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## Our Lady's Ring

Continued from last week

He at first declined, but, being accused by his colleagues of a want of sociability and good comradeship, he at length accepted the invitation. Whenever he spent an evening with this particular colleague his landlady noticed that he returned late at night, and looked pale and haggard next morning. She was solicitous for the welfare of her boarders, and having a special regard for Gerald because of his goodness and piety, she warned him that he seemed to be keeping company that was not good for him, and that he would be very foolish indeed if he allowed fondness for such companion-ship to grow upon him. At first Gerald seemed inclined to heed her warnings, but eventually he laughed at them, and told her that Herbert Seagrove, the person to whom she objected, and was one of the jolliest fellows living, and that he never had such pleasant evenings as those he spent in his company.

One day when Gerald had not been to business as he was feeling somewhat out of sorts, Herbert Seagrove called to see him in the afternoon, and stayed to dinner. The hostess noticed that during the whole time he stayed he seemed to be observing everything with a very inquisitive eye and felt certain that he was making her establishment the subject of his ridicule.

In this she judged correctly. Herbert Seagrove was ridiculing the orderliness of the house with the purpose of inducing Gerald to leave it. He was desirous of having him for a fellow-boarder in the Bohemian establishment where he resided himself, so that he might have him more under his influence.

"Your landlady is exactly like what I should imagine the Superiors of a convent to be," said he to Gerald. "I could never stand her rules and regulations, especially that one about giving her notice beforehand if you intend being out late. Seems to me you are all treated like a lot of children; no wonder you have no go in you, old fellow, staying in a beastly hole like this."

"I was better then when I stayed more in this place and saw less of yours," answered Gerald shortly.

He did not like to hear Mrs. Power's house run down, as she had always done her best to make him happy and comfortable, and was particularly kind to him whenever he was ill or in trouble. Bad company, however, has a fatal attraction and before long Gerald D'Arcy found himself an inmate of the Bohemian establishment patronized by Herbert Seagrove. It was the downward path. He often arrived late at the bank now, and not always quite sober. Steady nerves and a clear head were no longer his and his reputation for punctuality and trustworthiness became a thing of the past.

On several occasions the manager pointed out to him the error of his ways, but all to no purpose.

One morning, however, when Gerald arrived later than usual, he called him into his room and said in very grave accents:

"I regret to say that you still disregard my warnings, Mr. D'Arcy. I have overlooked a great deal and put up with more perhaps, than I should have done because of my friendship with your father; but I now solemnly warn you that if you come here again the worst for drink or be hind time you will certainly be dismissed."

Gerald vowed reformation, but alas! to return now required a herculean effort beyond the power of his weakened will. In a short time the bank manager was obliged to tell him that his services must be dispensed with, and the once promising youth became one of the submerged tenth, herding with London's wretched outcasts.

Gerald's letters home had been few and far between of late, so

that his people were not very much surprised when they now ceased altogether; and his father, who had received intelligence of his dismissal, mourned for him as did the father of the Prodigal.

It was again the feast of the Assumption, and the people were hastening to the little church of Innistoge for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Many of them looked curiously at a poor tramp who seemed also going to the village church, but with slow and lagging footsteps, the consequence evidently of weakness and exhaustion.

"Poor fellow!" said one of them to his companion; "he seems to have one foot in the grave already. He positively staggers sometimes. And see, his face is like that of a skeleton; the bones are almost coming through the skin. Wonder where he came from. It isn't often that you see a tramp in Innistoge."

"Hush!" answered the other. "He evidently overheard your last words. I saw his whole frame quiver when you called him a tramp."

"He is more sensitive, then, than most people of his class. The generality of them glory in the title. I suppose he is going to Benediction in order to afford charitable folk an opportunity for almsgiving."

"Alms might very possibly be bestowed on a worse object than an ordinary common sort of tramp—looks as if he were some poor fellow come down in the world."

So saying the villagers passed on while the poor tramp followed slowly after; his face, or at least as much as could be seen of it, for he wore his battered hat low down on his forehead, seemed full of a harvest of bitter memories.

"A tramp! Yes, that's what they called me. My God! Can it be true that I have come to this?" said Gerald D'Arcy to himself, for the tramp was none other than he. After years of degrading vice and wretched positions, especially that one about giving her notice beforehand if you intend being out late. Seems to me you are all treated like a lot of children; no wonder you have no go in you, old fellow, staying in a beastly hole like this."

At all events he returned, but though he had spent hours wandering about the village amongst the people whom he had known from childhood, nobody seemed to recognize him. Even his own father, grayer and graver than when he had seen him last, had passed him by in the street without deigning more than a fleeting glance. This brought home to him more than anything else the degradation to which he had reduced himself, and he felt chilled to the very heart. For the first time for years he felt a sense of shame at his own condition, and he resolved to leave the village without making himself known to anyone. He would seek out some quiet spot where he was unknown, and where he might hide his wretched head, and perhaps die.

There was one spot, however, in Innistoge in which Gerald D'Arcy knew that he would not feel a stranger. This was the village church. When the bells rang for Benediction he followed the crowd and, kneeling at Our Lady's altar where the old statue still smiled so benignly down on all her children, the wandering as well as the virtuous, he felt for the first time since his arrival in the village a sense of "home."

The sermon was again on the great power and influence of Our Blessed Lady with her Divine Son, and her marvelous mercy and kindness to erring man. And the heart of each one beat faster as the preacher related an instance within his own personal knowledge of how an abandoned sinner who had recourse to her at the last moment was snatched away in a flash from the jaws of hell, which was sixty-three years old on January 5, and observed the anniversary with a pleasant social function at its headquarters in Arch street. The Philopatrian in particular however strong, no probably the oldest Catholic literary society in America.

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## Catholic News Notes

Work on the foundation of the new parochial school of St. Francis Xavier at Brooklyn has been begun.

At Milwaukee a new St. Thomas Aquinas Church, costing \$100,000, is to be erected.

In the Catholic schools of Ohio there are 100,000 children.

The Annunciation parochial school in Buffalo will cost \$80,000.

Rev. Thomas I. Garson, S. J., president of Boston College, has resigned because of ill health. Rev. Charles W. Lyons, S. J., succeeds him.

The Alexian Brothers cared for 3,202 patients in their Chicago hospital last year.

St. Agnes' Church, Pittsburg, together with the school buildings and rectory, has been destroyed by fire. The church was among the largest in that city.

The New York Sun says that the Baptist ministers of that city and New Jersey voted to urge all Protestant churches to adopt the Catholic plan of seeing that school children get religious instruction.

Rev. Thomas B. Dougherty, chaplain of the Eastern Reformatory of Napanock, N. Y., distributes every week Catholic papers donated for the purpose, among three hundred inmates under his care.

Notre Dame University has been devised two scholarships by the late Patrick J. O'Brien, of South Bend, Ind. A like devise of \$15,000 has been made by him to St. Mary's College and Academy.

Not processions, but church attendance and services characterized this year's celebration of the feast of the Holy Name. In Boston alone, 50,000 men of the archdiocese observed the solemnity.

The Episcopate of Bavaria has issued a joint letter against cremation.

The Society of Catholic nurses in Berlin numbers 125 members.

The University of Breslau officially dates from 1505. Today it has over 2,000 students.

In Greece, Catholics are barely tolerated; they are held on a par with infidels and Jews.

The French Government continues seeking, by iniquitous measures, to hamper the working of the Catholic schools in which a Christian education is being given.

Recently there was organized in Montreal a new Catholic Literary League. Its president is the former mayor of Montreal, Dr. J. J. Guerin. A central depot will be established from which literature will be distributed.

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## News From Ireland

John W. Salter, a respected resident of the Rathvilly district died recently at his home in Ballybit.

Captain John Heeney, of West Beach, Queenstown, master mariner, left personal estate valued at \$2,276 13s 8d.

On January 2, the fine new technical school at Magherafelt, the first to be erected by a rural council in Ireland was formally opened, in the presence of a large attendance of the people of the district.

There was but one trival case to be considered at the Newry Quarter Sessions on January 5, and Judge Orr congratulated the grand jury on the peaceful state of the county.

A girl named Cecilia Williams was shot dead at her residence, Bayview avenue, North Strand, Dublin, on January 4. A lodger named Williams was showing her a revolver when the weapon accidentally went off, the bullet lodging in the girl's brain and causing immediate death.

John Burke, of Currendrum, Tuam, intends handing over to the Congested Districts Board on May 1 of the present year, a large holding of land situated at Currendrum. For some years past Mr. Burke's possession of the farm has been the cause of much unrest in the district.

As a result of a visit of the Estates Commissioners on January 7, to the farm at Hodgetown recently acquired by that body, it is stated that the land, pending the completion of arrangements for distribution, is to be let in the 11 months system, to the tenants who held it last season, with the exception of about 28 acres which are proposed to be meadowed in the coming season.

The recent death of Michael O'Connell, of Port, in his 100th year, has removed another remarkable centenarian from West Limerick.

The beautifully situated residence, Balmorino, with good farm attached, has been disposed of by the owner, Mrs. Tiernan through Daly & Son, to Thomas Cummins, of West street, Drogheda, for the sum of \$1,425.

At a meeting of the Mayo county Council, on January 3, Patrick Hopkins was appointed rate collector for the Glenties district and Thomas S. Moclair, Castlebar, was appointed returning officer for the forthcoming County and District Councils elections in May.

Navan Guardians have elected Miss Beggan to the position of night nurse in the Union infirmary.

His Honor Judge Johnston was the recipient of white gloves on the receipt of white gloves on opening Castlebarney Quarter Sessions on January 6. Mr. Swan, under sheriff, who made the presentation, said he had the pleasure in stating that there were no criminal cases or appeals to come before the Court.

Under the Workmen's Compensation Act, Mrs. Fleming was at Limerick Quarter Sessions, awarded £18 compensation for the loss of her husband, a hunter, who was killed as a result of an accident at Nenagh railway station in November last.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Francis Goings of Altavilla, Cahir who died on November 9 last, left estate valued at \$5,163.

An unoccupied house, the property of Patrick Blanchfield, at Crohane Upper, was destroyed by fire on January 4.

Lost time is never found again. Diligence is the mother of good luck.

## K. of C. To Give Play

Indications are that the seventh annual offering of the Knights of Columbus Dramatic Club which is to be given at the Lyceum on the evening of February 19th will be a record breaker in this organization's long list of successful productions. The 1914 selection is Lionel Barrymore's comedy-drama, "The Boys of Company B" and the cast includes an "all-star cast" of Catholic amateurs. Miss Kathryn C. Lynch has played leading parts in "Joan of Arc" and "Every woman" Miss Anna V. Cleary is a well known exponent of dramatic art. Miss Agnes Dwyer has won her laurels and Miss Edna May Meach has been the leading lady in "The Hairdresser". Of the fifteen men who are in the cast, Eugene F. Bopp was leading man in the club's original comic opera, "The Castaways," words by John Northern Hilliard and music by J. George Minges of Rochester Council, K. of C. Harry B. Crowley was lead in "Mrs. Temple's Telegram"; Edward F. Conway in "The Man on the Box"; Dr. J. Henry Carey in "The Brighton Burglary" while Angelo Newman ranks as a semi-professional. Edward Rowland has played leading parts and has directed a number of amateur productions.

Don C. Manning who is to direct the 1914 play and also has painted special scenery for it was formerly with Byrnes Brothers "Eight Bells" and was for years stage director for Proctor's Fifth Avenue theater in New York city. Thomas E. Garvey, who is assisting Mr. Manning is an amateur actor of note.

The entire management of the 1914 production is under the direction of the following committee of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus:—Dr. J. Henry Carey, chairman; Thomas E. Garvey, Eugene F. Bopp, J. George Minges, Edward F. Conway, William A. Marakle, Walter B. O'Neil, William F. Dwyer, Angelo J. Newman and Harry B. Crowley.

Reserved seats will be on sale next Monday at the Lyceum theater under the personal supervision of Dr. Walter B. O'Neil and Secretary John B. Connellan of the ticket committee.

## VILE PLAYS

From the Presentation of Which Catholics Are Expected to Absent Themselves

The current Bulletin of the Catholic Federation, printed at St. Louis, and edited by Anthony Maire, prints the following list of plays, with the suggestion that they are such shows as Catholics should absent themselves from:

- "Miss Innocence."
- "Desperate Chance."
- "The Hypocrites."
- "Kreutzer Sonata."
- "Sappho."
- "The Blue Mouse."
- "The Soul Kiss."
- "The Girl From Reckers."
- "The Easiest Way."
- "The Girl in the Train."
- "The Girl in the Taxi."
- "Alma Wo Wohnst Du."
- "La Samaritaine."
- "Three Weeks."
- "Salome."
- "Queen of the Moulin Rouge."
- "The Shewing up of Blanco Posnet."
- "Rebellion."
- "Thais."
- "One Day."
- "Gertrude Hoffman's Dances."
- "The Yoke."
- "Marie Madeleine."
- "Jewels of the Madonna."
- "Juggler of Notre Dame."
- "Louise."
- "The Penalty."
- "Herodiade."
- "Damaged Goods" (a sex hygiene play).
- "The Lure."
- "The Family Cupboard."
- "Madame President."

## The Play

"The Play" The Knights of Columbus

## Free Catholic

Orphan of City in New York

Dental Treatment

Announcement was made at a dinner of the Fourth Degree assembly, Knights of Columbus, on Saturday evening, that a dental dispensary would be opened within the next few days at St. Mary's, O'Connell Avenue, under the direction of the Rev. Chairman Joseph J. Connelley. It was announced that the dispensary would be of benefit to the poor and needy of the city.

After the business meeting of the assembly, Grand Knight J. J. Maney of Batavia spoke on "George Washington, Greatest of American Patriots." The Fourth Degree will be given in this city on March 21.

## K. of C. Has Civil Service

At the last meeting of the Rochester Council, K. of C., a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of having a civil service commission established in the city. This committee is composed of five members, all of whom are Catholics. The purpose of the commission is to prepare and submit to the various examinations for the police, fire, and other municipal services.

## Tango and Turkey Trot

Superseded by the Ancient Figure Dances of Ireland

At Conservatory of Music Hall, Fitzhugh Street, the Gaelic Literary and Musical Association recently enjoyed the best time they ever had since the inception of the organization.

The entire evening was given over to the figure dances of Ireland of such an extent that the dances of the present day were completely ignored by the members who repeatedly called for reels and quadrilles. These dances, strenuous in execution, require much physical strength and complicated movements; they demand much concentration of mind; thus differing totally in character from the dances of the present day, and showing to advantage the clean, wholesome minds of the people back in the past ages who originated them.

The members, many of whom had completed a hard day's work went through the reels over and over again, and young and old broke out into expressions of delight when they were favored with their own folk dances. During the intermission the association's favorite singer, Frank Gallagher, treated them to a rendering of "Muther Machree" in his own inimitable style.

Several visitors were entertained, many of whom desired to become members, saying that since leaving the "old sod" they had never been in a more social crowd. All that was needed to complete the picture of Irish home life was the red glow of the turf fire and the soft light of the old-fashioned Irish candle sticks. At our next meeting Michael Smith, the famous native speaker, will instruct the members in the simpler forms of elocution in the "mother tongue" so that they shall feel they are becoming more and more Irish in sentiment if able to greet another Irishman.