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After Long Years

From "the flaming monstrosity of the west" the sun shed a rosy splendor upon the shorn fields and the white walls of farmsteads. The loch lay like a great pool of wine touched here and there with gold. Between high banks sweet with honeysuckle and gay with foxgloves tired harvesters plodded homeward, casting sympathetic glances toward a cottage at the door of which the doctor's rig was standing. For it was known throughout the village that Mrs. Morar, wife of the factor of a local estate, was going to a private hospital in Glasgow "for an operation"—an ominous phrase which conveyed sentence of death to the rustic mind so surely that it was a shame to send the old lady away "to be killed" amongst strangers.

Inside the cottage, she, white-haired, wan-faced, and wasted, reclined in an armchair; and the two men who stood beside it were glad that she had turned from the light, so that they could see only a dim outline of her features.

"Try not to distress yourself, Mrs. Morar," advised the doctor. "You will be quite well and strong after the operation, and free from that dreadful pain."

"If only it could have been done at home!" she sighed. "It is the going away that is so hard to bear."

"But think of the coming back! They will take care of you in the hospital, and there is no more skillful surgeon anywhere than the one in whose hands you will be."

There was no reply. Probably the doctor did not expect any. He said "Good-evening!" and the sound of wheels died away in the stillness of the twilight.

Mr. Morar had come with his wife from the remote Highlands to this village some years ago. They were a quiet, reserved pair, who kept rather strictly to themselves. They went regularly every Sabbath to the Free Kirk, which stood at one end of the one street whilst the United Free Kirk stood at the other, and the established Kirk dominated the landscape from a pine-clad height and therefore, they were accounted very religious.

"James!" Mrs. Morar stretched out her thin fingers and touched the hand on which his head was bowed. "Don't grieve so. 'I'll come back cured, if it is the Lord's will. He has spared us a long time together, and perhaps He will not part us yet. If it is not presumption to say it, I'd like to live a little longer, not to leave you all alone. If only Elsie had been here!"

It was long since Elsie, their only child, had been banished from her home, and they knew not whether she were living or dead. The wife of the laird of Glenbine, in whose employment Morar had been at the time, had taken much interest in the pretty, modest girl, and would often have her at the great house, teaching her many accomplishments; and cultivating a nature that already was exquisitely refined.

As a result of that companionship Elsie became a "Papist," even as was the lady—which, to parents born and bred in the narrowest and most rigid form of Calvinism, was the tragedy of the unparadiseable sin. James Morar, in a flame of wrath that seemed to consume all natural affection, had forbidden the girl to come near him or enter his house again until she gave up the abominations of the "Scarlet Woman."

Though wounded to the core of her heart by her child's defection, the mother had inclined to mercy's side. But her pleading for the "sinner" was all in vain. Morar could not condone a willful following of idols. Besides, he honestly believed that stern measures might bring the girl all the more speedily to repentance. The laird and his wife soon afterward went abroad in search of health, taking Elsie with them; and a few years elapsed, during which death was busy; the Glenbine estate passed into the hands

of strangers, and Mrs. Morar felt that almost the last link with her daughter had been snapped.

Eventually a letter from Elsie herself bridged the wide gap of silence with a plea for reconciliation, and an humble prayer for her parents' blessing on her approaching marriage to a Catholic gentleman, who would be as dear to them, and was worthy of their affection. "As if on such a marriage any blessing could rest!" said the indignant Morar, and he sent back the letter unanswered, the lingering spark of his hope that she would repent extinguished by her choosing as a husband a follower of "the Man of Sin." The measure of her iniquities was indeed filled up.

During the twenty-six years that followed, Elsie had made no sign. The Morars had to leave Glenbine, and James took office as a new master in a strange locality. Old times were changed, old manners gone. But ever in Helen Morar's heart was a longing, deepened and intensified by illness, for the child who could have comforted her in the long hours of pain, and brightened her solitude. At the prospect of going away, perhaps to death, leaving James to be tended in his old age by strangers, she was filled with a very anguish of regret.

"I was over-hard—I can see that now," he conceded sadly. "If I thought I was right, so did she; and it was between her and her Maker, after all. She would have been a help to both of us now. My girl!"

His voice broke, and again the thin fingers touched his.

"You didn't mean to be hard, James. If ever she does come back, and I am not here, tell her I loved and blessed her always, and every day of my life prayed the Lord to be her guide unto salvation."

"This is for you, Mrs. Morar. I got it specially for you, to remind you of your native Highlands," said the nurse; and Mrs. Morar raised her languid eyes to the bunch of white heather in the other's hand.

Her pale lips quivered with a smile that had kinship with a sob; and memory led her back to days of courtship when James was young and comely, and she was a light-hearted girl, searching with him for white heather; to the days when Elsie had walked beside her through the dewy greenness of the glen or the purple splendor of the moor—first a little thing clinging to mother's hand; then a graceful, shy maiden, whose eyes were homes of wistful thought.

The operation was over, and the patient practically out of danger; but recovery was retarded by moods of melancholy which enveloped her like a cloud, and perplexed and worried both doctors and nurses, who, of course did not know the explanation—a heart-hungry for lost Elsie sharper than all physical pain.

"How did you know I was Highland, nurse?" she asked. "Well, when you were under chloroform you spoke in Gaelic," replied the nurse. "Mr. Morar, too, is unmistakably from the 'North Country.' I have just sent a post-card to tell him how well you are."

"You have all been very kind to me," said Mrs. Morar. She looked round listlessly, with no interest whatsoever in her surroundings; though in the hope of dispelling her depression, she had been brought from the private ward to a large one, where there were several convalescents whose friends visited them, bringing a breath of new life from the outer world.

"Is that gentleman one of our ministers?" Mrs. Morar asked, indicating a cleric who was talking to a patient opposite. No minister had visited her during her illness, and she was beginning to wish for a word of comfort or counsel.

"He is a Roman Catholic priest," replied the nurse.

"Oh! Are priests allowed to visit here?"

"Why not, when we have Catholic patients?" replied the nurse.

To be continued

Catholic News Notes

The handsome St. Francis de Sales church, Indianapolis, has been dedicated by Coadjutor-Bishop Chartrand.

Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Lillis, Bishop of Kansas City, on Oct. 26 dedicated a new church for Colored Catholics. The first contribution for the new building was from "Mother" Katherine Drexel of New York.

Bishop Walsh of Portland, Me., was one of the speakers at the civic celebration of the Tercentenary of Catholicity in Maine.

Assumption College in Green-dale, Mass., has added 17,400 square feet of land to its holdings, the second big purchase within two weeks. The college now owns property assessed at \$45,000.

In its eight years of providential usefulness, the Church Extension Society has expended in the up-building of the Church in needy places \$1,250,000, providing many provisional churches for such poor places.

The new Church of St. Vincent de Paul, San Francisco, which is to be named the San Francisco, is the largest ever built at Derryport. This steamer has been purchased by the United States Steel Corporation of New York for their Pacific and European service.

Rev. J. F. Nugent, of Des Moines, Ia., has thankfully declined the post of a U. S. Consul in Jerusalem.

Some days ago Archbishop Mesmer of Milwaukee dedicated the \$130,000 St. Agnes Hospital addition at Fond du Lac.

The Rev. Father Moyon, of the Society of the Divine Word, has been appointed Prefect-Apostolic of the Florida Islands.

Five new churches are to be erected in the rural districts of Colorado.

A large addition to the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, in Philadelphia, has been blessed by Auxiliary-Bishop McCourt.

In New Orleans a Capuchin Father opened a school for boys in 1722 and the Ursuline Sisters about the same time began their academy for girls. In Texas and Florida the Franciscan Fathers conducted Catholic schools as early as 1769.

Rev. Kilian Heid, O. S. B., has been made rector of St. John University, Collegeville, Minn.

The anniversary mass of requiem for the deceased Bishop and priests of the New York archdiocese was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Nov. 3.

At Lawrence, Mass., a mission was given in three separate church auditoriums, at which over 25,000 Holy Communions were given.

James Mason, who went to Kansas in the early days, settled on a farm and amassed considerable money, has given to New St. John's hospital, a business lot in Salina, valued at about \$8,000.

At the recent great Goodyear Rubber fire in Milwaukee, Father Francis Murphy, of the Cathedral, at great risk, made his way among burning timbers to the injured and dying firemen, and gave them absolution.

According to an enumeration taken on the 17th inst., and the first in fifty years, there are within the walls of the Vatican 420 persons including guards and gendarmes.

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News From Ireland Bible Revision By Benedictines

Patrick Quigley, signalman at Barnalstown railway station, died on October 18, as the result of injuries he sustained the previous evening when he was run over by a train.

Woodland farm, the property of the late Peter Reilly, merchant, Arva, was sold on October 22, by Mr. Cowan, auctioneer, for \$2500, the purchaser being Mrs. Lynch, Killacrott House, sister of the deceased.

Died—Recently, Thomas Tappin, Ennis; recently, Mrs. O'Malley, Cappoak; recently, James Lanch, Clare Castle.

Rev. Mother de Sales died at the Convent of Mercy, Queens-town, on October 21, at an advanced age.

Michael Ahearne, Mitchelstown, is in custody charged with causing the death of Thomas Roche, Skeheen, on September 28.

John Guiney has been elected to succeed his brother, the late Patrick Guiney, as the O'Brien parliamentary representative for North Cork.

A steamer now on the stocks in the Derry shipyard, which is to be named the San Francisco, is the largest ever built at Derryport. This steamer has been purchased by the United States Steel Corporation of New York for their Pacific and European service.

The masons and bricklayers in Derry have returned to work after a strike which lasted over twelve weeks and paralyzed the building trade at a time when it was recovering from a lengthened period of sickness. The terms which have been agreed upon between the men and the masonry builders are understood to be that the men receive an increase of 1-1-2d per hour, bringing their wages up to 7-1-2d an hour, and also an increase of 6d in respect of country work. The members of the carpentering trade, who were also on strike, have not yet come to terms with the employers.

Mr. Steele, who recently resigned as mechanical engineer in Rathdoran Union has been granted a pension of £52 per year. Mr. Steele's stepson, Thomas Walsh, was elected to succeed him.

The death took place on October 14 of John Kane O'Brennan, Dennis J. Baily, son of Patrick Baily, Rathanny, obtained first place at the recent examination for clerkships in the Kerry County Council office.

The local government board have issued an order closing Bodelstown churchyard, the burial place of Wolfe Tone, as from April 1, 1914.

Denis Cronin, for forty years the relieving officer of the Killfinane dispensary district, has resigned his position owing to advanced age.

John Tobin, Granard, who emigrated to America some four or five years ago, is at present at home on a short holiday.

While hunting with the Dundalk Harriers at Corderoy on October 23, Mrs. Bellingham was thrown from her horse and received such injuries about the head as rendered her unconscious for some time.

A fire causing damage to the extent of £300 occurred at the farm of Thomas Cleary, Coorvan, Borrisokane, on October 17.

Nicholas Doherty, Olave St. Waterford, has been elected relieving officer for Kilmastevogue district.

Bible Revision By Benedictines

Rev. Dr. Langdon Tells of Great Task Ordered by Pope

Abbot Gasquet Takes III

Rt. Rev. Francis Aidon Gasquet, abbot general of the Benedictine Order, was advised by physicians that to continue his lecture tour through the United States, telling of the work his order is doing in the revision of the Holy Scriptures, might prove fatal to him, consequently he was obliged to send his secretary, Rev. Dr. Phillip Langdon, O. S. B., to substitute for him in the lecture announced for Tuesday evening in Cathedral Hall, under the direction of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

Father Langdon not only explained the commission that was committed to the Order of St. Benedict by Pope Pius X interestingly, but with a wealth of funny stories that kept the audience fairly convulsed all the time he occupied the platform. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey presided and made the introductory address, and there were musical selections by the Brahma Glee Club and Mrs. Helen Keenan O'Connell.

Father Langdon, in opening his address, said that a revision of the Bible by the Benedictine Order must in no way be construed as meaning that the Holy Scripture were to be rewritten. The order was simply undertaking the work of eliminating all the mistakes that have crept into the present editions since the time of the first really authentic Latin version.

"It is a very big work, a very great work, that the Holy Father committed to us in 1907," he said, "one that will take years and years of time and a tremendous amount of the most careful research. In short, we are trying to restore the Holy Scriptures to the accuracy of the first Latin version that was made by St. Jerome in the fourth century, under the pontificate of Pope Damasus.

"You know the original Scriptures were written in Greek and Hebrew, and as the course of Christianity went westward there was a demand for Bibles in the tongues of the people of Western Europe, and a number of very poor and inaccurate translations were made. This confusion of the Holy Writ caused Pope Damasus much anxiety, and he commissioned St. Jerome, a great scholar, to prepare a true version from the best copies in Hebrew and Greek.

"This was done and the world had an accurate Bible, but as you know in those days before the printing presses, the copies all had to be made by the scribes. Many copyists were good, some careless, some more inclined to be heretical. In 400 years more there again were a number of discrepancies. This time Charles Magne commissioned a learned monk to castigate the Bible. But again in years, the old forces commenced working and at the Council of Trent it was urged upon Pope Clement that the work of revision again be undertaken.

"A commission was named to undertake the work and it labored for forty years under adverse political circumstances and finally was forced to discontinue. When the Clementine version, as this later one was called, was put out it was with the understanding that it had not been purged of all inaccuracies.

"Now Pope Pius has given to the Benedictine Order the task of going back to the earliest possible sources and restore the Bible to the original Latin version of St. Jerome. But why don't we go back and get the original copy of St. Jerome's Bible, as a reporter asked in New York City the other day? Like the early Hebrew and Greek Scriptures, the original has disappeared and the best we can do is find the oldest copies, examine them with the greatest care and scientific precision.

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John R. Powers, John...
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Roanoke, Joseph J. ...
Dr. W. B. O'Neil, H. C. ...
J. G. Naughton, James...
Doyle and Thomas F. ...

Two Churches Are Dedicated

St. Vincent's at Corning and St. James' at Waverly

Corning, Nov. 25.—Bishop Hickey, delivered the address in connection with the dedication of the new Catholic Church at St. Vincent de Paul Sunday afternoon. There were many visiting priests here for the occasion.

St. Vincent de Paul's church was created last August by Bishop Hickey to include the sixth and seventh wards of Corning and the village of Painted Post. Its pastor is Rev. John A. O'Connell, formerly chaplain at the Elmira Reformatory. The location of the new parish from Corning three Catholic churches.

The building dedicated is two stories high and is built of brick. The lower floor is to be devoted to the parochial school, the upper floor to the church. It is hoped to have the building ready for use shortly after the new year.

Bishop Hickey also dedicated the new St. James church at Waverly. He was met on his arrival here by an honorary committee made up of the members of Corning Council, Knights of Columbus. This escort remained with him until he returned to Waverly again in the evening.

Order of Almoners

The next meeting of the Caravan will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 3rd, in McGraw's Hall, Main and Swan Sts. This being the first meeting since the ceremonial it will afford an excellent opportunity for the old and new Sir Nobles of Mass to become acquainted.

The Entertainment Committee will, as usual, see to it that not one dull moment passes.