.
Two esteemed residents of the county have passed away in the persons of John Douglas of Newry and Henry Cole of Greencastle.

Dublin.
Mr. O'Hanlon, for the past thirty-four years rate collector under the Dundalk Urban Council has resigned his position.

Fermanagh.
As a result of the revision in South Fermanagh the Nationalists claim a net gain of 59 votes, though Unionists returns allow them only a gain of one.

Galway.
The tenants of Lord Ardilaun in Clonbar and Cong have decided to pay no more rent until the estates are sold to the Congested districts board.

Kerry.
Mary Hickey, the sixteen year old daughter of a farmer at Ballybeg, was found drowned on September 23. She had been missing for three days.

Kildare.
The Athy Board of Guardians have appointed Sister Mary Mercy O'Riordan nurse in the infirmary.

Kilkenny.
On October 2, at Ashdown, Messrs. John Murphy and Son, auctioneers, sold Miss E. Burke's farm at the very good figure of 525 guineas. The purchaser was Mr. Cullen, of Glenmore.

Leitrim.
The death took place on September 26 of Charles O'Brien, Tawlaghtawalley, Mohill.

Limerick.
The death has occurred at Limerick of the Very Rev. Lucius O'Brien, dean of Limerick, in his seventy-second year. The deceased, who was a son of William Smith O'Brien, had been Dean since 1905.

Louth.
An Irish battle axe of the stone age period was discovered by Francis Killely while digging in one of his fields at Killaley recently.

Meath.
The Navan board of guardians have accepted a month's notice from Miss Mary Rourke, night and maternity nurse in the infirmary, owing to ill health.

Tipperary.
A man named Michael Quirke, aged about 45 years, of Balinggarrane, accidentally fell from a cart on which he was riding and broke his hip, as well as severely injuring his back.

Tyross.
Dr. W. B. Peebles of Clogher died recently in his 86th year.

Westmeath.
Died—Suddenly in Mullingar on October 3, Robert J. Sheehy, solicitor of London, England, and of Rhode.

Catholic News

Notes

After the recent convention of the Order of the Alhambra, held at Lake Placid, N. Y., the announcement was made that the order will erect a memorial to the Sisters of Charity, who died in service in the Civil War.

The collection this year in the diocese of Portland, Me., for the Holy Father amounted to \$4,001.76.

The Most Rev. John J. Keane, former and now retired Archbishop of Dubuque, quietly celebrated his 74th birthday on the 12th inst. His health remains unchanged. He is able to say Mass daily, and to take a walk in the afternoon.

The handsome new Hibernian building, Roxbury, Mass., was dedicated recently in the presence of distinguished officials of the Order and prominent citizens. When completed the building will cost, including furnishings, about \$125,000.

The Independent Catholic church set up recently in New Britain, Conn., in opposition to the Church of the Sacred Heart, has gone out of existence. It was a failure from the start.

The magnificent new organ, the gift of Mr. Frank J. Nolan, of Albany, in memory of his father, Hon. M. N. Nolan, to St. Joseph's Church, Albany, has been completely installed. Last week it was tested at a recital in the church, attended by a vast congregation.

At Portland, Ore., at a meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the sum of \$10,000 was collected for the new hall of the Order in that city.

A special article in the Hartford Courant shows that there are 430,000 baptized Catholics in Connecticut.

At Syracuse, N. Y., 1800 women of the church of the Assumption formed a jubilee procession.

Twenty-four years ago last month the Catholic University at Washington was begun.

Sister of Charity Dominica, of Mt. St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio, near Cincinnati, died at the age of 98 years. She had been a Civil War nurse.

The fiftieth anniversary, or golden jubilee of the ordination of Archbishop Spalding (retired) of Peoria, will occur next December 19th. His Grace is now in his 74th year and in the 37th of his episcopate.

The Cardinal-Archbishop of Boston has revived in his episcopal city in memory of the Constantinian year, the Confraternity of the Holy Cross.

The plastering of the cupola of the Minneapolis Pro-Cathedral and the panels of its ceiling, alone cost \$21,000. The electric wiring will cost \$11,000.

The Paulist Fathers will add to their house at the Catholic University a \$100,000 building.

Forty-thousand Sisters are teaching the young people in the United States.

Up to fifteen years ago, the Hierarchy of the United States numbered 3 Archbishops and 6 Bishops who were converts.

Among the new African Missionaries ordained at Carthage, Canada also numbers four or five of her sons. They will be sent to the various posts under the charge of this Society.

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St. Francis Xavier Parish Quarter of Century Old

The 25th anniversary of the completion and dedication of St. Francis Xavier church in Bay St., took place on Tuesday of last week and was celebrated last Sunday with appropriate ceremonies. Solemn pontifical high mass was celebrated at 10:30 o'clock by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, assisted by Rev. J. P. Schellhorn as deacon and Rev. Edward Eschrich as subdeacon. The deacons of honor were Rev. J. F. Boppel and Rev. Jos. Balesi. Rev. Matthias J. Hargather acted as assistant priest, and the master of ceremonies was Rev. Dr. Andrew E. Meehan of St. Bernard's Seminary, assisted by Rev. Adolph F. Edelman.

Bishop Hickey preached the sermon of the day. He congratulated the pastor and the people on the work that has been accomplished in the material and spiritual progress of the parish, and paid a glowing tribute to the former pastors of the church, Rev. Matthias J. Hargather, and the late Rev. Jos. Netzel.

St. Francis Xavier Church was established in the spring of 1889, and work on the church edifice was completed in October, in the following fall. Father Hargather was appointed pastor by the late Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid. The site of the church at that time was on the extreme outskirts of the city and was known as the "Wakelee Farm." The district was sparsely settled, the parish starting with but sixty families. During the eight years of Father Hargather's pastorate, the parish progressed remarkably, various societies being established and a hall of entertainment and social purposes being built. On April 8, 1896, Father Hargather was appointed pastor of St. Michael's Church in Clinton Ave. N., and Rev. Jos. Netzel succeeded him at St. Francis Xavier.

A new school was built next to the church under the pastorate of Father Netzel, who labored successfully in the parish for fourteen years. When death claimed him on July 17, 1909, his loss was mourned not only by his people in the parish, among whom he labored so many years, but by the diocese of Rochester as well. Rev. Michael Krichel succeeded Father Netzel, and has since had charge of the parish. He is assisted by Rev. Adolph Edelman.

The financial statement of the parish, issued on January 1, 1913, shows a balance of \$12,000 in the treasury, with no debt of any kind. The buildings of the parish comprise a church, convent, school and parish house. A new church is to be built in the near future, and plans are now being made. At present, there are 400 families in the parish and a large number of children attending the parochial school. An attractive jubilee souvenir booklet, containing a history of the parish, was distributed to the parishioners.

Our Duty to the Departed

The greatest tribute of love we can pay to our deceased parents, relatives and friends is to pray for them, and to have offered up in their memory the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. November is the month which the Church devotes to the Holy Souls. Those desiring to remember their dead cannot do better than to send an offering to the foreign mission priests, to whom a small amount represents a great deal in the native coin. Masses are gratefully said by the missionaries for all benefactors, and the faithful children of the missions are also instructed to pray for the intentions of their distant friends. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is fully empowered by the Holy See to receive and distribute funds. A pious custom is to enroll deceased persons as perpetual, special or ordinary members of the Society, and they re-

To Initiate 100

Mass Caravan To Visit Rail Road Social Nov. 10th

Mass Caravan, Order of Alhambra, are planning to initiate other large class of neophytes to the mysteries of its ritual, to entertain a large number of visiting St. Nicholas on Nov. 10th. Grand Comandante, J. P. MacDonagh and the degree staff and the officers of the caravan will put on the customary work.

The class of 100 neophytes is expected to leave for the initiation in Andalusia, Granada, Spain, who are to ride across the precipitous and ever snow-capped mountains. Rochester and other points initiatory ceremonies will take place in Concordia Hall on Hillson Ave.

The Order of the Alhambra was organized in Brooklyn in 1906, its purpose being to promote social and intellectual intercourse among its members and to establish a fund for preservation of American Catholic historical places.

On May 30, 1912, the first group work of the order was accomplished by the placing of a memorial tablet on the walls of the United States Custom House, Bowling Green, New York, to mark the spot where the sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated in New York in 1492. Rev. Thomas Hargather, then Vicar General of the diocese.

At a convention recently held at Lake Placid, N. Y., a meeting was made that will erect a memorial to the Sisters of Charity who died in the Civil War.

Meetings of the local branch of the caravan as it is named, are held monthly, and are generally social occasions where the lowly religious spirit of the genuine innocent (as it is called) and where full grown men and boys again. Entertainments and refreshments are provided after each meeting.

Among the recent entertainments was a Spelling Bee, lectured by Andrew E. Tuck, of Saratoga in the National Guard, and illustrated lecture by Dr. W. Shanahan, Medical Sup., of Saratoga on "Detectives and Their Care."

Prosperity in Africa

The proud Baluba tribe, whose reputation for courage and fierceness rendered them formerly the terror of their neighbors, are noted for their belief in sorcery. Invincible as they are, they tremble before these charlatans, and invoke other sorcerers, more powerful still, for protection against the first.

To this end they unite with some of the numerous secret societies which exist among the Blacks, and bind themselves to keep secrets with the most terrible oaths. Treason is punished with death, and the dread of vengeance is a serious obstacle to the conversion of these poor people.

A certain number, however, have surmounted this fear and come to live in a village established by the missionaries. This is clean and well kept. Manual labor, farming and cattle raising furnish a livelihood and help the families to attain prosperity. But this is Black prosperity, which means plain food, grain in the fields, a tapia in the field, a pair of cotton trousers, the rich man even has a vest also—and a hat, said by the missionaries for all benefactors, and the faithful children of the missions are also instructed to pray for the intentions of their distant friends. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is fully empowered by the Holy See to receive and distribute funds. A pious custom is to enroll deceased persons as perpetual, special or ordinary members of the Society, and they re-

The Rev. Jean-Garnal, Vicar General, C. S. S., has been named vicar apostolic of Zaire.