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In the Day of Need

Mary Derwent wore a very depressed and troubled air as she walked out of the warehouse in St. Paul's Churchyard, where for many months she had been employed as typist. It was a foggy November evening and the gloomy and cheerless aspect of things without seemed to accord well with the state of her feelings. It was her last day at the warehouse. She had been dismissed by the manager on some frivolous pretext, the real reason being that he wanted the post for a friend of his own. As she had only a week's salary in her purse and no immediate prospect of further employment, the future looked very gray and dismal indeed. She walked to her lodgings in Berners street by way of Fleet street and the Strand, and a forlorn figure indeed she seemed as she made her way with lagging footsteps through those crowded thoroughfares. The face of a friend, a word of sympathy or advice would have given her unspeakable joy at the moment, but the crowd rolled ceaselessly on, each one of its units intent on his or her own business, and poor Mary felt as lonely and isolated as if she were in the backwoods of Canada. Oh! the awful loneliness of London for the stranger within its gates! And how many there are completely utterly alone in the vast city, even though their "Life's pulse is throbbing at a fever heat." Wretched, indeed, is their fate.

As she wended her way homeward a thin drizzle of icy-cold rain began to fall, and soon her garments were moist. This made her feel all the more depressed, as the one room which she rented in the lodging-house in Berners street would have neither fire nor light when she entered in. She waited on herself for reasons of economy, and the small room which was to her "home" for the time being, was always in complete darkness when she returned on those winter evenings.

Yet chill and cheerless as the young girl felt she did not forget a practice which she had of turning up Southampton street and paying a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane. Ever since she came to London she had been too busy, too ceaselessly occupied to have any leisure for cultivating friendship, and our Blessed Lord was now the only friend whom she had in the vast city. But that made her feel all the more confident in His love and protection. She had not been many minutes in the church when she conceived the idea of making a novena to the Sacred Heart to find a path out of her present difficulties, and there and then she commenced her nine days' prayer. Her petition was made with fervor and childlike confidence, and she left the church with a very much lighter heart than when she entered it.

The restaurants along her route were all brilliantly lighted, and as Mary's eyes fell on the people within, who all seemed to be comfortable and happy, her own forlorn condition seemed all the more wretched by contrast. As she passed by Frascati's, the sound of music fell on her ears, and visions of brightness and luxury seemed to mock her poverty, and she hurried past to the cheerless room in Berners street.

When, however, she reached the house where she lodged, she was amazed to see that her room was lighted up. The blind was drawn, but the light shone through it. This Mary saw from the street and thought to herself after her first surprise:

"Well, I suppose the landlady has been doing me a good turn—lit my lamp and the fire and tried to make things a bit comfortable, as it's such a wretched evening. She has more good nature than I've given her credit for."

But when she opened her door it was not the figure of her landlady which rose from the arm-chair by the fire, but that of one whom she had known from childhood.

"This is a pleasant surprise, Mrs. Desmond," said she, as the

visitor folded her to her heart. "But I hope there is nothing wrong."

"Your stepfather is dead, Miss Mary," she answered. "His widow, the new mistress, got rid of me as soon as possible—I expected she would—and so I've come to you and brought you some of your belongings, as you see."

So saying, she pointed to a statue of the Sacred Heart, which she had placed on the table.

"And you've brought me what of all my belongings I am most pleased to have," said Mary, as she kissed the image which stood on her table.

Mary Derwent was the daughter of a country doctor in an English midland county. Her father had died when she was quite a child, leaving her mother and herself almost penniless, and after some years of a hard struggle with poverty, Mrs. Derwent, more for the child's sake than her own, married a wealthy gentleman of the neighborhood named John Pickersgill, who had paid her attention ever since the commencement of her widowhood. She did not survive the union more than a few years, but she died with a heart at ease, for John Pickersgill seemed to regard Mary with all the affection of a real father, and her mother felt certain that he would provide for her, and so he fully intended to do at the time. But later events induced him to alter his mind. He was a Low Churchman of the most pronounced type, hating with a hate that was more than hatred High Churchism. He had a firm belief that the Catholic Church was the Scarlet Woman of the Apocalypse, and that the Catholic religion itself was but a form of idolatry. Surely strange beliefs these for an educated man to hold in an enlightened age, but who can be surprised, considering the fact that a great Cardinal, one of England's intellectual giants, had a firm faith before his conversion to Catholicism that the Pope was anti-Christ? England has many like them, so reared in prejudice, that the Catholic Church as they see her is but the phantom of their own blind bigotry.

Yet in spite of all his hatred of Catholicism, Mr. Pickersgill had a strange liking for Catholic servants, for he had found them eminently trustworthy, and his housekeeper, ever since he had set up house on his own account, had been a Catholic Irish woman named Mrs. Desmond.

On applying for the post, and before matters were finally settled, Mrs. Desmond informed him that she was a Catholic and must have time off every Sunday morning to hear Mass. On hearing this it was quite evident to Mrs. Desmond that her prospective employer was unfavorably impressed, and she quite expected to be told that her services would not be required. But as she had been highly recommended by people whom he happened to know, and on whose word he knew he could rely, he simply said, after a brief mental struggle: "Well, I suppose it will be all right, so long as you don't let me see any of your idolatrous images about the house."

To be continued

Weekly Church Calendar

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Gospel, St. Matthew vi., 24-33

Sep 6 St. Augustine, Apostle of England.

M 7 St. Cloud, C.

T 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin.

W 9 St. Peter Claver, C.

Th 10 St. Nicholas of Tolentino, C.

F 11 SS. Protus and Hyacinth, MM.

S 12 St. Guy, C.

Baseball

Rochester will play two games with Toronto the 7th and one on the 8th; and with Montreal on the 9, 10, 11 and 12th.

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St. Malachy's Famous Prophecy.

Made Centuries Ago Regarding the Popes, It Still Seems to Hold Good. Disquieting Title of New Pope: "Religio Depopulata" "The Faith Laid Waste."

St. Malachy, an Irish Prelate who, while transacting some business in Rome, had a strange vision of the future. There was unfolded before his mind the long list of Pontiffs who were to rule the Church, until the end of time.

The future Popes were not revealed to him by name but by their natures. For each one there was a mystical title, supposed clearly to represent some dominant trait of character or some outstanding event.

Some of these titles do not need zealous interpreters; their application is as obvious as it is startling.

For instance, Pius IX. is the 101st Pope in St. Malachy's catalogue. His designation would seem almost something more than a coincidence. It is "Crux de Cruce"—"Cross from a Cross." No Pope in history had had a reign so filled with trial and tribulation as Pius IX. Denounced as a traitor to his country for his refusal to declare war against Catholic Austria in 1848, subjected to the insults of riotous mobs in the streets of Rome, forced finally to flee into exile at Gaeta, his temporal power lost, "Crux de Cruce" is an excellent epitome of his history as Pope, and the more so since the most aggravating of the crosses were brought upon him by the House of Savoy, whose emblem was a cross.

"Signes ardens" or "Ignes ardens," "the burning sign" or "the burning fire," is the designation by which St. Malachy, attending to his visions in the twelfth century, characterized Pius X.

"The present Pope," declared one eminent Catholic authority writing a few years ago on the application of St. Malachy's prophecy, "is truly a burning fire of zeal for the restoration of all things in Christ."

Pius VIII. was foreseen by the Irish saint as a "vir religiosus," a designation which might have fitted any Pope, since piety is a quality to be assumed. "But 'religiosus' is, in the Latin sense, not so much a matter of piety as of conscience, and it is a curious fact that this was the outstanding character of the eighth Pius's character.

Pope Elected

Rome, Sept. 3.—Giacomi Cardinal Della Chiesa was chosen Pope Thursday morning on the ninth ballot of the conclave to succeed the late Pope Pius X. The new pontiff immediately took the name of Pope Benedict XV.

The choice of the conclave of cardinals as the head of the Catholic Christendom at one of the most perilous periods in European history is essentially a diplomat, whose training was under the eye of and during long and close association with the late Cardinal Rampolla, secretary of state under Pope Leo XIII.

Pope Benedict XV, who selected his name in honor of Pope Benedict XIV, was like the last Pope of the name, an archbishop of Bologna, and was a cardinal only since the last conclave, held in May of the present year. Benedict XV physically and mentally is in his prime. He will be 60 years old on November 21 next. Unlike his predecessor, he is of aristocratic birth.

Pope Benedict's training for his exalted office covered not only many years of official duties with Cardinal Rampolla, but he was also assistant to Cardinal Merry del Val, papal secretary of state under Pope Pius X.

Bishop Benziger Reports Progress.

The generosity of his benefactors encouraged Bishop Benziger, O. C. D., of Quilon, India, to trust in Divine Providence, for it is only in this way that ventures are made in the missionary world. "We dare much," says the Bishop, "for our needs are urgent."

Continuing, he states that on the feast of Corpus Christi he blessed a church which was begun forty years ago, many difficulties and interruptions having interfered with its completion. The event was a notable one. During the pontifical Mass thirty-one hundred persons received first Communion; the Mass began at six o'clock in the morning and lasted until eleven, and the missionaries were filled with joy to witness the devotion of the natives.

Since that date Bishop Benziger has blessed two other churches, and has also purchased land for two new stations. Neophytes are multiplying, and the Faith has obtained a firm footing among the Indian people.

The most important work in hand is the construction of the Grand Seminary at Quilon, which will entail a heavy expenditure. Two new houses for the use of nuns must also be procured, and as for chapels they are sorely needed in many districts.

News From Ireland

The body of William Haveron, Lorton street, Belfast, one of a party of four whose boat capsized in Bangor Bay on July 14, has been washed up near the pier.

The death has occurred suddenly at Carliale road, Hove, in his 74th year, of William D. Smith, late manager Belfast bank, Castleblayney.

Deep sympathy is felt for Frank O'Leary, the popular principal of Clonegal, N. S., County Carlow, on the death of his wife, who was principal of the girl's school.

Francis Dolan, Blacklion, was at the Blacklion Petty Sessions on Monday, sworn in as a Justice of the Peace for the County Carlow by R. Sparrow, R. M. Mr. Dolan was congratulated by Mr. Sparrow and Mr. Crozier on his appointment.

Richard J. Long, a native of Cork, and recently on the staff of the Galway Technical School, has been appointed art teacher in the Central school, Clonmel.

Mrs. Jno. Ouburn of 249 Anderson Avenue, Rochester, N. Y., is visiting her home in Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, after an absence of 35 years.

The late Lady Isabella Rebecca Stewart, 22 St. Aubyn, Hove, Brighton, formerly of Ards House, Donegal, left estate of the gross value of \$51,028. She left the whole of her property to her children.

J. G. Wilson has been appointed organist of St. Patrick's church, Newry, in room of Miss Hegan, resigned.

Who Will Help Rebuild St. Francis Xavier's Church?

Mission countries now have their picture postal cards, and the most beautiful come from Japan. A very fine one just sent us depicts the volcano in the island of Sakura. This immense peak, which towers over the town of Kagoshima, is shown in a state of eruption, and the great masses of smoke and flame make a wonderful picture.

It was on the shores of Kagoshima that St. Francis Xavier landed, on his arrival in Japan, August 15, 1549. The priest in charge of the present mission is Fr. T. Cayalinas, P. F. M.

The City of Kanda, destroyed by fire some time ago, has been completely rebuilt with the exception of St. Francis Xavier's Church. This fine structure with a great loss to the missionaries, and they have not yet secured funds enough to warrant beginning a new edifice. The insurance was small and materials are now so much dearer than when the first church was built that the outlook is dark. Fr. A. M. Bussel would be glad to receive contributions.

At Latonia, Ky., the new parochial school will cost about \$45,000.

A new site for the Holy Rosary convent, school and hall has been secured on Avenue N. Galveston, Tex. The old location has been taken as a site for the new city hall.

The old bell of St. Ignatius Church, San Francisco, which survived the fire in 1868, will once more toll the summons to Mass from the tower of the new St. Ignatius Church.

The church of St. Ignatius Loyola, in New York, will have a day nursery costing about \$118,000, the gift of Nicholas F. Brady.

Several priests have donated stained glass windows in St. Mary's Cathedral, Peoria, Ill. The Cathedral has undergone handsome restoration.

The Little Sisters of the Poor, who number 5,798, care for 48,913 old people.

In the Archdiocese of Boston, the privilege of the Roman Ordo for the clergy will cease on Jan. 1, 1915. The Ordo for the Universal Church will then become obligatory.

The new school at Onondaga Park, N. Y., will cost \$30,000.

Howard, Wis., is to have a fine new Church of St. John the Baptist, of English Gothic design.

The Bishop of Hartford has directed his clergy to perform no marriages on Saturdays or Sundays.

St. Mary's parish, Sherman avenue, Paterson, N. Y., is to have a handsome new school of stone and steel.

The beautiful new Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at Scarsdale, L. I., has been dedicated by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gusack, D. D.

The students of the American College in Rome are summering at Castel Gondolfo, near Rome.

The Benedictine Abbey of Grisons, Switzerland, celebrated its thirteen hundredth anniversary of foundation, by St. Sigibert of Ireland. The Abbey is, next to that in Rome, the oldest in the world.

A Catholic college, costing \$500,000, will be erected at the Cathedral of Melbourne, Australia, and affiliated with the Melbourne University.