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## The Little Brown Madonnas

Often she sat on, allowing herself just minutes enough to return home in time for dinner. Sometimes she was the last person to leave the church—she the "outsider."

Such bade fair to be the case this afternoon. Only one more person besides herself still lingered. She saw a figure kneeling in one of the front pews of the opposite aisle. And now at last that figure, hitherto so devoutly bowed, rose and started down the aisle. The identity was nearly lost in the dimness—but with some surprise Claire eventually recognized Signor Bartello. He came along between the pillars with an expression of recollection in his face, his head slightly bent. Evidently he was unaware of any other presence in the church. He would scarcely have thought of finding Claire there, though she had sometimes mentioned to him her occasional visits.

Seeing him thus give Claire a fresh realization of the man's nature, a sidelight as it were upon his habit of life and thought. Claire detected a fineness, a something interesting and unusual in this casual visit of his to the church—or was it perhaps a regular practice? Yet it was the first time she had seen him there and the episode distinctly impressed her—once again emphasizing a phase of his spiritual and intellectual life which she did not comprehend and which lifted him apart, not only from her own childish entity but from the ranks of other men and women.

So he came here in this way, the great artist, the great serious man. It was an interesting situation. And from her observation of him both before and after she recognized him, evidently his visit was distinctly far different from her own, made in a far different mood. Again she was conscious that he had some secret, as it were, unattainable by her own short reach. Yet seeing him thus when he was so entirely unaware of her presence, initiated her into the recognition of his inner life, of the evidently serious part his religion played in his life. Up there near that side altar where she had observed him before she had identified him, his reverent attitude was unmistakable. Now, half unconsciously, Claire rose and strayed across the church and up the aisle toward the place where he had been kneeling. It was in front of the Blessed Virgin's altar. The sanctuary lamp threw some light into the space before Claire. A few shrine lamps further gleamed here and there, lighting in particular a statue—a group whose figures were identical in character with those of her own from which she had a while ago turned away in disillusion. A Mother and Child—a Madonna and the Little Infant! There was a note of irony in the situation—that she should be thus confronted by what had provoked her discouragement. However, bravely she regarded the group—and not altogether approvingly. It was not an especially good piece of work. Rather the contrary. Claire with her trained eye and hand could readily discern several faults in it as a piece of sculpture. And yet it held her; for undeniably there was something in the work which was lacking in her own—superior as was her own merely technical accomplishment.

Yes, that cruder, less inspired piece of artisanship in its actual idea surpassed her own. The Mother was indeed a human mother, but more—she was Mother of One who was more than a human child. With a rush of understanding Claire realized what Signor Bartello's words in criticism of her own work had signified.

"Not quite a Madonna."

No, evidently she had not entirely realized the conception which Catholics in general and, in particular, her old teacher had of the Madonna. She must try again. Once more she gazed meekly but inquiringly to discover the secret of the work before

her. At last she thought that she apprehended it—she could realize now why it was that Signor Bartello, the intellectual, spiritual artist, offered prayers to this mild maternal intermediary. Almost involuntarily her heart murmured an appeal and aspiration: "Help me, little Mother of God." And in the glow of her new understanding and renewed inspiration she rose hurriedly—to hasten home and begin anew the work from which she had hoped so much, to re-fashion it nearer to the ideal of her cherished teacher, and to the ideal of the throngs who, day by day, here to this altar she was just leaving, brought the devotion of their reverent loving hearts.—Anna Blanche McGill in *The Magnificat*.

## Homeless Belgians.

Between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 Belgians have little or nothing to call "home." They are a people almost without a country. Foodstuffs, forage, horses, cattle and automobiles not commanded by the Belgians army when the war broke out have been seized by the Germans. Practically every acre is swept of everything valuable.

It is estimated that there are 200,000 Belgians in England and 800,000 in Holland. The lowest estimate made places the number of Belgian homes destroyed or uninhabitable at 1,000,000.

Malines, Louvain, Liege, Namur, Charleroi, Mons, Dinant and a score of smaller places have been so shattered by the artillery fire of the opposing armies that less than half of the normal population are sheltered.

A report from Limbourg says that the supplies for the bread line have been exhausted and the feeding can be resumed only when American food arrives.

## Protecting Emigrant Girls

The Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary, New York City, has issued a most interesting leaflet concerning its work for the protection of Irish immigrant girls. It shows that the past fiscal year 1,218,480 immigrants aliens numbered 33,898—16,793 males and 17,105 females. Of these 2,482 were under 14 years; 29,479 were between 14 and 44; 1,937 were 45 and over; 27,503 came to relatives; 3,006 to friends; 3,389 did not claim relative or friend. Irish immigrants brought over \$1,673,875.

## Knights Offer \$25,000 Reward

The Iowa State Council of the Knights of Columbus has issued a pamphlet offering \$25,000 reward for proof of the five general charges made against the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus during the last several years. The pamphlet, "A Protest and a Plea," is being given general circulation throughout the state and marks the inauguration of a general publicity campaign on behalf of the order.

## Weekly Church Calendar

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost.  
Gospel, St. Matthew, xiii., 31-35.  
S 15 St. Gertrude, V.  
M 16 St. Edmund, B. C.  
T 17 St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, B. C.  
W 18 St. Hilda, Ab.  
Th 19 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, W.  
F 20 St. Felix of Valois, C.  
S 21 Presentation of B. V. M.

A local center of the Catholic Theatre Movement has been established in Philadelphia. Rt. Rev. Mgr. Nevin F. Fisher is the moderator. Rev. John E. Flood heads the censor committee.

## Young People

take notice that a new class in Gregg shorthand is to start next Monday, November 16, in the Rochester Business Institute. Students can enter the commercial department at any time. Y. M. C. A. Building.

## Masons Report on K. of C. Oaths.

At the Columbus Day celebration, Oct. 12, 1914, in Los Angeles, Cal., the following statement was made public:

We hereby certify that by authority of the highest officer of the Knights of Columbus in the state of California, who acted under instructions from the supreme officer of the order in the United States, we were furnished a complete copy of all the work, ceremonies and pledges used by the order, and that we carefully read, discussed and examined the same.

We found that while the order is in a sense a secret association, it is not an oath-bound organization and that its ceremonies are comprised in four degrees, which are intended to teach and inculcate principles that lie at the foundation of every great religion and every free state.

Our examination of these ceremonies and obligations was made primarily for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not a certain alleged oath of the Knights of Columbus, which has been printed and widely circulated, was in fact used by the order and whether, if it was not used, any oath, obligation or pledge was used which would be offensive to Protestants or Masons, or those who are engaged in circulating a document of peculiar viciousness and wickedness.

We find that neither the alleged oath, nor any other oath or pledge bearing the remotest resemblance thereto in matter, manner, spirit or purpose is used or forms a part of the ceremonies of any degree of the Knights of Columbus.

The alleged oath is scurrilous, wicked and libelous and must be the invention of an impious and venomous mind. We find that the order of Knights of Columbus, as shown by its rituals, is dedicated to the Catholic religion, charity and patriotism. There is no propaganda proposed or taught against Protestants or Masons or persons not of Catholic faith. Indeed, Protestants and Masons are not referred to directly or indirectly in the ceremonials and pledges.

The ceremonial of the order teaches a high and noble patriotism, instills a love of country, inculcates a reverence for law and order, urges the conscientious and unselfish performance of civic duty and holds up the constitution of our country as the richest and most precious possession of a knight of the order. We can find nothing in the entire ceremonials of the order that to our minds could be objected to by any person.

Motley Hewes Flint, 33d Degree, Past Grand Master of Masons of California.

Dana Reid Weller, 32d Degree, Past General Master of Masons of California.

Wm. Rhodes Hervey, 33d Degree, Past Master and Master of Scottish Rite Lodge.

Samuel E. Burke, 32d Degree, Past Master and Inspector of Masonic District.

It has been estimated that the Catholic parochial schools of Kentucky save the State annually \$454,566.

Over 40,000 men paraded in the Holy Name demonstration this year at Pittsburgh, arranged by Rt. Rev. J. Regis Canevin, D.D.

One of the novices of St. Mary's Mission House, at Techny, Ill., has met heroic death on the European battlefields.

Dreams are the bright creatures of poem and legend, who sport on earth in night season, and melt away in the first beams of the sun, which lights grim Care and stern Reality in their daily pilgrimage through the world.—Dickens.

## The Women Helped To Build This Church.

What could be more touching than this method of building a church described by a Jesuit Father in a sleepy little village of British Honduras? The bishop had decided that the natives must build a new place of worship. Though indolent by nature, and believing that one should not do to-day what one will be obliged to do to-morrow, the people rose to the occasion and offered their help to the missionaries, who, by the way, belong to the Missouri province of Jesuits.

After the steel frame had been procured by the priests, through the generosity of distant friends, the natives began their part. The men went to the forests and cut down the largest gum trees they could find, and the stones were secured in this manner:

The church was to stand on the top of a hill which was the site of the former chapel. Every Sunday when coming to Mass the congregation undertook to bring one stone to the top of the hill. The men carried the heaviest, the women bore smaller ones, and the children managed their own share. It is the custom of the women in that country to wear turbans; the stone was placed in the folds of the turban and walking with sedate erectness, the faithful souls climbed the hill and deposited their offering. It is said that the pile of the smaller stones, contributed by the women, grew more rapidly than any other.

## Strange Doings in Namoi.

Fr. Guinard, S. M., knows the lore of his district in Namoi, Fiji, very well. He is continually sending us odd bits that are full of interest. He writes:

"Not very long ago all Namoi people were pagans. Some Waiwaka people adored stones. The stones were considered powerful gods. When at war, the people offered them sacrifices. The gods took possession of the men and made them invulnerable. Bullets, spears, clubs would not hurt them. They stopped on their forehead and hair and their beard, but no harm was done.

"Here is an odd incident that occurred near me:

"One of my neighbors went to the saw-mill at Suva; he questioned the European in charge as to the strength of the saw. Being laughed at, he said: 'I'll find out for myself, since you will not tell me.' The saw was revolving at full speed, but he grasped it with his bare hands, and stopped it. He was not hurt."

"When I wish to obtain some favor from the Eternal Father, I invoke the souls in the place of expiation and charge them with the petition I have to make to Him; and I feel sure that I am heard through their means."—St. Catherine of Bologna.

Bishop Biermans, E. F. M., Vicar Apostolic of the Upper Nile, Uganda, who is at present in New York in the interest of his mission, has received word that owing to the invasion of Uganda by the German troops two of his most flourishing missions have been entirely destroyed. The four priests in charge and the nuns escaped with their bare lives. All the mission property was lost.

"Alas! The war in Europe has been a death blow to India. Food prices have become enormous and want of rain at the proper time adds much to the distress of the people. Four priests from our mission have gone to France and more are expecting orders any day, so that the work will fall largely into the hands of a few Indian priests. The missions will suffer in an untold manner."

This report comes from Fr. Gregory Pinto, a native missionary in the diocese of Mysore.

"I am much concerned about my work here, on account of the

terrible war. I am myself from Liege, and am very anxious about my parents there. Belgium will not be able to send us any more help, and how is the Philippine mission to get along? We must depend entirely on the charity of our American brethren. The existence of our work is in their hands. I have the children say a daily special prayer for the members of your Society, and you may be sure I join them with all my heart."

Letter from Fr. Portelange, Belgian Foreign Missionary, Tagudin, P. I.

## Catholic News Notes

The Women's Catholic Order of Foresters has voted a per capita tax of three cents as a donation to the C. O. Extension Society.

Mrs. Rosemary Sartoris Woolton, granddaughter of Gen. U. S. Grant, former President, and a convert, as is also her brother, Algernon, died at Hempstead, L. I. Her funeral took place from St. Joseph's, Garden City.

Notwithstanding an extra building for the great college of the Xaverian Brothers, at Danvers, Mass., was opened this year the college, this term, had to refuse 128 applications for registration.

Rt. Rev. E. P. Allen, D. D., of Mobile, recently dedicated a new church for the Italians of Ensley Ala., and was present during high mass, celebrated by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Flatto.

A Catholic priest, Rev. Dr. F. X. Morrison, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Berkeley, Cal., opened the great peace meeting which was held there recently.

The new Polish Church of St. Adalbert in Chicago, just dedicated, cost \$300,000.

Very Rev. Michael Oline, rector of St. John the Evangelist parish in Syracuse, has been appointed Vicar General of the Syracuse diocese.

Archbishop Pranderauer, of Philadelphia, urges young men to enroll in the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The corner stone of the beautiful \$200,000 Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Detroit, Mich., will soon be laid. Rev. J. J. Conolly is the rector.

On the new St. Paul Cathedral, St. Paul, Minn., seven years and \$1,300,000 have been spent, and fully \$200,000 more may be required to finish it.

Toledo, O., is to have a new Church of St. James, the corner stone of which has been laid by Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, D. D.

The German Province of the Society of Jesus numbers 1,300 members.

Recent discoveries at Antioch give expectation of further ones throwing light on early Christian history.

While the great Kermeise in Brussels was at its height, the war broke out.

The Franciscan Sisters are in charge of the Lepers' Hospital in Motokai.

To the shrine "Maria Taferl," at an altitude of 443 feet on the banks of the Danube, 100,000 pilgrims go annually.

## A Busy School.

If you want to see classes that are working enthusiastically every minute call at the L. L. Williams Commercial School, 27 Church Street.—Adv.

## News From Ireland

Thomas Russell, former Belfast, has been released from the War Office since the death of Corporal Russell, an Irish Guards, killed in action.

Charles H. O'Connell, Patrick's Boys' school, has for the second time awarded the O'Connell premium.

The death of the Rev. Fr. O'Connell, Dublin, of All Saints, printer, O'Connell's, Dublin.

The Rev. Fr. O'Connell, Dublin, has been elected chairman of the National Industrial Council.

The late G. C. Deane, railway road, Cork, left an estate valued at \$12,000. The War Office has notified the Government that the houses will be required for military purposes.

The death took place suddenly while attending mass at Kildare church, near Malin, of the Rev. Fr. O'Mullane, N. T., Drogheda.

On October 3, at St. Mary's church, Marlborough, by the Rev. J. McGlade, P. E., was officiated by the Rev. Fr. O'Connell, Cork, and the Rev. Fr. O'Connell, Dublin, who were present during high mass, celebrated by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Flatto.

The solemn dedication of a new church at Roscommon, Donegal (on site of old church destroyed by fire) was officiated by Most Rev. Dr. O'Connell, Lord Bishop of Raphoe, on October 18.

On October 13, at Roscommon, Letterkenny, the death of the Rev. Fr. O'Connell, Lord Bishop of Raphoe, on October 18.

The late A. J. Crawford, D. D., for many years chief clerk at the R. I. C. office in Dublin, left personal estate valued at \$2,927.

The late J. B. Doyle, of Messrs. Doyle & Son, Ltd., and a director of Messrs. Todd, Burns & Co., left personal estate valued at \$30,147.

Captain J. Rogers has been appointed inspecting officer of the Irish Volunteers for Fermanagh.

Master Ferguson, the former student who took honors in intermediate examination, son of James Ferguson, Dromadocoin.

In his 88th year the death has taken place at Tipperary, of Sir Joseph Redmond, who was appointed visiting physician at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Dr. James Lanigan, of Kildenny, and of Jervis street hospital, Dublin, has received an appointment in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Edward McCormack was admitted to Longford hospital suffering from injuries to his leg sustained by falling from a ladder while whitewashing.

At Brurea Petty Sessions, Dr. J. J. Byrne was sworn in as magistrate for the County Limerick.

Miss Greegan, late matron of Limerick County Asylum, has been granted \$115.18 as retirement allowance.

Lieutenant Vincent Fox, who has been killed at the front, was a son of the late Patrick Fox, of Carrickastock, County Louth.

William Donnelly, who resided alone in Coalisland, went to sleep on a chair at the Mrs. Hill's, and received burns that resulted in death.