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A Pair of Brown Beads

That Mark Gaylord steadfastly declined to become a Catholic was a constant source of grief and disappointment to his devout wife. A grief, however, that never found expression; a disappointment that never clouded the happiness of an ideal home life.

"Do not try to force him, advised the old priest to whom she had confided her secret sorrow. "Nothing would be gained and much might be lost. You want him to become a Catholic, not through sentiment, not through a desire for your approval nor yet through fear of your reproach but through a knowledge and conviction of the Truth. Pray, my daughter, pray, and let your life give evidence of the faith that is in you. On the teachings of the Church give suggestions of information if such would be welcomed. Otherwise be silent. Redouble your prayers and leave the rest to God."

Thus had begun the bitter soul-struggle in which, after six long years, Helen Gaylord was forced to acknowledge defeat. But she clung even yet to the faint hope that sometime the victory would be won, though she might not be there to witness the final triumph. There was little to encourage her, however, in her husband's present attitude.

While he did not openly scoff at her religion—he was too much a gentleman to do that—he still seemed to hold it lightly. He had, as a matter of course, consented to Margaret's baptism, and he was glad that she had been taught to say her prayers. That was a necessary part of a child's training; and that she should kneel at her mother's knee while she slipped the syllables was quite the conventional and without the picturesque thing to do. The group pleased his artistic senses. Mrs. Gaylord, however, had for other reasons, chosen the library as the place of Margaret's evening prayers. It was there that she and Margaret's father read and discussed affairs for an hour or so after dinner, and it had seemed best that the little daughter's invocations be made in the father's presence. But later, when the prayers had lengthened a bit, Mark Gaylord had been plainly bored and as plainly relieved when his wife had casually remarked to Margaret's nurse, one night.

"I think, Hannah, that Margaret is old enough now to have her evening devotions in her own room. After tonight you need not bring her here."

Not even Margaret's father detected the note of sorrow that sounded through the quietly given decision, and he would have been both surprised and grieved to learn that his increasing irritation each evening had been painfully observed. Instead, he was honestly glad that, in the natural order of things as it seemed to him, now that Margaret was five years old, the practice was to be discontinued without any decree from him. He was not sure how much longer he could have complacently borne it.

He had winced guiltily that night at the childish treble, "God bless daddy." And to overcome his embarrassment, he had noisily straightened out the evening paper crinkled and crushed repeatedly while the little girl had prayed. His restlessness was not lost upon the anxious wife who, recognizing the inexpediency of continuing the present course, had so worded her acceptance of defeat as to make the change appear rather as a part of a pre-conceived plan than the blind impulse born of the necessity of the moment. And it was quite in keeping with his obduracy in matters of religion that he failed to see the price being paid by his wife to purchase his comfort. Along other lines of thought he was a man of keen perceptions and was not naturally selfish.

The decision brought an unexpected sorrow into Margaret's life. This visit to the library was

such a precious thing. It was something to which she looked forward each day. Kneeling at her mother's chair, she could touch daddy's by just reaching out her hand. Of course this she never did, since her hands were clasped together, but then the sense of his nearness was just as strong as if she had thus tested from her, and it was because she was growing older. Truly increasing age had its disadvantages and it brought great deprivations. Instinctively, she knew that it was improbable her father would come to the nursery, dearly as he loved her. But would her mother stay away, too? Was that desertion also a penalty of "being old enough?" Would only Hannah hear her recite her prayers? Well, it was a comfort anyhow to know that the Infant Jesus and His Mother would listen to her there. And she might as well have it all settled now, and then she would have tomorrow to get used to the impending loneliness.

"Mother," she timidly asked, as with her hand held fast in Hannah's, she turned at the door. "Mother, shall I say my prayers tomorrow night before the statue of the little Infant Jesus or before our Blessed Mother? and—would you ever come up to hear if I say them right?"

Mark Gaylord shifted his position, was about to speak, then pressed his lips closer together. He had not foreseen this. It had somehow seemed all right for his wife to adhere to her beliefs and pious practices, and even to pray if she so chose to the Blessed Virgin, since this had been part of her life before he had entered it and could not be dissociated from her personality. But that his child's mind should be filled with this same doctrine was not wholly desirable and was most assuredly unnecessary. It is true that he had promised that she should be brought up a Catholic, and it had never occurred to him to disregard or retract in the slightest degree that promise. But he disliked to be reminded so forcibly of its fulfillment. And, particularly, did he object to the title "Our Blessed Mother." It annoyed him, although he could not have told why. He felt unacquainted with her. She had been unknown, or at least unrecognized, in the church he had attended as a boy. That the tenets accepted by that church failed to hold his allegiance in faith, awakened as yet no doubts as to the wisdom of its rejections. In fact, he was not interested in that church nor in any other. He disavowed belief or disbelief in any or in all. They were "all good enough," and from his point of view they were one and all unnecessary, since there could be but one true religion. And as he had neither the inclination nor the time, he thought, to investigate the claims of each, it was simpler to discountenance all.

But in spite of his supposed neutrality he still retained his inherited prejudice against devotion to the Blessed Virgin and belief in her intercessory powers. And it was this dormant scepticism that now asserted itself when his little daughter inquired about her prayers to the "Blessed Mother." It was with an effort that he restrained himself.

Mrs. Gaylord's throat tightened in a dread that held more of despair than fear, but with a quick encouraging smile that, in some inexplicable way, seemed to include her husband in its sympathy, she hastily reassured Margaret:

"We did not intend, dear, that you should go up with Hannah alone. I shall be with you just the same as before, and we'll pray together."

Then with a new, unexpected courage that surprised herself, she added:

"Now that you know the Our Father and Hail Mary so well, it is time that you used your little pearl rosary, and it will be better perhaps, that we should begin this devotion in your room tomorrow night, where you have the statues of both the Infant Jesus and His Blessed Mother. Good-night, dear."

To be continued

News From Ireland Catholic News Notes

Ballycastle R. D. Council has passed a resolution of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. John McKay, J. P., who had been a Councillor for many years.

Flying exhibitions were given by M. Salmet on a monoplane, and by Mr. Raynam on a hydroplane for the first time in Ireland at Lurgan Agricultural show.

The Carlow Division of the A. O. H. have passed a resolution complimenting Mr. Redmond on his timely intervention on the volunteer control question and at the same time they express their appreciation of the co-operation of the provisional committee in the cause of unity.

A bill to enable the Cavan District Council and the Derry Corporation to enforce the compulsory clause of the Land clauses acts for improving their water supplies has been allowed to go forward for second reading by the examiner in the House of Commons.

The Killshandra petty sessions court passed a resolution of sympathy with Joseph O'Reilly, J. P., Doogra, on the death of his brother, Rev. Terrence O'Reilly.

The death occurred on Saturday morning, June 13, after a short illness, of Mrs. Elizabeth Scanlan, Queen street, Kilkree.

At All Hallows College, recently, Rev. Daniel O'Brien, Ogonelle, County Clare, was ordained to the priesthood for the diocese of Charlestown, U. S. A.

A vote of congratulation was passed at a special meeting of the Cork Corporation to their distinguished fellow citizen, Most Rev. Dr. Spence, on his elevation to the Archiepiscopal See of Adelaide.

The Derry Regatta, provisionally fixed for July 3, was abandoned for this year on account of political tension in the district.

A verdict of found drowned was returned at Newry, on Annie Toal, aged twenty-two, who lived near Ormeath, and whose dead body was found in the Newry Canal.

J. J. Lawlor and Mr. Clarke were co-opted and P. J. O'Neill and Captain Vesey were elected chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

Much regret is felt in County Fermanagh at the death of Prof. W. J. Davis, organist of St. Michael's Catholic church, Enniskillen. The deceased was organist of St. Michael's church for over thirty years, and was the author of several well-known musical compositions.

Rev. Father Davis has been placed in charge of the Galway Cathedral by Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell. A sum of £22,770 has been spent on the new college and £2,500 is needed for its completion.

The death of Mrs. Margaret Quinlan, Clashmealcon, Causeway, aged 67 years, took place on Saturday, June 6.

Maurice Kelliher, J. P., Tralee was unanimously elected Chairman of the Tralee and Fenit Harbour Commissioners at the annual meeting.

A boys' corps of Irish Volunteers has been formed in Athy, composed principally of boys from the Christian Brothers' schools. The commander is Master Thomas L. Blanchfield.

Much regret was felt at the early demise of Michael O'Donnell, youngest son of Thomas O'Donnell, Kilbreedy West, Kilmallock.

The church of the Assumption, at Millbury, Mass., has been destroyed by fire. Loss probably \$125,000.

It is reported that Mr. Frick, of Pittsburg has offered Prince Doris-Pamphill as much as \$600,000 for Velasquez's "Pope Innocent X," and been refused.

A church costing \$40,000 will be erected at Stevens Point, Wis.

The world-wide St. Vincent de Paul Society is organized and active in 51 countries of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Pennington, of Minneapolis, donated \$5,000 towards the furnishings of the Pro-Cathedral just opened.

Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, of Boston, has been made Knight of St. Gregory.

At Erin Prairie, Wis., another church costing \$25,000 will be built.

Bishop-elect Shahan is 57 years old. His titular see is Philippopolis.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians are contemplating the erection of a memorial to "the Nuns of Our Battlefields."

The Bishop of Bismarck, Mgr. Wehrle, has just dedicated churches at Dogden, Blackwater, Raleigh, Minor and at Beach, N. D.

Very Rev. Nicholas J. Murphy has been elected Provincial of the Augustinians in the United States.

The Carmelite nuns of Philadelphia received a cablegram from Rome stating that the cause of Sister Theresa, "The Little Flower of Jesus," has been formally introduced in Rome, thus beginning the second step in the process of her canonization.

The Guild of Catholic Women of St. Paul, have a boarding house for girls—a home for poor girls, costing them but from \$2.50 to \$4.00 a week for room and board.

Conversions are taking place in the Congo, Africa, faster than anywhere else.

The Theological Seminary at Katwyk, near Leyden, Holland, was destroyed by fire.

The Irish Mission of the Society of Jesus was founded in 1542 by Father Brouet, one of the companions of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

The 14 chapels in the great Cathedral of Burgos, Spain, are each the size of an ordinary church.

The Jesuit Fathers are establishing a seminary at Amosia, in Turkey in Asia.

The Association for the Building of new Churches and Chapels in the Archdiocese of Paris received in subscriptions and donations last year \$100,000.

Many Chinese youths enter the seminaries now to study for the priesthood.

The population of Paris today is 4,150,000 souls. The number of its parishes is 173, in charge of 872 priests.

The late Cardinal Von Kopp, in his last will, sets apart \$12,500 for the Boys' Seminary at Glasgow, Silesia.

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Educators Oppose Sex Instruction in Schools

Condemn Shifting of Responsibility from Parents to Teachers.

At the convention of the National Educational Association held during the first part of the month at St. Paul, Dr. Charles H. Keene of Minneapolis, supervisor of hygiene and physical training, expressed himself in no uncertain terms on the teaching of sex hygiene in the schools. "Sex instruction," he declared, "placed on the same basis as spelling and arithmetic, will be so common that it will lose its sacredness." Loud applause, it is said, greeted this remark. "We should have only the strongest condemnation," he continued, "for the wealthy, club-going woman who has not the time to teach her child the fundamental truths of life, but who would throw the responsibility upon a teacher or a football coach. We talk about the inability of the poorer mothers to teach their children regarding personal hygiene, but it is not for these children that we need to have all the fear, the only thing now done in the home is to teach and clothing of the children. Knowledge never will compel purity." Sex instruction in the schools, he contended, would only tend to lower the standard of morality; "the homes of America will continue to lose ground and will give up the few privileges they now have of training the children. Other speakers expressed similar views.

These utterances of Dr. Keene are not only healthy but quite timely. At the present, when the country is being swept by a wave of sex hysteria and strenuous efforts are being made to still further strengthen the school at the expense of the home, expressions of this kind from persons in high places are greatly needed. The Catholic view of sex hygiene instruction is to be set forth in a pamphlet on that subject by Father Heiermann, S. J., president of St. Francis Xavier's College, Cincinnati, which is to be issued shortly by the Central Bureau of the Central Verein.

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An Extraordinary Cure in Corea.

Many instances are cited by missionaries of the beneficial effects of baptism. Such a case is now recorded by Fr. C. Ferrand, P. F. M., of Teushukyokwal, Fusan, Corea.

A young pagan girl, whose life was despaired of, resolved to be baptized. Her heart was badly affected, and the physicians had pronounced her case hopeless.

Apparently in the throes of death, she was instructed in the Catholic Faith, and was baptized. She was immediately cured. It is hoped that this is but the precursor of many moral awakenings when the Catholic Faith is established more firmly in Fusan.

Fr. Ferrand hopes to build a chapel and presbytery, which are sadly needed in this district.

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Good Catholics Will Make Good Citizens

It is often interesting to hear the missionaries express their needs in their own way. Thus, how Father Walter Piana, a Philippine apostle at Tandag, describes the conditions under which he is working:

"I am a poor Catholic missionary residing in the Philippine Islands. My little town, in Tandag, a municipality of Mindanao, perhaps, one of the poorest islands of the Philippines. I want to repair my old parish church of Tandag. The roof and the trees (the ordinary columns of the churches in this country) ought to be renewed, because the white ants have destroyed the timber."

"But the big difficulty for me is to get the money necessary for this reconstruction. My people here are very poor—they are not one man in Tandag whom you could call a rich man. My Bishop also, the Right Reverend M. O'Doherty of Zamboanga, is a poor Bishop. His diocese may be said to be the poorest of the Philippines. He also is not able to assist me. For this reason I only can have confidence in the Providence of God in the generosity of American Catholic citizens."

"The Philippine Islands are an American colony, and as the American Government of the States is spending every year in much money for the temporal welfare of these islands it seems a duty of the Catholic citizens of the U. S. A. to help the poor missionaries to protect the Catholic religion. Americans are generous every year millions are given for hospitals, schools, etc. I am with sincerity to erect a good Catholic school in my town, which will make fervent Catholics and true subjects of the State."

Parish Lawn Fete at Holy Apostles

The sixth annual lawn fete of Holy Apostles parish will be held on the evenings of July 24 and 25th. The various committees have been working for some time, and promise three entertaining evenings with special attractions for each evening.

Tuesday will be Holy Mass night, with a formal opening by William O'Hallivan, president of the Holy Name Society. It will be featured by "The Slide for Life" by William O'Brien, who has received much applause for his devoting feasts. The parish band, under the direction of Walter Haly, will give a concert from 8 to 9 o'clock.

The following evening will be parish night. Each member of the parish will wear a badge, which may be procured on the grounds. Many attractions are being arranged for this evening, among them a balloon ascension, under the direction of Edward Hartel, manager of the lawn fete who has arranged with Patrick Clinton to make the flight.

Thursday evening will be anniversary night, and will be celebrated with fireworks, which are being arranged by James Collins. Also the Dramatic Club will offer a free entertainment on this night, while James Duffy will be heard in his new jokes and monologues.

Need of a Catholic Newspaper in Constantinople

One more instance of the value of a Catholic press is given by Archbishop Michel Mirow of Constantinople, Turkey.

The Bulgarians of that city have no newspaper devoted to the Catholic religion, and the importance of such an organ cannot be overestimated. The Archbishop asks Americans who are so well supplied with reading matter to assist in his attempt to spread the Faith by means of good literature.

Personal.
Bishop Hickey and his party have arrived in Rome and will have an audience with Pope Pius X this week.