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Our Lady's Ring

Word had gone round the parish that a priest who was celebrated for his eloquence was to preach that evening in the village church. There was much excitement, for everyone was, of course, anxious to see and hear the famous Father D—. Long before the service commenced the church was filled to overflowing and quite a crowd of people who could not find room within were standing round the doorway. The lantern people noticed many strangers in the congregation that evening, for people had come from the neighboring parishes and, further still, to hear Father D—'s sermon.

It was the feast of the Assumption, and a wealth of flowers placed there by loving hands adorned Our Lady's shrine. The statue was, indeed, only a rude one, standing on a wooden pedestal, for the poor Irish congregation, generous though they were, could not afford a better one; but all that pious care could do to make it beautiful had been done. Our Blessed Lady seemed to smile down upon her simple-hearted clients. When the Rosary and Litany had been recited the parish priest, Father Tom Geraghty, or, as he was affectionately called by his parishioners, "Father Tom", led the celebrated Father D— to the altar steps from which he was to preach, for there was no pulpit. Father Tom was smiling radiantly as he thus introduced the preacher, pleased no doubt at the thought that he had secured for his people such an intellectual treat as he knew Father D—'s sermon would be. Little did he think that his own few, simple words would have far more weight with the majority of the people there, who knew his kind heart and saintly life, than all the flowers of rhetoric. The sermon was, of course, about Our Blessed Lady, and, as the preacher painted in glowing, poetic language the glories and privileges, the power and the mercy of this "example of all womanhood, so mild, so merciful, so strong, so good, so patient, peaceful, loyal, loving, pure," every heart was stirred to its very depths, as the strong emotion on every countenance could testify. When, at length, he described her entry into Heaven more glorious even than that of her Son, for He was there to meet her, many could no longer subdue the emotion which they felt, and tears of rapture filled their eyes. The sermon was full of him that he felt he no longer have any anxiety concerning his future. But, alas! there were pitfalls for the feet of a young man in every big city, Queen to whom love and loyalty was with them an instinct, for had not devotion to her been handed down to them through centuries of persecution and generations of martyrs?

"See, see, the Eternal Hands And the sweet majesty Of mercy sitteth down For ever and for ever On her pre-destined throne." So ended the hymn, and then the people knelt down to receive the Benediction of the Son whose Mother they had delighted to honor as He Himself had done. When all was over, the congregation filed slowly out of the church, fired with renewed ardor in the service of Heaven's bright Queen and Man's gentlest Mother. The preacher has made an impression which was not to prove evanescent. Many remained behind after the bulk of the congregation had departed to offer a prayer before Our Lady's image. Among them was a young man whose face seemed lit up with the fervor of his emotion. He was the last to linger at Our Lady's shrine, and in the effervescence of his love he resolved to give her the costliest thing he possessed. It was a beautiful diamond ring which had belonged to his dead mother, and taking it off, he placed it on the finger of the statue. Gerald D'Arcy had reason to know in after days that his act was a strong though wordless prayer, and that it was them who lived at a boarding house which was usually described as a "bit Bohemian" in the neighborhood, sometimes asked Gerald to spend an evening with him there.

To be continued

News From Ireland

Astrim.

Kirker Robb, a well known timber merchant, member of the Belfast Chamber of Commerce, died recently.

When a constable at Belfast Court announced a defendant's name as "Satan," Mr. Lewis, solicitor, expressed incredulity, but the constable repeated the name. "Is he in the court?" asked Mr. Lewis. "He is," said the constable, amid laughter. "Advance, Satan," said Mr. Lewis, whereupon a man came forward and asked by the solicitor to spell his name, said "Satan."

Armagh.

The death took place suddenly at his brother's residence, Drumgisk, of James M'Guigan, cycle mechanic and agent, Monaghan street, Middletown.

Cavan.

The dead body of a man named Owen Finegan was found in a boghole beside Lisnadarragh Lake. Deceased had been a scurrager at Mr. McCabe's mill at Milltown, and was in receipt of the old age pension.

Derry.

Dr. R. Harris Flynn, formerly master of Ennis College, and recently in charge of the Tipperary Grammar school, died in England on Christmas.

Derry.

Joseph O'Meara, of Mount Bernard, Queenstown, left personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £21,923 7s 6d.

Derry.

Hugh Wisby, a well known farmer residing at Drumballydonagh, died suddenly on December 27.

Alderman Matthew Ballantine, an ex-Mayor of Derry, died on December 27, in Dublin, where he had gone for an operation.

Dublin.

At Ballynahinch, on December 31, the wedding took place of E. Lamb, M.P. of Rochester and Miss Rose Dorothy Hurst, daughter of a local linen manufacturer.

Dublin.

John Noonan, a respected official of the South Dublin Union, residing at James's street, died suddenly on the morning of December 29.

Dr. M. J. Russell, medical superintendent of the South Dublin Rural District, has resigned his position.

Galway.

Dr. P. C. Gorham, medical officer of the Clifden Dispensary District, has resigned his position after 40 years service in the employ of Clifden Board of Guardians.

Kildare.

The farmers in the southern portion of the county have organized an agricultural co-operative society.

Kilkenny.

The house of a laborer named John Minogue, at Sheestown, was destroyed by fire on the night of December 27. Minogue, a man of 70 years, lived alone, and in making his escape from the burning house was severely burned.

Kings.

Patrick Jellico, farmer, of Ballycolgan, near Edenderry, was found dead in bed on December 31.

Limerick.

Died.—On January 1, Michael, eldest son of Daniel O'Sullivan, builder at Druffree, on January 1, John Finucane.

Meath.

Miss Madeline O'Reilly has been appointed permanent charge nurse in the Fever hospital.

Queens.

At the Convent of Mercy, Kinsale, County Cork, the solemn religious profession took place of Miss Katie Fingleton (in religion death he had plans under way for the erection of a new church building and rectory at a cost of \$85,000.



REV. JAMES H. DAY.

Rev. J. H. Day, Holy Rosary Rector, Dead

Well-Known Priest Dies Suddenly of Apoplexy in Rectory of Church.

After hearing the confessions of the Sisters of Mercy at St. Mary's, Rev. James H. Day, rector of Holy Rosary Church, was stricken with apoplexy as he entered the dining room at 6.30 o'clock Friday evening. Seated around the supper table awaiting the return of the priest were F. Claire Mullaly, a nephew of Father Day, and his two small children. As the priest stooped to caress the children, he fell to the floor.

Father Joseph Dissett, assistant rector, summoned Dr. Geo. C. Driscoll, of 348 Lexington Ave., but before the physician arrived life was extinct. After summoning the physician, Father Dissett administered the last rites of the church. Coroner Killip, who was notified, granted a certificate of death from apoplexy.

Father Day was apparently in the best of health just before being stricken except for a cold of which he complained Thursday. Friday, he remarked that he felt much better and put in an active day attending to his church duties.

Rev. James H. Day was born in Auburn on December 12, 1857, and removed to Aurora with his parents at an early age. He attended the common schools and academy at Aurora, and prepared himself for the priesthood at the College of St. Hyacinth in Canada, where he was sent by the late Bishop McQuaid for classical study. He made his theological studies in St. Joseph's Provincial Seminary at Troy. He was ordained for the priesthood by Bishop McQuaid on July 10, 1881, and held his first pastorate in Cato and Red Creek, and as assistant pastor of St. Mary's church in Auburn. He was then transferred to the pastorate of St. Patrick's Church at Dansville, where he remained nine years.

In 1893, Father Day was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Mt. Morris. Included in that charge were the outlying missions of Moscow and Craig Colony. In 1909, after sixteen years in the Mt. Morris pastorate, Father Day was appointed pastor by Bishop Hickey as successor to Rev. John Van Ness, the first A. Maley, Elmira; Rev. J. Moriar, pastor of Holy Rosary church in this city, whose death left that pastorate vacant.

During his service in Rochester Father Day erected the convent in Oriole street at a cost of \$10,000. In 1910 Holy Rosary parish was divided. After the reduction in membership, the priest went to work harder than ever, and in two years succeeded in doubling the membership of his old church. At the time of his death he had plans under way for the erection of a new church building and rectory at a cost of \$85,000.

Besides a sister, Miss Elizabeth Day, with whom he lived, Father Day leaves two brothers, William F. and Daniel M. Day, both of New York city, and two other sisters, Mrs. Mary Hally of New York city and Mrs. Arthur Close of Aurora.

The funeral took place Tuesday forenoon from Holy Rosary Church. Many persons who wished to attend the services there were unable to do so because of lack of room. Rt. Rev. Joseph F. Conroy, auxiliary bishop of Ogdensburg, a close friend of Father Day, assisted at the funeral mass, attended by Rev. A. M. O'Neill, of Immaculate Conception Church, and Rev. J. E. Hartlay, of Palmyra.

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, as celebrant of the solemn pontifical mass of requiem, was assisted by the following officers: Very Rev. D. J. Curran, vicar-general of the diocese and rector of Corpus Christi church, assistant priest, Rev. James T. Dougherty, Canandaigua, and Rev. Michael Krichel, St. Francis Xavier, deacon of honor; Rev. John F. Neilligan, Holy Apostles' deacon of the mass; Rev. A. A. Hughes, Genesee, subdeacon; Rev. A. B. Meenan, D. D., St. Bernard's Seminary, master of ceremonies; Rev. John F. Muckle, Genesee, second master of ceremonies; Rev. J. Rivers, Portage, and Rev. Geo. T. Jones, Hammondsport, acolytes; Rev. Otto Geiger, St. Michael's, censor bearer; Rev. John Sullivan, Corpus Christi, book bearer; Rev. Hugh Crowley, Groton, miter bearer; Rev. August Temmerman, Elmira, candle bearer.

The honorary bearers were: John M. Murphy, J. F. Donovan, of Mount Morris, and Leo McSwiney, Edward P. Flynn, Wm. M. Smith, Donald A. Byrne, Frank A. Strong and Edward P. Bombaut, parishioners of Holy Rosary. The active bearers were: Rev. Simon FitzSimons, St. Mary's church; Rev. John H. O'Brien, St. Augustine's church; Rev. William Payne, Auburn; Rev. George Eisler, Caledonia; Rev. Martin J. Cluney, Honeyoy Falls; Rev. Patrick Neville, East Bloomfield; Rev. F. Holmes, Macdon, and Rev. J. Francis O'Hern, of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

A large number of other priests from the city and elsewhere were present. Among those from out of town were: Rev. John C. Carr, Buffalo; Very Rev. J. J. Bloomer, Elmira; Rev. J. J. Walsh, New York; Rev. Edward Lyons, Elmira; Rev. Daniel Walsh, Batavia; Rev. J. J. Nash, Buffalo; Rev. R. Wilbur, Batavia; Rev. Francis Sullivan, Albion; Rev. J. McHugh, New York; Rev. J. Rev. John Van Ness, the first A. Maley, Elmira; Rev. J. Moriar, pastor of Holy Rosary church in this city, whose death left that pastorate vacant.

Several Catholic girl graduates received degrees at the Glasgow University.

Rev. Joseph Molitor of the Pontifical College, "Josephinum," Columbus, Ohio, made an address in Hebrew at Cincinnati recently.

Catholic News Notes

The new parish of the Mater Dolorosa, Frankford, Pa., has secured a site and will soon begin the erection of a church. It will be especially for the Italians.

The immediate effects of the Constantinian year has been the reawakening of interest in the Temporal Power.

Chicago has 65 Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The beautiful new Church of St. Augustine, at Richmond, Mich., was recently dedicated by Rt. Rev. Edward D. Kelly, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop.

In Denver the first beginning of a St. Vincent de Paul Society is now being made.

By the will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Connelly of Buffalo, \$5,000 is bequeathed to Bishop Colton for an altar to the Blessed Virgin in the new Cathedral.

The Pro-Cathedral at Minneapolis will be opened on the first Sunday of next May.

In twenty-five years, the St. Francis Hospital for Incurables, Cincinnati, has cared for 51,351 patients.

A new \$60,000 church is to be erected at Sheboygan, Wis.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Brooklyn, in nine months relieved 2,410 families, and made 28,452 visits to the poor.

The golden jubilee of the foundation of the parish of the Annunciation, Williamsburg, N. Y., was celebrated on January 27, 1914.

Twenty-seven cities in the United States are named after the discoverer of America, Christopher Columbus.

At Alexandria, Va., a new colored parish is to be established.

In the Protestant Episcopal Church recently there is developing a statue to the "Blessed Virgin with lighted candles, the recitation of the Hail Mary, chaplet to St. Patrick, St. Martin and St. Columba, and calling ministers "Father."

At Youngstown, Ohio, the new St. Elizabeth Hospital will cost \$225,000.

The vast diocese of Lipa, on the Luzon island in the Philippines, with 40,000 people, has only 70 priests.

At one time Cardinal Logos, Archbishop of Armagh, filled a professorial chair in Paris.

About 50,000 people from Calcutta and Madras, India, have settled in Fiji. Two missionaries attended them.

Bishop Bergin, in Mongolia, says he is responsible for 3,245 children; he must feed, clothe and lodge them.

Bishop and Vicar Apostolic Guichard of China is dead.

"It Is Impossible for God to Lie" Did you ever ponder over this fact?—God cannot lie; if He could He would be no longer God. Therefore, the more it becomes impossible for you to lie, the more God-like you become; whilst the oftener you lie, the more you become like unto the devil, who is a liar from the beginning.

James O'Brien of William St., Clonmel, was accidentally drowned in the river Suir on January 1.