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A Pair of Brown Beads

Continued from last week

The Hail Mary was new to him. Perhaps that was the reason he paid more attention to its recitation, although his progress through the first decade was a stumbling and hesitating one.

He had reluctantly granted Margaret's request that he say the beads with her, and his desire now to meet her expectations was sufficient incentive to essay the second and to concentrate his mind on the words. It was easier after that and he found that he was repeating, with an earnestness that surprised himself:

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

"Now, and at the hour of our death." "That would be all the time," he reflected. "Is it possible, that she, the Mother of God, does really pray for us?Does she, because we ask it, intercede with her Son for us? It seems incredible. Yet, what proof have I that she does not? And there must, of course, be many proofs that she has already done so, for otherwise so many thousands would not believe in her power. I wish I could believe. 'Pray for us now,' when we need it so much, 'and at the hour of our death,' when we need it still more!

"If she does hear and heed these prayers, then, perhaps, as Margaret says, and as Helen unquestionably believes, Mary will intercede for us in the obtaining of other favors. Perhaps that is what the 'Pray for us now really means.' The five decades were completed and Mark Gaylord, in a calmer frame of mind, carried his little daughter to her room, and when she was safely in bed and had kissed him "good-night," she said:

"Mother will be so glad I didn't have to miss any of my prayers tonight, and she'll be gladder to know that it was you that said them with me. Maybe when she gets well we can say them all together. That's what they do in Marian's home. Her daddy says the first half, and her mother and the children say the second part. Do you think—"

"Never mind about that now," he answered tenderly. "Wait," and his voice trembled, "wait until mother gets well."

"We'll have to ask the Blessed Virgin again tomorrow, won't we? Oh, just a minute," as her father was leaving the room. "Don't you think," and she sat up in bed, her hands clasped in bewilderment at the suddenness of the idea, "don't you think if we said the beads again in the morning, instead of waiting until night, it would help more?"

"Perhaps it would," came the humble response. "We'll do that."

He paused at his wife's door. The nurse shook her head. There was no change. He went slowly downstairs and back to the library. He again became aware of the beads that he carried. He had meant to replace them in the loved fingers where they rightfully belonged. He would wait awhile before inquiring of the nurse again, and at that time he could return them. In the meantime he might as well see if he remembered the method of using them, since he was to say them again with Margaret in the morning. He recited the Our Father and the Hail Mary. It seemed to fascinate him. Then he remembered that, among other things, Margaret had told him, was the strange fact that prayers said on these beads would benefit her mother, as the indulgences belonged to the owner. He decided to say the beads again from the beginning, reading the Apostles' Creed and the meditation on the mysteries, from a prayer book as before. Margaret had knelt. A sudden impulse made him follow her example.

The unusual attitude seemed to produce a corresponding change in his mental processes; or was it that with the submission of the body, the grace of God, withheld until then, and suddenly flooded his soul? He had intended, but not because of any very strong faith in their efficacy, to offer the successive Hail Marys for the recovery of his wife's health—the very improbability of which made his request seem unreasonable to himself. But once on his knees he felt impelled to include it, however preposterous it might be, in the all-embracing petition to her who was "full of grace," that she "pray for us now, and at the hour of our death." And with a newly understood veneration he repeated again and again the Angelic Salutation.

"How unworthy I am," he meditated. "Unworthy even of the patient, devoted wife God has given me. May not her illness be a just punishment to me for my obstinacy in refusing to accept the Truth that has been so clearly indicated to me for at least seven years? I have been blind, and criminally so! I will make amends. And yet, what right have I to bargain with God? I have denied Him and repudiated His Blessed Mother. I dare not ask."

And yet, like Peter, to whom else could he go?There is but one unchanging answer, and Mark Gaylord interpreted it aright. Humble, repentant, believing, he begged this favor, if it were the will of God to grant it, and he implored the Blessed Virgin to be his mediator. In her honor, he once more commenced the recitation of the Rosary.

He was still on his knees, absorbed in prayer, when Hannah looked in at the door. Startled, she stepped back. It was long past midnight. She had come to call him, but expected to find him asleep in the chair.

"Has he gone crazy?" she asked herself. "And what, I'd like to know, is he doin' with the Missus' beads! Sure he knows nothin' to say on them. I'm almost afeard to speak to him, for I don't think he's right at all—'tis the sorrow that's turned his brain!"

A swish of the nurse's dress upstairs recalled her own errand. She must brave the danger, whatever it might be, in addressing him.

"Mr. Gaylord!" she whispered. There was no response.

"Mr. Gaylord!" a little louder and tentatively advancing one foot into the room.

The haggard resignation in the face turned toward her was pitiable.

"Is—she—is—there—a change he falteringly asked.

"There is that." replied she, "and 'tis for the better. Miss Kellogg says the crisis came about an hour ago. I didn't know about it. But, any rate, it is over with- and Mrs. Gaylord will get well. And I was sent down to say as how since Mrs. Gaylord is awake and ye may go up but ye musn't talk much. Well, sure, ye can't go up at all if ye'd be sobbin' like that—'tis' laughin' ye should be!"

"Oh, Hannah," he exclaimed, wiping his wet cheeks. "prayers are truly heard and answered! I never used to believe that. I have been praying to Our Blessed Mother"—he said. "Our Blessed Mother" proudly now—"and God has granted her petition and mine. If I can speak but one sentence to Helen tonight it shall be what she has waited years to hear. I shall put her beads in her hands and tell her that through them I have become a Catholic. She can teach me later what else I should know." And as he ascended the stairs, he repeated brokenly: "Helen Helen! I still have you, too. O Blessed Mother of God! I thank thee."

"H'm," muttered Hannah, toiling up the stairs after him, "I'll say, then, that it took a mighty long time for you to make up your mind to be, what I, with not much learnin' at all, knew enough to be a Catholic. But 'tis the Missus that'll rejoice, Glory be to God and to His Blessed Mother! It'll be the beads I'll say in thanksgiving.'—S. Waldron Carney in the Magnificat.

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The Young Men at the Pittsburg Convention

Young Men's Section of the Central Verein Organized Last Year at Buffalo To Be Firmly Established

The movement to interest the young men's societies, in the Catholic German-American and other parishes, in the apologetic, educational and social work of the Central Verein, which movement began several years ago, urged mostly by the young men themselves, will be greatly advanced at the convention in Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 8—12.

During the year ending most of the agitatory work was done through the Central Bureau of the C. V., lecturers, and especially through the official organ of the young men, The Bulletin, Cleveland, O., of which the secretary and L. Budenz of the Central Bureau are editors. Five States, Wisconsin, Missouri, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio, now have their young men, at least partially, organized.

The idea is to form a national organization that will help young men's organizations to effectively advance themselves, spiritually, intellectually and socially, and to cooperate with each other and with the national body. Features appealing to the young men will be employed. Thus on Aug. 8, at 3 P. M. a ball game between two first class teams of members from Cleveland and Pittsburg will be played in Pittsburg, and after the game, at 6.45 the papal delegate will arrive and be escorted in procession to the Cathedral, only a short walk from the million dollar National League Park where the game will be played.

Representatives of societies should have credentials made out by their society or pastor. This applies equally to societies already affiliated with a state or city league, or those not yet affiliated but interested. The reverend clergy and other leaders who wish to aid in this work are cordially invited herewith by the president of the Gonzaga Union of the C. V., James H. Zipf, St. Louis, Mo., and the secretary, Linus G. Wey, Cleveland, O.

Shenley Hotel, Pittsburg, will be headquarters. St. Joseph's hall, Bloomfield, Liberty, near Pearl St., will be the place of convention meetings.

C. B. of the C.-V.

Vacation Trips on the Great Lakes

Summer vacation travel on the Great Lakes is now in full swing, and the volume of tourist travel attracted to the lake routes by the splendid equipment of the passenger lines and for the cool and restful lake trips is even larger than in former seasons.

The Great Ship "SEEANDBEE", now running daily between Cleveland and Buffalo, has created a sensation with the traveling public who break their rail journey at either city to enjoy a delightful night's trip on this marvelous steamer.

The "SEEANDBEE" is the largest and most costly passenger steamer on inland waters of the world. She has 510 staterooms and parlors accommodating 1500 passengers, equalling in sleeping capacity the largest hotels of the country, and she can carry 6,000 people, the population of a good size town.

Notwithstanding her gigantic size, during the summer season her sleeping accommodations are reserved well in advance, and those contemplating the trip should arrange for rooms as early as possible.

All railroad tickets reading between Cleveland and Buffalo are good for transportation on C. & B. Line Steamers, and no one should miss the opportunity of using the lake route during the hot summer months. Adv.

Ex-Queen Natalie is living in retirement in the Paris convent, "The Solitude."

Cured At St. Anne's

Three rather remarkable cures have been effected lately at the Shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre. Frank Doiron, Box 216, Rumford Falls, Maine, who had been ailing for some time past with tuberculosis of the right hip, was suddenly cured at the famous shrine on July 7. It seems that he had been unable to walk without the aid of his crutches for the past three years, and had gone on a pilgrimage to Ste. Anne's in the hope of being cured. Mr. Doiron left his crutches in the church and walked out a perfectly well man.

Another cure on the same day was effected on Mrs. Peter Lalonde of Ottawa. She had been lately ill with dyspepsia, and had not been feeling well for some time. This case is not a very certain one, and the parish priest of Ste. Anne is anxiously awaiting word from the happy woman.

The most remarkable case was that of Mrs. George Marlow of Watertown, N. Y. She had been ill with palsy for the last six years, and had been condemned by several doctors who stated that she would never be able to walk. As a last resort she went on a pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, and there she was cured of her wasting disease on June 24. She left her crutch behind her in the church, as evidence of her complete recovery.

During the past six weeks some twenty-five cures have been effected at the famous shrine.

Awards of K. of C. University Scholarships

Forty-one candidates were successful in the examination held May 14, for the Knights of Columbus graduate scholarships at the Catholic University. The examinations were held in twenty-five State centres, and in each case were presided over by an official of the order. The results were communicated to the rector and senate of the University, acting on whose advice Cardinal Gibbons has made the awards.

The successful candidates represent twenty-three States and are quite evenly distributed over the different sections of the Union: Three are from Pennsylvania, namely, Francis J. Fleming and Joseph J. McConville, both of Scranton, and John F. R. Noel, Lewistown. The successful students are free to pursue a course of three years research work at the University, leading to the degree of doctor of philosophy. If they elect to stay a shorter time, they may obtain the master's degree in arts, letters, science, philsophy or law. Each scholarship is worth $408 and carries with it room, living and tuition at the University during the allotted period.

Hibernians Elect Officers.

After one of the hottest fights on record, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in national convention, elected Joseph McLaughlin, of Philadelphia, national president to succeed James J. Reagan who declined re-election.

Other officers elected were: Patrick F. Gannon, Massachusetts, vice president; Charles J. Foy, Canada, Canadian vice president; Philip J. Sullivan, Massachusetts, secretary; M. W. Delaney, Illinois, treasurer; Edward R. Hayes, New Jersey; John E. Kealy, Delaware; Myles F. McPhartland, New York, Thomas J. Matthews, Rhode Island, and James Clancy, Michigan; members of the national board.

Boston was selected for the next biennial convention, in 1916.

The Catholic Press

In urging support of the Cathslic Press our Holy Father, Pope Pius X, has said: "In vain you will build churches, give missions, found schools—all your works—all your efforts, will be destroyed—if you are not able to wield the defensive and offensive weapon of a loyal and sincere Catholic press."

News From Ireland

Clare.

Evidence touching the death of Jas. Gleeson, farmer, 48 years of age, Ballymalone, Killaine, showed that he had been tramping hay when John Gleeson heard him say: "I am killed." Deceased had slipped on the prongs of a fork, causing severe rupture of the abdomen, and he died on the way to the hospital.

Cork.

The public examination in bankruptcy was finally closed at Wandsworth of John Herlihy, former editor of the "Cork Free Press."

Humphrey O'Sullivan, before returning to the States, after his Irish holiday, gave to the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly a donation of £100 for the poor of Skibbereen, or other such charitable object as his Lordship may select.

Carlow.

Over a thousand National Volunteers were reviewed by Captain Wexford, who expressed great satisfaction with the performance of the massed corps. Michael Governey, C.C., Carlow, addressed the meeting and proposed a vote of confidence in Mr. Redmond and the Irish National party. Rev. P. Kavanaugh, C.C. Paulstown, County Kilkenny, seconded, and the vote was passed with acclamation.

Derry.

The Coleraine Guardians have passed a resolution of regret at the death of James Getty, a member of the Board.

Donegal.

At Malin Petty Sessions Andrew Fulton, Rockville, was sworn in as a magistrate for County Donegal.

Kerry.

Deep regret is felt in Gaelic circles and generally throughout Kerry for the recent death of Jack Quirke, Rosemore, Firies, after an unsuccessful operation, which followed a lingering illness. The deceased gentleman was captain of the old Firies football-team, and was one of the most popular Gaels in the kingdom of Kerry.

Further arrangements were made at a meeting of the committee in relation to the memorial to the late Very Rev. Canon Riordan, Cahirciveen, and a resolution of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late C. Brennan, the treasurer of the movement.

Kilkenny

A very pretty wedding took place in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, when Daniel J. Stapleton, L.P. S. I., High street, Kilkenny, was united in matrimony with Miss Amilia Morrow, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morrow, Upper Leeson street, Dublin.

The death of John Phelan, Baunaraha, Ballycallan, occurred at his residence on Friday 3, after a tedious illness, at the age of 62 years.

Leitrim

Arrangements are being made for the laying of the foundation stone of the Ballinamore Catholic Hall to take place at an early date.

Limerick.

Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer has appointed Rev. M. Murphy, Adm., St. John's, Limerick, to be P. P., St. Patrick's, in succession to Fr. O'Driscoll, promoted to the pastorate of St. Munchin's. Father Robert Fitzgerald succeeds Father Murphy as Adm. in St. John's.

J. P. O'Connell, N. T., principal of the Ardagh Boys' school, has been promoted to the first grade by the National Board.

Meath.

The death of Nathaniel C. Lacy a well known solicitor, at The Carrick Kells, is announced. The deceased gentleman, who was 46 years of age, was a son of Nathaniel Lacy.

Tipperary.

The tender of John Lambe, builder, Thurles, for £5,679 has been accepted by the Cashel Urban Council for the erection of forty houses, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

Catholic News Notes

It is stated that the stones of a tower intimately connected with the Blessed Joan of Arc in France, and recently consecrated, will be forwarded to the United States so as to form the pedestal of a proposed monument to be erected here.

Laymen's retreats are to be given in many places in this country this summer.

Archbishop Harty expects to reach Hong-Kong on the 20th of this month and his Archiepiscopal City, Manila, early in August.

Rev. Episcopal minister Francis B. Randall, of Dixon, Wyo., was received into the Church at St. Paul, Minn.

Archbishop Messmer of Milwaukee sailed on his return home from Boulogne on August 5th.

Bishop Anthony Agr. Chanche of New York, dedicated the new chapel at the Catholic Foreign Mission Seminary, Maryknoll, N. Y., and ordained the Seminary's first Deacon.

The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions received last year $10,514.81. The sum is $1,270.95 less than that of 1912.

In September, the Xaverian Brothers will open a High School at Clarksburg, W. Va.

The old mission-church of St. Francis Solanus at Sonoma, Cal., has been re-opened after many years.

An eight-day campaign for a new St. Agnes parish at Bayview, Ohio, resulted in $30,000.

In the fourteen years of its existence, Trinity College, at Washington, has conferred the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Art on 280 lady students. This year's class numbered 45 out of an enrollment of 165 students.

The Tabernacle Society of Denver numbers 600 Colorado Catholic women.

Father Michael J. Murphy, of Charlestown, Mass., has been appointed chaplain of the Massachusetts State Prison.

Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., will have new buildings costing $400,000.

The Nursing Sisters of Holy Poor, at Hemstead, R. I., will build a hospital costing $100,000.

In September, the Franciscans will open an English College in Montreal.

A sum of $185,000 has been subscribed for a Catholic College at Melbourne, Australia.

Father Moreux, director of the Observatory at Bourges, France, scientifically predicts a dry cycle of 17 years from 1918 to 1935. This cycle to be followed by as many years of humidity. He predicts this from sun spots.

The 16th Congress of the Catholics of Holland at Venroy was a notable one.

Church Events for August

August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, a holy day of obligation.

August 1. St. Peter's chains; 4, St. Dominic; 5, Our Lady of the Snow; 6, Transfiguration of Our Lord; 10, St. Lawrence; 11, St. Philomena; St. Clare; 13, St. Helen; 20, St. Bernard; 21, St. Jane Frances de Chantal; 24, St. Bartholomew the Apostle; 28, St. Augustine.