

How Faith Came

Continued from last week.

But against this intellectual attraction Kenneth felt a terrible fear. What if, after familiarizing himself with Catholic doctrine and Catholic practise, he were to find that the Church of Rome had Truth as well as Unity? He scarcely dared to face the possibility for that would inevitably mean not only an end to his worldly prospects, but certain loss of the girl whom he loved far better than all the rest of the world. Feverishly he set to work to disprove the claims of the Catholic Church. But before the lecturing tour was over he was obliged to confess to himself that she was not only One, but also holy, universal and Apostolic.

Then came the agonizing choice. Either he must give up the prospects of a comfortable home and income, with Kitty as his wife—a thought which was more bitter than death to him—or, taking them, he must live a hypocrite. His new, wholehearted interest in things ecclesiastical surprised and pleased Mr. Knowles, so that the influence Mr. Lisle had hoped for was secured and Kenneth knew that his ordination in the Church of England would surely be followed by a good appointment. In itself this was not so great a temptation, but as to making his marriage with Kitty Lisle possible it was almost overwhelming. Perhaps, indeed, who consented to speak of religion only when he saw that Kenneth was really distressed and in earnest. This man had lately made a retreat at Manressa House, Staten Island, and he advised the English clergyman to go and do likewise, telling him, in the words of Pere Lechien, "You will have a tete-a-tete with God."

Kenneth followed his advice and found strength to make the supreme sacrifice.

The news of his conversion came as a thunder-bolt at the Rectory. At first both Kitty and her father were stunned by its unexpectedness, but they were affected directly opposite ways.

Mr. Lisle immediately determined that he and his Church must be lower than ever, further removed from the ritual which he considered had led Kenneth into the hotbed of iniquity and idolatry that he believed Catholicity to be. The temporary curate, who showed himself quite unwilling to replace Kenneth permanently, both in the parish and with Kitty, was summarily dismissed because he was discovered to have tendencies toward Anglicanism. His place was taken by a young man whose tenets bordered on Presbyterianism, while the services were carried out on the sternest of Low Church lines. Kind hearted though he was, Mr. Lisle spoke with deep bitterness of Kenneth. The best that he could be induced to say was that he had been bewitched by the false glamour of Rome.

Kitty, after the first outburst of amazement and disapproval, took things with outward equanimity. Inwardly her mind and feelings were in a turmoil that she did not understand. Two discoveries about herself she did make. One was that, clergyman as she was, religion was just beginning to have a place in her life. The other was that the love of Kenneth was a very vital part of her existence.

It was this last discovery that opened her eyes to the extent of Kenneth's love for her and of the sacrifice he had made for the sake of his conscience. From this she saw something of what religion meant to Kenneth. Turning in her trouble to her father's Church she found it completely unsatisfying.

Of Catholicity she was absolutely ignorant. Never before had this or any other form of religion interested her in the least. Now, though she had acquiesced in Kenneth's supposition that their engagement was at an end, she felt extremely curious about the Church which had taken so strong a hold on him. Mr. Lisle had forbidden that Kenneth should even be named at the Rec-

tory, but this prohibition neither made Kitty think the less of him nor did it prevent news of him from reaching her during the "rounds" that she made with much greater diligence than formerly. During his stay at Colney Kenneth had made many friends and from one of them Kitty learned that he had secured a small post in an American business house. He called it the first rung on the ladder of fortune. When he wrote to his friends in England he dwelt characteristically on whatever good fortune fell in his way while the soreness of his heart aching ceaselessly for Kitty, was hidden in silence. Silent, too, were the prayers he said for her, that some day she might see the Light that had shone so brightly on him.

To be continued

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

At the fourth annual meeting of the Catholic Charity Guild held in Convention Hall Sunday night, Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey read the financial report for the year, and Laurence J. Collins of Buffalo, a former president of the bar association of that city, delivered an address. Peter A. Vay, president of the guild, was chairman of the meeting.

The financial report showed that the organization had received in the year \$10,683.73, of which \$7,923.50 was contributed by the Catholic Men's Charity League, which has 1,235 members. For relief work \$7,676.76 was spent, and the rest of the receipts, \$3,006.97 went for overhead expenses. The report showed that the guild had responded to innumerable calls from those poor for milk and groceries for destitute families.

During the year, according to the report, the guild gave material assistance to about 330 families, a total of 1,915 times. Some of this help was additional to that provided by the city and county charity departments.

Weekly visits have been made to St. Mary's and the Homeopathic Hospitals and four women have visited patients in the County Hospital and Almshouse, taking with them flowers, delicacies and entertaining matter. The spiritual welfare of Catholic children at the Monroe county jail has had attention.

Catechetical instruction is given to Italian children who are unable to attend the parochial schools in Our Lady of Sorrows and Mount Carmel churches on the east side, and in the Cathedral School, on the west side, by women who volunteer their services. Women also visit the homes of children, look after their wants and conduct a sewing class for them on Saturday afternoons. Entertainments and benefits, especially at Christmas, are given children by the guild.

The industrial department, which was organized in 1915 to carry on a business of collections, repairing and selling old clothing, furniture, shoes and waste materials, reported an inventory of \$750 which more than offsets its indebtedness. It recently went into new quarters at 151-153 Franklin street, and an office has since been established at 107 Clinton avenue north by Rev. J. F. Staub, who directed the work place in her life. It has both telephones and co-operation is so very vital part of her existence.

Bishop Hickey closed the reading of the report with a plea for the continued and increased interest in the charitable work of the guild. He asked all who could to offer their actual services to some truly Catholic in its essence and department of the work and acknowledged in appreciative terms the aid of those who contributed to the past year's success.

Agencies that have accused the Catholic Church of antipathy toward American institutions were answered in spirited fashion by Mr. Collins. "Our church," said he, "has done more than all other forces combined to better the conditions and the lot of the lowly. She stands today the greatest charitable organization on earth. Little wonder that people marvel at the golden chain

that binds our Sisters of Mercy in their yard cropping the succulent grass on the well-kept lawn. It was surely sent by Providence, and they did wisely not to look the gift-horse in the mouth. On the contrary they coaxed him into the stable, and then wheeled him into the shafts, and, wonder of wonders, he drew the bus as if to the manner born.

About a week later a well-known owner of race-horses turned up at the convent to see the Mother Superior. He was received with warm welcome. "But, Madame," he exclaimed, "you are driving one of my best race-horses in your bus."

"No," answered the nun, "it is a horse God sent us in answer to our prayer. We found it in our compound." The owner was struck dumb by this easy assurance, but when he heard the whole story of the miracle, he laughed, but not unpleasantly. The horse had evidently strayed over from the stables, which are not a thousand yards from the convent, and the nuns had performed the real miracle of putting into the shafts and making a reliable roadster of an animal which had not known a harness before. Our sportsman claimed his racer, but to his intense credit he made the nuns present a good harness-horse in its place. Who will now say that the days of miracles are past, or that the prayers of the simple and pure are inefficacious?

Foreign Mission News

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The Holy Father has appointed Mgr. Nicholas Charichiopoulo, Bishop of Scio, Greek Archipelago; Mgr. Joseph Taccone, formerly Vicar Apostolic of South Honau, Vicar Apostolic of East Honau; Mgr. Abraham Aquilera, Salesian, Vicar Apostolic of Magellan, Chilean Patagonia.

His Holiness has also made Alaska, formerly a Prefecture Apostolic, a Vicariate Apostolic.

Another Year's Toll Of The Missionaries.

The list of deaths occurring in missionary ranks for the year 1916 has just been made public. During that time ten bishops and 186 priests passed to their reward: The Jesuits have lost by far the greatest number of workers with a death roll of 52. The Oblates come next with 27, and the Paris Foreign Missionaries and Holy Ghost Fathers register, each 22.

Among the dead are the two Oblate missionaries Fr. Rouviere and Fr. Leroux, who were massacred by the Eskimos of Mackenzie, one priest who was drowned in South America and seven who were killed in the war.

A Poor Orphan Sends Her Mite.

One of the most touching tributes to the mission cause received in many months came to the National Office at New Years in the offering of one dollar, sent by Lottie Higgs. Lottie is a poor little orphan girl living in Baltimore. She received the dollar as a Christmas gift; it was the only one she possessed; but she did not hesitate to send it to a needy missionary, asking only that he say a Mass for the repose of the souls of her father and mother. How edifying is the spirit of self-sacrifice shown by children—a spirit that often enough puts their elders to shame.

A Modern Miracle.

Rev. A. Merkes, sends from Madras this interesting story:

In Lower Circular Road, Calcutta, there is a noble charity, truly Catholic in its essence and administration. The devoted women who act like angels of mercy are loved and respected by all classes. They have a bus, and unluckily recently it was drawn by a respectable horse long in the tooth, but sturdy on his pins. He took it into his head recently to die, and was much mourned by the community he had served so long and so faithfully.

The Sisters had no money to buy another horse, so they prayed for one, and lo and behold one fine morning they saw a fine ani-

mal in their yard cropping the succulent grass on the well-kept lawn. It was surely sent by Providence, and they did wisely not to look the gift-horse in the mouth. On the contrary they coaxed him into the stable, and then wheeled him into the shafts, and, wonder of wonders, he drew the bus as if to the manner born.

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WILLIAM T. BASSETT

The funeral of William T. Bassett, member of the plumbing firm of Howe & Bassett, was held Monday morning at 8:45 o'clock from his late residence, 55 Prince street, and at 9 o'clock from Corpus Christi Church.

The service at the church was public, and many friends and relatives attended. The Knights of Columbus, the Elks and Master Plumbers' Association were represented by delegations. The interment, which was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery was private.

Rt. Rev. Dennis J. Curran, V. G., celebrated the mass, assisted by Rev. William Byrne, as deacon; Rev. James Wood, as sub-deacon, and Rev. Andrew J. Meehan, J. U. D., master of ceremonies. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, pronounced the final absolution.

The following priests were in the sanctuary: Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley, Rev. J. J. Donnelly, Rev. J. Francis O'Hern, Rev. Thomas F. Connors, Rev. P. J. McArdle, Scottsville; Rev. John B. Sullivan, Rev. J. D. Hartley, Palmyra; Rev. John P. Brophy, Rev. Philip Golding, Churchville; Rev. A. A. Hughes, Rev. George V. Burns, and Rev. A. J. McCabe.

The bearers, all employees of the firm of Howe & Bassett, were as follows: Joseph Lambert, Frank P. Schwartz, John J. Teifel, Charles Ehrntraut, Bernard Hayden, James McCort, William Aughter, John McGahan.

Gaelic Association Will Take Recess For Lenten Season.

The Gaelic Literary and Musical Association will hold a Valentine Social at "The Fitzhugh", 81 South Fitzhugh St., on Friday evening, February 10th, after which its social activities will be suspended during the Lenten season, to be resumed after Easter.

The President, D. C. Ryan congratulates the membership on the very successful season they have had, the work done in bringing newly arrived Irish boys and girls in the companionship of countrymen and women established in this city has been an inestimable boon to the new arrivals and has enabled them to feel that they are not friendless in a strange land.

During the season a few changes have been made on the board of management Francis O'Byrne being elected Vice-President and Miss Mary Carr, Treasurer.

The officers for next year will be elected when the Association re-assembles after the Lenten recess and with a well-filled

treasury and unbounded enthusiasm the Association may well look forward to successful activities in the future.

REV. DANIEL W. KAVANAUGH Who Labored in Rochester Diocese for Thirty Years.

Rev. Daniel W. Kavanaugh, for thirty years a priest in the Rochester diocese, died at Colorado Springs, Col., where he went two years ago because of ill health.

Rev. Father Kavanaugh was ordained in the same class with Bishop Thomas F. Hickey by the late Bishop McQuaid. After ordination he was sent as an assistant to Holy Family Church in Auburn and later went to St. Theresa's Church at Stanley. Later he went to Lyons and Newark, where he did much to improve conditions, and built the lakeside chapel at Sodus Point. Finally he was transferred to St. Bridget's Church, Rochester, to succeed the late Bishop Thomas A. Hendrick on his promotion to a bishopric in the Philippine Islands.

He labored in St. Bridget's parish successfully until ill health caused his resignation and his withdrawal to Colorado, to be near an only surviving brother. He will be buried in the family plot in Colorado. Besides the brother, Rev. Father Kavanaugh leaves a sister, Mrs. James S. Green of 37 Seaver Place, Batavia, and a nephew, Daniel T. Green, of Batavia.

JOHN P. SMITH

The funeral of John P. Smith, president of the John P. Smith Company, who died at his residence, 74 Kenwood avenue, early last Thursday morning, was held Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the house and at 10 o'clock from SS. Peter and Paul's Church. The service was one of the most largely attended ever held in the church.

Rev. J. Emil Gefell, rector of the church, celebrated mass, assisted by Rev. M. J. Hargather, as deacon; Rev. Andrew E. Breen of St. Morris, sub-deacon, and Rev. Andrew D. Meehan, master of ceremonies. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey pronounced the final absolution.

The Rochester Regiment of the Knights of St. John, under command of Colonel Weis, with a band, marched in the funeral cortege. Representatives of the Kts. of Columbus, Branch 82, C. M. B. A., and the Rochester Typothetae attended the funeral.

Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

The active bearers, all members of the Knights of St. John, were as follows: General Peter Paulis, General Henry Leider, General William Klaus and Colonel John L. Schwartz, Buffalo; George E. Noeth, Fred Kleinhans, William Deininger and William F. Schaffner.

The honorary bearers were Dr. James T. McGovern, Thomas F. Sharkey, William McDonald, Thomas H. Green, William T. Connor, Dr. Walter B. O'Neill, Rupert L. Maloney, George W. Burgess, all members of the Kts. of Columbus, and Herbert J. Winn, William J. Creelman, William T. Farrell, James Bailey, Ernest Hart, Robert M. Swinburne, Peter A. Vay, George W. Thomas, John Connor, Charles F. Mertz, Matthew Swan, Fred B. Morgan, William R. Lakeman, Harry W. Lasher.

Order of Alhambra

Musa Caravan, Order of Alhambra, will hold a dinner dance at the Rochester Club on Monday evening, February 12th.

The general committee is composed of the following: Grand Commander, John W. Callaghan; John M. Hedges, Chairman; Raymond J. Davin, Geo. W. Burgess, T. H. Hanlon, John Georger, Geo. A. Weining, J. J. O'Connell, Harry B. Crowley, Thos. F. Sharkey, Wm. R. Punch, Leo J. Horan, J. F. O'Brien, John Griffin and David Ripton.

News From Ireland

The marriage took place at Kilmore church by the Rev. Father Courtney, P. P., Broadford (with nuptial Mass), of Laurence J. Whelan, Kilmore, to Bridget (Dalia), fourth daughter of the late Jeremiah Skeahan, Aherinabeg, Kilmore.

Miss Nora O'Connor (Sister Mary of St. Finbarr), daughter of the late W. O'Connor, Clashes House, Domahane, Malrow, was received into the community of Marie Reparatrice Convent, Cork.

In presence of a large attendance the interment took place recently of Patrick Moynahan, J. P., Kanturk.

The marriage took place at the Church of the Holy Name, Bumbay, of Michael O'Brien, Kilmoran, Arran, to Amy, youngest daughter of the late James Hannigan and Mrs. Hannigan, Finn House, Ballabofey.

Mrs. John O'Hare, Derrycrow, Newry, died of burns received when preparing breakfast. She was the mother of five children.

W. R. Atkinson was re-elected president, and G. J. Browne, secretary of Portadown Agricultural society.

The death is announced at 30 Harrington street, Dublin, of the Rev. James P. Anderson, for many years chaplain to Grangegorman prison aged 66 years.

Patrick Davis, electrician, has been killed at Amiens street station, Dublin.

The death has taken place at the Mercy Convent, Booterstown, of Sister M. Clara Hore, daughter of the late R. Hore, agent Bank of Ireland, Wexford. She was aged 73 and had spent 45 years in the religious life.

Facilities to till the land and raise food for the people were demanded by the Mount Bellow R. D. C., which also protested against any form of conscription. E. Wilson, manager National bank Tuam, has been transferred to Cashel on promotion.

At a private hospital the death took place of Norah, youngest daughter of Michael Bowes, Main street, Longhore.

The appointment of E. J. Downey as crown solicitor for Kerry is gazetted.

Died—At Liverpool, John Doyle second eldest son of the late James Doyle, Graugemillon, Athy after a short illness.—In Dublin, Elida Deffly, Naas.

The people of Ballyfoyle presented Rev. M. O'Halloran, C. C., Urrlingford, with an illuminated address for over sixteen years' devoted service.

Mrs. Casey, wife of T. Casey, Dip. Ed., N. U. I., has been appointed principal of Glin Infants' school.

Died—Rev. Jeremiah Gorman, P. P., Marister, a native of Newcastle West.—William Power, Chesterfield, Newcastle West.—At his residence, Main street, Croom, Frank, husband of Nora McManus.

Rev. Father Hurst, C. C., Kilmalvey, Westport, was injured through his bicycle slipping on ice.

On the suggestion of L. G. B. Swinford Rural Council reduced cottage rents 2s. a week.

Congratulations have been extended to Very Rev. T. J. Kelly, P. P., Emo, on the attainment of his golden jubilee.

Mr. O'Hanlon, manager of the Portarlington National bank, has been transferred to Tuam, County Galway.

Mullingar asylum estimates show an increase of £10,444 over the preceding year.