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Through the Fire

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"Why do you do it, why do you?" she demanded angrily. "Because I knew your mother for one thing," Jane answered huskily. "The smoke made talking difficult. We were friends at school. You might have been my daughter, you see, little one. But I didn't tell you, didn't say anything about it because I didn't want you or anyone to know that was that old."

There in that dark narrow passage Jane confessed her one, poor little fault. She met with a speedy reward. Molly's arms went round her.

"Oh, forgive me, forgive me!" the girl sobbed against her shoulder. "I have been mean—wicked and you have been so patient, so kind, I love you, I do love you and if we ever get out of here alive, we'll be the best of friends forever."

But the flames had been closing in on them and a fiery breath sweeping into their faces drew all semblance of life from the frailer Molly. With a last despairing effort Jane lurched forward and a sweep of air from the outer world pushed the smoke aside for a moment. She was near a window, and the begrimed face of a fireman was lifted just below. She thrust her fainting burden into his arms, and sank back, utterly exhausted.

When Molly opened her eyes she was lying on a white cot in a fresh, clean-looking place, with a white-capped Sister of Charity bending solicitously over her.

"Where am I?" she asked feebly. "What has happened?"

The Sister soothed her, holding her back gently, but firmly when she would have started up.

"You're in St. Joseph's Hospital dear. Don't you remember? There was a fire. You are not so badly hurt as we feared, thank the good God! The doctors say that you will pull through nicely."

Molly lay back and closed her eyes. There were bandages on her arms and about her head. Slowly and confusedly at first, the dreadful experiences of the morning shaped themselves in her thoughts. Then with a rush the last part of it came over her. She started up wildly again.

"Where is Miss Harding?" she cried. "Was she saved, too? Is she here? Oh, I must see her. She saved my life, she was so good to me. I want to thank her."

The Sister's arms were about her, helping her to lie back again. "You must not excite yourself like that," she said. "All the girls got out before you did. No one was brought in from the fire but you. They brought you here because you were a Catholic."

Molly knew that Jane did not get out before her and she turned her face away and wept bitterly. Either the Sister did not want to tell her the awful truth or else she did not know.

A little later the Chaplain came in to see her and she asked him to hear her Confession. In those terrible moments when she thought death certain, all her sins had come plainly before her, and the dread and horror of them was still upon her. She had been saved from dying with their weight upon her soul, but at the cost of another life. She told the good priest the whole story, and his eyes filled with tears as she recounted Jane's heroic devotion.

"But my child, they have reported all saved. You must not give up hope. Surely it would be known if your friend were lost. I will go and investigate. It may be that in a short time I will be back with the best news for you."

Molly followed him with pleading wistful eyes.

"Oh, if God would only grant it!"

"How did they know I was a Catholic?" she asked the Sister after he had gone.

"By the Sacred Heart Badge on the inside of your coat, dear."

Molly was puzzled.

"May I see my coat, Sister?" she asked after awhile.

The Sister smiled and brought it to her. Molly looked at it and turned away with a groan. It was Jane's.

"She didn't keep even that for herself," she sobbed. "She gave me every chance she had. Oh, she's lost! I know she is, and all for me, poor wicked me!"

But Father Larned soon brought assurance to the contrary. Jane had been snatched verily from the jaws of death, had been saved only through the presence of mind of the fireman to whom she had given Molly. He had shouted to a comrade below who took his unconscious burden down while he went back and searched the burning room for the woman he knew to be there. She was at a hospital not far distant, suffering terribly, but without a murmur. Father Larned's news of Molly cheered her wonderfully, and he bore back to the girl at St. Joseph's a brave, bright message that went right to her heart.

The promise that Molly made in that black, hopeless hour was fulfilled. She and Jane became the very best of friends, and through that friendship she was led back, with renewed fervor, to the Faith she had well nigh abandoned, and to a great devotion to the Sacred Heart which Jane loved and served so well. — Anna Cecilia Doyle in The Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

Circus Coming

The Barnum & Bailey "Greatest Show on Earth" will exhibit at Rochester, May 26th for two performances and street parade will be given. In recent seasons the big circus has had spectacular features but this season the management has gone to untold expense in investing the big circus with a wonderfully brilliant pageant of Oriental splendor entitled "The Wizard Prince of Arabia."

In this realistic reproduction of the glamorous, eventful days of the land of the "Thousand and One Nights," Barnum & Bailey engage the services of more than 2,000 persons which embraces the dancing activities of hundreds of gaily bedecked coryphees and a grand ballet effect at the finale which leaves a lasting impression.

The spectacle opens with an elaborately decorated setting of Arabic land where there is much confusion over the departure of the Prince and his five wizards who perform modern day miracles in helping their noble master conquer strange domains. The subsequent adventures of the Prince and his wizardly retinue which sets forth from their native heath with horses gaily caparisoned and amid a great and gorgeous spectacle.

In addition to the grand opening there is the usual circus program of mid-air sensations, daring feats on trapeze bar, tight wire and horseback by 350 acrobatic performers. Imported features galore which includes the famous Icelandic troupe of athletes, two troupes of Oriental plate and cup spinners and acrobats, the human flies walking head downward on the crystal mirror, the midge equestrian, Bird Millman, the Tango queen of the tight wire, the wonderful Weise troupe of equilibrists, a wild west exhibition of lassoing and broncho-busting, the famous Schiavoni Troupe of gymnasts, the Imperial Viennese Troupe of flying trapezists and a great array of stirring hippodrome events at the close.

The Barnum & Bailey circus carries everything imaginable from a baby lion to a tangoing elephant in the wild animal line. The great Free street parades will leave the show grounds promptly at 9 A. M. on the morning of show date.

Excursion rates on all rail roads.

Don't fail to have the children see the greatest show on earth, and the "Children's Visiora of Fairyland, The Wizard Prince of Arabia." And there are also clowns galore, 50 of them to delight the children.

Catholic News Notes

Six priests have died in Brooklyn, N. Y., within two months.

Thirty-seven marble pillars with richly carved capitals support the base or altar proper of the new marble altar of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Chicago and its dome is supported by six delicately fluted columns. The design is new and beautiful.

At Thorpe, Wis., a \$25,000 St. Bernard Church is to be erected.

The new St. Casimir Church in Baltimore will cost approximately \$100,000.

St. Joseph's Home for the Friendless in Chicago, which is in existence only one year, has cared for 1,230 women in that year.

In New Orleans the Spanish Dominican Fathers will erect a \$50,000 parochial school.

At the Boston Archdiocesan Convention of Federated Societies Cardinal O'Connell presided as honorary president and made an inspiring address. His Eminence is a member of the National Advisory Board.

The Wisconsin Ancient Order of Hibernians increased 300 in membership last year.

July 31, Archbishop Ireland will have been Bishop of St. Paul, Minn., thirty years.

For a Campian College chapel, Wisconsin, \$6,413.70 has been contributed.

The parochial school of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Baltimore, will cost \$70,000.

At Canton, Mass., 26 young ladies were received into the Order of St. Joseph.

In the year 1912, 8,000 conversions to the Catholic Church were recorded in England.

The office of Vatican preacher dates back before 1422.

The Salesian Fathers are accomplishing much as educators at Alexandria, Egypt.

Miss Jessie Southwell, of Zanzibar Africa, for several years secretary for the Anglican "Universities' Mission" to Central Africa, and a distinguished lady, was received into the Church in Rome, March 6th.

The hatred of Russia toward Catholics is increasing. The government is even placing obstacles in the way of Catholic missionaries going by way of Russia to China.

At the village of Carrigart, County Donegal, an ancient staff—a war emblem of the Cooney na Gall chiefs, was unearthed.

At Nantes, France, was launched and blessed a new hospital ship, the "St. Jehanne," for work on the banks of Newfoundland.

Since the removal of Mayor Nathan, religious instruction is now given in all the public schools of Rome.

In Uganda, Africa, two natives have been ordained priests.

In Montreal the Catholic Social Service Guild has established a Catholic Literature League to provide good Catholic reading.

The Sydney "Catholic Press" says: "The Rev. Father William O'Ryan of Cashel reached Melbourne by the Moldavia on April 3, and will be attached to the archdiocese."

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News From Ireland

J. V. Delany "Holyfoat," Crettyard, County Carlow, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for Queens county.

W. G. Hamilton, of the Northern bank, Newtownstewart, has been presented with a smoking cabinet and kit-bag by his colleagues on leaving to take up duty in a western branch.

At the meeting of Youghal Urban Council, P. J. O'Gorman, whose father and grandfather had been previously members of the board, was co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late M. Kennedy.

Queenstown Urban Council selected C. O'Callaghan, chairman of the council, as candidate for the Queenstown division in the County Council.

John Gregg has been re-elected chairman and H. H. Lavery vice-chairman of the Derry Port Sanitary Authority.

The Local Government Board have intimated to the Inshowen Guardians that in the absence of a position within the prescribed period, they have made absolute an order constituting the town of Buncrana an urban sanitary district, as from April 1st.

The foundation stone of the power house has been laid in Newcastle in connection with the new electric lighting scheme.

The Irish Co-operative Conference association at Lisburn unanimously adopted a resolution approving of the project to establish a co-operative college, and calling on the Co-operative Union to assist the scheme.

William Bowers has been appointed secretary to the vice-president of the Department of Agriculture in room of H. G. Smith, L.L.D., promoted to be senior staff officer.

The valuable Irish library formed by the late Dr. P. W. Joyce has been purchased from his executors by Messrs. Hanna and Neale, of Nassau street, the well known Dublin booksellers.

The Kenmare Guardians have accepted the resignation, owing to impaired health of Dr. Mayberry, medical officer of the workhouse and fever hospital, after forty-two years' service.

The excise officials of Kiltarney district have presented A. J. McDowd, surveyor, with a gold watch on his promotion to the rank of inspector at the chief office, London.

On the recommendation of Sir A. Weldon, Bart. H. M. L., the Lord Chancellor has appointed John J. Robinson of Newbury Hall, Carbury, to the commission of the peace for the County of Kildare.

The death of Peter Murphy, which occurred at his residence, Maddenstown, is much regretted in the County Kildare.

Miss Ellen Smith has resigned her position after fifteen years' service in the Kilkenny workhouse.

At the Keshcarrigan monthly petty sessions, Ernest Quill was elected clerk of that petty sessions district.

The Nationalists of Cappa Rathkeale, Askeaton, and surrounding districts are taking steps to honor the memory of the dead who died for Ireland by erecting on the summit of Cappa Hill a cross in commemoration of Louis Madigan and Lynch, who were hanged in 1821 for having loved their country "not wisely but too well."

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Reunion of St. Bernard's New Cardinals: Here's a Guess.

The alumni of St. Bernard's Seminary held their annual reunion in this city Thursday. The priests met at the Cathedral at 10.30 o'clock in the morning and assisted at solemn high mass celebrated by Rev. James J. Hartley, D.D., proctor of the seminary. Bishop Hickey presided at the sermon. The students of the seminary sang the mass.

A business meeting was held in Cathedral Hall after the mass and dinner was served at 1 o'clock. A reception was given to the visitors at the seminary in the evening by the students and faculty. The arrangement committee was made up of the following: Rev. J. E. Sullivan, G. T. Jones, John T. Cassidy, Lewis W. Edelman, John J. Gagey and W. E. Cowen.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Maurice J. Griffin of Cleveland; vice president, Rev. Thomas J. Travers of Fort Wayne, Ind.; secretary, Rev. Wm. E. Cowan of the seminary faculty; treasurer, Rev. Wm. Frawley of Peoria, Ill., and historian, Rev. Wm. E. Ryan of Clayton Springs.

Catholic Priest Sues "Menace."

Sensational Accusation, Spread by Menace, Foundation of Suit.

Some months ago a sensational rumor was circulated in Wheeling, W. Va., concerning the character and conduct of Rev. Father F. P. Rossmann, a well-known priest of the city of Wheeling. The rumor was persistently spread and was finally published in the columns of the "Menace" of Aurora, Mo., in the issue of Oct. 4, 1913. The Wheeling Daily News has now been advised that action is being brought in the federal courts, the trial to be held at Joplin, Mo.

The "Menace," in its issue of May 9, 1914, has already taken cognizance of this action publishing, in bold type, the following statement: "Menace" sued for libel just as this issue of the "Menace" went to press the staff were served with papers by a United States Marshal in a fifty thousand dollar libel suit, just filed in the Federal Court at Joplin, Mo., by "Father" Francis P. Rossmann, of Wheeling, W. Va. The suit is based on an editorial reference to the said Rossmann in Menace No. 129, dated October 4th, 1913. Further particulars next week."

It is sincerely to be hoped that the unscrupulous publication appearing at Aurora will be brought to terms by this action.—C. B.

The Angelus.

In the year 1262, St. Bonaventure, at that time General of the Franciscans, commanded his friars, at the general chapter of his order in Pisa, to promulgate the following devotion among the people: That at the sound of the evening bell, which in Rome and throughout Italy is rung half an hour after sunset, they should recite three "Ave Marias" in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation. The same was afterwards ordered also for morning and noon.

This was the origin of the Angelus which now peals forth in every church and convent.

Weekly Church Calendar

Fifth Sunday after Easter

Gospel, St. John xvi., 23-30

S 17 St. Paschal Baylon, C.

M 18 St. Venantius, M.

T 19 St. Peter Celestine, P. C.

W 20 St. Bernardine of Siena, C.

Th 21 The Ascension of Our Lord

F 22 St. John Nepomucen, M.

S 23 St. John Baptist dei Rossi, C ed.

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The long-expected list of Cardinals to be created at the Consistory to be held on May 25th has been announced. Among those who will be elevated to membership in the Sacred College are:

The Most Rev. Louis Nazare Benin, D.D., Archbishop of Quebec.

Mgr. Menendez, Archbishop of Toledo, Spain.

Mgr. Serafini, Assessor of the Congregation of the Holy Office.

Mgr. De la Chiesa, Archbishop of Bologna.

Mgr. Coernoch, Archbishop of Strigonia.

Mgr. Sevin, Archbishop of Lyons.

Mgr. Bettinger, Archbishop of Munich.

Mgr. Hartman, Archbishop of Cologne.

Mgr. Piff, Archbishop of Vienna.

Mgr. Glustini, Secretary of the Congregation of Sacraments.

Mgr. Lega, Senior Judge of the Rota Tribunal.

Mgr. Teocchi, Assessor of the Congregation of Sacraments.

Abbot Gasquet, President of the English Benedictines.—(N. Y. Sun.)

The Consistory which the Pope will hold on May 25, will be one of the most important ever held for America, in the sense that for the first time in the history of the Church the United States will be represented at the consistory of the Sacred College by four Cardinals—Gibson, Peck, O'Connell and Falcone—besides a large number of American archbishops and bishops.

Crucified by Robin?

According to Associated Press dispatches on Monday, a steamer arriving at San Francisco from the west coast of Mexico on the steamer City of Sydney, told of the crucifixion of the Catholic Bishop of Chalapa. According to the account, when the Bishop refused to surrender the funds of his church, a detachment of the rebel General Zapata's soldiers nailed him to an upright cross and left him to die a lingering death.

"My Jesus, Mercy."

"My Jesus, Mercy!" Here is a short prayer that suits every intention, for self, for friends, for sinners, for souls, for the Church, for the dying, for the heathen—in a word, for every need of the living, the dying and the dead. Besides its essential efficacy, there is an indulgence attached to it of 300 days (times quibus every time). This is an extension of the first indulgence of 100 days. It was granted by our Holy Father very recently in consideration of the wants of the times and the great need of prayer. This little prayer, so brief and yet so comprehensive, is recommended to be said every time the clock strikes. Think of a life dotted all over with the cry of a loving and faithful heart: "My Jesus, mercy!"

Permits For Churches

To Be Erected by St. Monica and St. Francis Xavier Parishes

Fire Marshal Wheeler has issued permits for the erection of new buildings for St. Monica's and St. Francis Xavier churches. The new St. Monica's church is to cost \$54,000 and will be brick. It will have a frontage of 79 feet in Genesee St., will be 176 feet deep and 31-1-2 feet high.

St. Francis Xavier's building will be at Same and Bay streets and will cost \$45,000. It will be brick and have a frontage of 72-1-2 feet, a depth of 121 feet and a height of 59 feet. Contracts for both churches have been awarded.