

How Faith Came

Almost since their school days it had been understood that Kenneth Graham would marry Kitty Lisle as soon as he had secured an income sufficient to support a wife. Her father not only held a good living himself, but he had two comfortable curacies in his gift and was possessed of no little influence in the church matters of the district. These facts, more than any personal leaning towards the ministry, had decided Kenneth in his choice of a profession.

At the University he had read for his sub-deacon and deacon's orders. Then, being eligible for the curacy at Colney, he had taken up his residence close to the picturesque rectory that was Kitty's home, and while relieving the vicar of a certain amount of routine work, and waiting on Kitty's pleasure, he took his time over the studies that had to be got through before he could aspire to ordination. Certainly the summer time at Colney did not tend towards regular studies and most of the curate's days were devoted to boating, to tennis playing, or to helping Kitty in the construction of her rock garden.

It was in the midst of her precious Alpine flowers that Kenneth found her one autumn evening half an hour later than usual.

"You might have come sooner," Kitty cried as he drew near. "I have had to carry ten whole cans of water from the stream while you have been lying in Fa-ther's most comfortable arm-chair."

"Sitting bolt upright on a hard stool," corrected Kenneth ruefully. "I'd rather carry five hundred cans of water than go through another half hour in this study. Look here, Kitty; I want you to leave your garden and come out on the river and talk."

"What is it?" asked the girl, seeing that there was something unusual to be discussed. "Whating out has Father been saying to you?"

"One thing he said was true enough, Kit," Kenneth answered. "He said I was not good enough for you and God knows I'm not, only—only—"

Kitty knew he was trying to put into words how little value life would have for him without her, and she was touched in a way that was unwonted in their usual happy good comradeship.

"Tell me," she said gently, and stumblingly he repeated the gist of what her father had said. It appeared that Mr. Lisle had mentioned Kenneth's name as a possible candidate for a living about to fall vacant and he had been given to understand that something more than being a good tennis player and a faithful admirer of Kitty Lisle would be required to fill the vacancy. This had reminded the vicar that Kenneth's studies had become merely nominal and that he was apparently content to remain in deacon's orders indefinitely, and this again had led to a long homily, the outcome of which was that Kenneth was given to understand that he must do something to justify his engagement. Mr. Lisle offered to ask one of the dignitaries of the diocese who was on the lookout for a secretary to accompany him on a lecturing tour in the States to take Kenneth with him, Mr. Knowles was a strong Churchman, and Mr. Lisle thought his lectures would be an excellent stimulus for Kenneth. His influence with the Bishop, too, would be of great value.

No wonder the prospect of a sudden break in the dolce far niente of his present life should arouse Kenneth. But after a long talk with Kitty he began to take an interest in the American tour, the offer of which he had naturally accepted. Three days later came Mr. Knowles' letter setting an early date for their departure.

Barely a fortnight later Kenneth found himself installed in Pullman car bound from New York to Chicago. A fine passage had given him time to turn his mind seriously to his studies, for with Kitty left behind he was little tempted to join in the sociabilities of his traveling com-

A Lay Apostle To The Immigrant.

Andrew J. Shipman And His Splendid Work.

Where Are His Successors?

The "Memorial of Andrew J. Shipman," very recently issued in tribute to the life work of that gentleman, gives an insight into the activities of a man with which it would be well for the Catholic people of the country to become acquainted. Mr. Shipman at the time of his death on the seventeenth of last October was a member of the New York Bar, and had been such since 1886; but a great part of his efforts had been devoted to another field. The immigrant, particularly the immigrant from the far east of Europe, had been the particular object of his solicitude. He had given the great percentage of his leisure time for many years to the study of their languages and institutions in order that he might be of aid to them. He was even a great authority on the ecclesiastical law of their respective creeds, one whose place in that respect has not yet been filled.

Mr. Shipman was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, on October 15, 1857. His boyhood was passed in the stirring days of the Civil War, his father participating in the struggle. While a student at Georgetown, to which place he had been urged to go by a certain August von Degen, an Austrian ex-army officer, he became a convert to the Catholic Church, as did also his parents, John James Shipman and Priscilla Carroll. Very early in life he became attached to a study of the languages, taking up German and Italian and Spanish. Because of this fact, and his interest in these people, immigrants coming to the vicinity of his home were sent to him for information and advice. It was in some such way that he became acquainted with the Czech tongue, while editor of a small Virginia newspaper, which knowledge later helped him greatly when manager of a coal mine in Ohio. It was in this latter place that he came to know the immigrants intimately and to become vividly interested in their problems. Through his thorough understanding of them and their language he was able to prevent many difficulties that might have grown into dangerous labor.

After two years in the mines, Mr. Shipman went to New York, having received entrance into the Custom House through a Civil Service examination. While working in his place, he took up his studies in law at the University of the City of New York, this thus becoming his profession. He did not, however, forget his friends at any time, the newly arrived immigrants. The Greek Catholics united to Rome, in particular aroused his interest. He aided in the foundation of the Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church of St. George in New York City in 1895. He persuaded them to their Greek Catholic charitable organizations, to join the "United Catholic Works" when it was first formed in 1913, so as to keep closer in touch in every way with the other Catholics of the Latin rite. He became the advisor of their first Bishop, Ortynsky, when he came to this country in 1897, helping in his administrative work in a thousand and one ways. He was principally responsible for the formation of the Ukrainian choir of two hundred voices, which sang for the Greek mass. He drew up a translation of the mass according to the Greek rite. When one of the Protestant denominations in New York and New Jersey endeavored to make use of the Greek rite for purposes of prozelization among these people he pointed out the deception. Always was he doing something in the interest of these people. Nor were the Ruthenians alone assisted by him, but the Syrians, received his friendly attention and aid. The other immigrant races received his study and notice in magazine articles which he wrote concerning them, endeavoring to call them to the attention of their fellow-Catholics.

In addition to this work and his

Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by The Propagation of the Faith Society 338 Lexington Ave., New York City.

Co-operation.

Thirty-three thousand pagans die every day in China! These might die a Christian death if help them is to co-operate in the work of the Propagation of the Faith Society. Are you a member? Ordinary, Special or Perpetual? If you have not yet joined, why not send in your name now, at the beginning of the year? Do it for the sake of the Babe of Bethlehem, Who came down from Heaven for one great purpose—to save the souls of men.

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary have two schools in the diocese of Lipsa, P. I., which are recommended by the Government, but which receive no help from it. The Sisters also care for a limited number of orphans. Seven dollars a month will provide for an orphan.

A Cup of Water Given In His Name.

Fr. Dominic Tseng, a native Lazarist priest in Hang-chow, asks not a cup of water but a well full of it. He has a flourishing girls' school in his district, but great labor is required to get water to the institution. At present it is brought in buckets from a long distance and the supply, especially in summer, is wholly insufficient. Sixty American dollars would put in a good well near the school and mean comfort to the children and their teacher.

A Chinese proverb says: "He who drinks water should think of his source." Fr. Tseng promises that the adage will be true in this case and never will the little ones slake their thirst without remembering their benefactors. Our Lord has also said that He will reward those who give a cup of cold water in His name. So that together the inducements should be sufficient to urge some one to help the school children to drink at another fount besides that of knowledge.

A Desire For The New Year.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XV recommends as the intention of the League of the Sacred Heart for January, "The Fulfillment of the Desires of Jesus." The great desire that filled the Heart of Jesus was to bring all men to salvation, to win their love, and so secure for them eternal happiness. For this He offered Himself on the Cross. For this His divine Heart is yearning, pouring out on us a tide of sweet, tender love. Let us keep this intention in mind during all this year as well as during January.

Nun Asks Aid In Building a Hospital In China

Sister Larmichant finds her sphere of usefulness in Kin Shing, Che Kiang, China. She asks prayers that the reign of Satan may be ended and the empire of the Sacred Heart established in that town. As a temporal need she presents the building of a hospital for aged men, so that they may be taken from their cold, damp homes, where they exist in a state of dreadful neglect, and allowed to end their days in comfortable Christian surroundings.

Such an appeal ought to touch some of our men readers, for the pagans are notoriously cruel to old and feeble. Once under the shelter of the hospital not only Mrs. Francis Carbery, Washington, but souls will be given a treatment tending to their welfare.

Catholic News Notes

The new Carmelite monastery at Santa Clara, Cal., and to be memorial to the late Mrs. Francis J. Sullivan, will cost \$200,000.

In Cincinnati a \$300,000 Catholic Fenwick Club House is in course of erection, in which, when completed, there will be a printing school.

The Museum of the Catholic University has received seven new "Incunabula" (books printed before the year 1501).

Golden jubilees of churches in the United States are now of weekly occurrence, and have been increasing yearly since about the year 1866.

In St. Joseph's Cemetery, Somerset, Ohio, are buried forty-one Dominican priests. The first interred there was Father J. A. Hill in 1828.

Rev. Father Heuser, of St. Mary's Church, Indianapolis, while examining a basket left in his church, found therein, in brown paper, a package containing \$500 left as a donation toward the purchase of an altar for his church.

The Cathedral of Erie, Pa., is forming a well-drilled boys' choir.

From many parts of the country we hear of Catholic pupils winning prize contests.

In twenty-six years the Catholic University Library has grown to about 100,000 volumes.

In Dayton, Ohio, a new \$90,000 Holy Rosary Church is to be built.

Five years ago, Pope Pius X raised to the dignity of the Cardinalate, the Archbishops of New York and Boston.

The Archbishop of Chicago has named Rev. William Kinsella as Spiritual Director of the Total Abstinence Union in his diocese.

Mgr. Wilpert discovered the tomb of Pope St. Damasus in Rome, in 1903. It dates from 384.

News From Ireland

Carlow County Council passed a vote of sympathy to the sister and relatives of the late J. Brophy, J. J. Co. C. Miltown house. The Urban Council adjourned as a mark of respect to the family of Miss Williams, Fulton street.

Martin Meagher, who has been appointed postmaster at Borris-Ossory, where he had been clerk for three years, is son of John J. Meagher, Rathdowney.

The death is announced of Joseph F. O'Connor, C. E., who had been for many years town surveyor of Ennis, and a former assistant county surveyor of Clare.

Cork Branch, Irish National Aid society, have requested the Irish Bishops to consider the advisability of forwarding an appeal to the Pope in respect of the treatment of the Irish prisoners at Frongoch.

Lisgoold branch of the League of the Cross have presented an illuminated address to Rev. C. Daly, C. C., on his transfer to Ballyhooly, Fermoy.

Middleton Guardians have appointed Sister M. Gabriel Ryan of the Mercy Order, matron of the workhouse, at a salary of \$15 per annum, in lieu of rations.

The death has occurred of Mrs. A. Murphy, wife of Dr. D. J. Murphy, M. O. Cloyne.

D. G. O'Shea, who has been re-elected State Senator in Montana U. S. A., is a native of Bantry.

The death has taken place of James Glendenning, Claudy, for thirty-six years teacher of Park National school. For six years he was a member of Derry Guardians.

Married—At the Church of the Holy Name, Ranelagh, by Rev. Father Nowlan, C. C., John P., son of James and Mrs. McCormack, Leitrim place, Wicklow, to Mary Angela, daughter of John and Mrs. Clar, 29 Edenvale road, Banelagh.

Died—December 11, at his residence, 4 Great Denmark street, Dublin, Patrick McCormack, Fermansagh.

Married—At St. Mary's, Deemore, County Fermanagh, with nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Father O'Shea, fourth son of the late John Collins, Templegalatine, County Limerick, to Celia, youngest daughter of Patrick Goodwin, Derrynote, County Fermanagh, County.

M. Wall, Ballygar, has been elected chairman of Mount Bellow D. C., in room of A. Kenny, deceased.

Died—December 8, at his residence, Ahascragh, County Galway, George Black, aged 75.

Married—At St. Conleith's church, Newbridge, with nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Father O'Gorman, G. C., Jack, third son of Patrick and the late Mrs. Celia Ring. Let us keep this intention in mind during all this year as well as during January.

Died—December 10, at the hospital, Callan, Peter Grainger, third son of Richard Grainger, West Court, Callan, aged 21 years.

Limerick Gaelic County Board has expressed sympathy with Father Connolly, C. C., St. John's, on the death of his father.

P. R. Finegan, clerk of the Union, was presented by the chairman of the Dundalk Guardians with a Royal Humane society certificate for having saved the life of a Mr. Bride at Blackrock.

Married—At Moy Roman Catholic church, by Rev. P. Collins, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Carbery, Washington, Dungannon, to James Byrne, N. T., Moy, ex-N. T., Moy.

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