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The Two Actresses

The other evening, a priest of my acquaintance called for a social visit, and as he was obliged to leave early, I took my hat and went a short distance with him. The night was fine and beautiful.

Our conversation turned on the conversation of the famous theatrical manager, Henry E. Abbey, who was attracted to the Church first by noticing the clear, business-like methods of her beliefs, especially by the system and order evidenced in her mission work: "No faltering, no doubting, she speaks with authority, and no unbiased mind can fail to be convinced of her truth."

"Speaking of the stage," said my companion, "let me tell you a story of another member of the stage fraternity, who was convinced of the truths of religion by watching the results of believing them in others."

"By all means," I replied, "go ahead with it."

"Well, it came about this way. One of our Fathers gave a mission in a certain city about five years ago. As he is one of the ablest and most powerful preachers we have, the church was overcrowded every night. The end of the mission came, and the final sermon was on the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary and the all-powerful efficacy of the Mass. It was a masterpiece, and the people, deeply impressed with the magnificent explanation and appeal to their souls, fled slowly out of the church, while the priest remained a few moments in the sacristy.

"As he stood there, a young lady of great beauty and distinguished appearance presented herself at the door. She advanced at once to the missionary, and said: "Father, I would like you to say a Mass for me, but," she added doubtfully, "I am not even a Catholic, and I am an actress; will that make any difference?"

"Certainly not, my child," said the priest, moving toward a chair, "of course I will say a Mass for you."

"He turned, but the lady had gone—with a scarcely audible, "Oh, thank you!"

"True to his promise, the priest said the Mass for the mysterious lady, thought of the matter a good deal, and then, because other important things claimed his attention, forgot all about it.

"Four years passed. This good Father had given many missions, and traveled many hundreds of miles. At a long distance from the city where he met this lady, he arrived late one evening at another city where he was to give a retreat. With the usual crowd he passed out of the railroad station, and made his way to the church where he was due that night. He was a complete stranger in the city. He delivered his opening sermon, and then retired.

"The next morning after his Mass at 7.30, the porter informed him that a lady was waiting in the parlor, most anxious to see him.

"It must be a mistake," he said, "I have no acquaintances here.

"But being assured that there was no mistake, he hurried to the parlor, for he had no time to lose. The moment he opened the door he recognized the lady whom he had met four years before in the city of X—, hundreds of miles away, and who had asked him to say a Mass for her. He was amazed, remembering that she was an actress, and a non-Catholic.

"I ask your pardon, Father, for troubling you so very early," she said; "I saw you and recognized you in the train last evening, and heard that you came here to this church. Fearing I would miss you, I made an early start. Can you spare me a few moments, Father? I have something to tell you that I can tell no one else.

"For anything connected with his priestly duty, a priest simply has to have time," said the Father, motioning her to a chair, while he seated himself.

News From Ireland

The death is announced of Patrick Evans, formerly a member of the Carrickfergus Commissioners and Harbor Board.

The Most Rev. Dr. Tohill dedicated on Sunday, at St. Peter's church, Belfast, a new altar at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Labor Exchange in Portland is to be closed, and the Board of Trade has appointed M. A. W. McClatchey, assistant town clerk, as local representative.

Most Rev. Dr. Foley, in Carlow Cathedral, ordained to sub-deaconship Rev. R. Stickersby, Rockhampton; Rev. P. Meagher, St. Louis and Rev. E. Donovan, Sydney.

A retreat for a fortnight conducted by two Jesuit Fathers opened in Tullow Catholic church on Sunday, May 31st.

The tenants on the estate of R. F. Smith at Scarreen, near Newmarket, County Cork, met their landlord a few days ago with the view of negotiating for purchase.

J. Holland has resigned the mastership of the Bandon workhouse after twenty years' service.

The death is announced with deep regret of Sister M. Dymphna, of the Mercy Convent, Charleville, daughter of the late Denis Daly, Main street, formerly of that town.

John Mooney, Swartragh, County Kerry, has been appointed a magistrate, and will adjudicate at Maghera and Kilrea.

Gweedore, Donegal, is represented in the Volunteer ranks by upwards of 400 young men.

A rate of 71-2d in the £ will be struck by the Bunderan town commissioners.

The death has occurred at Loughrea of Patrick Mitchell at an advanced age. The deceased was father of Rev. F. Mitchell, U.S. A., and was one of the oldest residents of the town, where he was engaged in business for many years.

Much regret is felt at the death of Miss Kathleen Fitzmaurice (in religion Sister Mary Teresa), daughter of the late P. Fitzmaurice, Lixnaw, County Kerry, which sad event took place at the Convent of Mercy, Passage West.

Duleek Nationalists signalled the passage of the Home Rule bill by a spontaneous celebration of which the historic Cross was the centre.

Westport Guardians have unanimously elected Dr. J. Sweeney as medical officer of Achill (No. 1) district.

John Dalton, Strokestown workhouse master, has sent his resignation to the Guardians.

Rev. Nicholas Power, L. Ph. B. D., of the Irish College, Rome, son of D. H. Power, Knockkalfala, Carrick-on-Suir, was recently ordained a priest of St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

The Bishop of Queretario, Mexico, Mgr. Rivera, while driving in a parade, died suddenly.

At Tunulua, in the Fiji Islands, are now 694 Catholics, a fine church, rectory, convent and dormitory—all in 14 years.

On Decoration Day the residents of Cohasset unveiled an monument in memory of the Irish exiles who were shipwrecked in Cohasset Harbor, fifty years ago while on their way to St. John's, N. B.

Bishop Assigns Priests

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Transfers—Rev. Wm. D. Grunauer, for many years assistant at St. Boniface's Church, is appointed rector of St. Joseph's Church, Penfield; Rev. Jos. S. Cameron, assistant at St. Mary's church, is transferred to Immaculate Conception church, Ithaca, as assistant to Rev. Wm. Harrington, M. R., succeeding Rev. Wm. Byrne; Rev. John Massey, assistant to Rev. Thos. F. Connors at Blessed Sacrament church is returned to St. Bridget's church as assistant to Rev. John J. Brennan; Rev. George Doud, of the Cathedral, is transferred to assistant at St. Francis de Sales church, Geneva; Rev. Herman Schafer is transferred from Clyde, where he has been assistant to Rev. John Gleason, to Rochester to do special work among the Italian people; Rev. Charles Muckle, of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, is appointed superintendent of the Rochester Catholic High School.

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