

A Woman's Way.

Continued from last week.

"But Cora," said the chairman, "do be reasonable. What can we do? If there was any way—"

"Now if that isn't like a man!" cried Miss Winn. "Asking what can be done, instead of doing something. Any way, indeed! If this board were made up as all boards ought to be, you'd find there would be a woman's way!"

"Well, my dear lady," said Carey, with a smile, "it is too late to change the complexion of the board this year. But there happens to be a woman near at hand, and I think we shall be only too glad to make her an honorary member long enough for her to show us her way."

"Very well, I accept the responsibility," she declared, springing up from her chair. But she stood for a minute with a frown of perplexity on her face that was not lost upon the skeptical men before her. "What's this about Lawson?" she asked suddenly, with apparent irrelevance.

"Why, what have you heard?" demanded one of the men, betrayed into a start of surprise.

"Ah, a secret was it?" she said. "Well, they say a woman can't keep one, but she can sometimes find one out. So it's true, then. And now if you will give me a sheet of that municipal paper, and allow me to step into the inner office, I think I can draw up something for your consideration."

She returned in a few minutes with the paper. The selectmen bent forward, and read it with evident surprise and interest, but with many shakings of the head.

"That looks good in some respects, Miss Winn," admitted the chairman, "but honestly I fear it wouldn't do. I'm afraid the public—"

"Don't you worry about the public!" exclaimed Miss Winn. "If you gentlemen will do this, and behave yourselves in other respects, I will guarantee your re-election. I am something of a moulder of public opinion myself. I came in here to talk side-walks," she continued, "but I will leave that for another day. I will go now, and leave you to think this over. But at any rate, I shall expect you to save the town of Westfield from a lasting shame."

Jason Ray and his wife, sitting listlessly in their little room in the fading light of a winter day, looking older and sadder than ever. Now that they were committed to it, the step that they were about to take seemed even harder than they had feared.

The silence in which they were brooding was at length broken by the postman's knock, and Mrs. Ray came back from the door with a letter in her hand. She had noticed the return address on the envelope, but the sign of emotion on her face as she handed it to her husband was slight compared to that depicted on his countenance as he glanced over the contents.

"Mary," he said, "see what you make of this," and with a shaking voice he read her the letter:

"Dear Mr. Ray—Your esteemed favor of the 22nd inst. is at hand. It is true that there will shortly be a vacancy in the superintendency of the Municipal Home, although we had supposed that the fact had not become known outside. Your application has been carefully considered, and we have this to say: If you were superintendent, it would be necessary, in our opinion, to employ an assistant, in which case your salary would have to be less than your predecessors have received. But while you may not be able, physically, to do the work alone, we realize that in all the other qualifications needed for the direction of affairs at the Home, you are superior to any one else whom we could hope to find. Accordingly, we have decided to elect you to the place, provided that an agreement can be reached as to salary. In regard to that matter, we shall hope for

an interview at your early convenience.

Respectfully yours,

"Bryce Carey, Chairman."

"Why, Jason, they must have misunderstood your letter!" exclaimed his wife as he finished. "They thought you wanted to be superintendent."

"It was my bad handwriting, I suppose," said Mr. Ray, with a little laugh that was not wholly of chagrin. "But I do want to be superintendent, though I had never dreamed of it before. I believe I can succeed. I am stronger than they think. Why, I feel ten years younger this minute! Let the salary be what they like. It will be honorable and useful work for us both, and it will provide us a home. What more can we ask?"

After a great shock of surprise, sorrowful or joyful, it often happens that the mind turns for relief to something apparently remote and trivial. It was so now with Mrs. Ray.

"Cora Winn just went past," she said, turning away from the window. "She didn't look up. I doubt if she knows that we are living here. What a smart woman Cora is! And she has a heart as good as gold. Some say that she is headstrong, and apt to meddle in matters that don't concern her—but there, it is only her way."

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Foreign Mission News

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"May the Sacred Heart bless America!" The wish of a Bishop in Oceania helped by our aims.

In the course of a letter Bishop Berlioz, P. F. M., of Sendai, says that Mgr. Chatron, Bishop of Osaka, has been in the hospital for more than a month. He submitted to an operation and is recovering, but at the age of seventy-three, strength comes back slowly.

It is announced from Rome that the process for the beatification of the Venerable Geronimo, martyr, has been resumed. This noble Arab, a native of Algiers, preferred to be walled alive, in a fort, then under construction, than to return to Islamism, the faith to which he was born. His death took place in 1569, and his body, perfectly preserved in plaster, was found in 1853.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith reached its ninety-fifth year this May. Its usefulness to the mission cause was never more clearly evinced than at the present time, when the Faith, though no longer an alien in the far-distant places of the world, is in danger of expiring for want of nourishment. True the contributions to the Society have steadily increased each year, but so have the needs of the missions, and upon its help now depends their very life.

EQUIPMENT FOR A HOSPITAL NEEDED.

Mother Victoria pens this appeal, which makes known her needs quite clearly:

"We are Sisters of Charity, of the Order of St. Vincent de Paul, and in January last we were brought here by the Bishop of Zamboanga, to open a Catholic hospital.

"When I tell you that this is the only Catholic hospital in the Southern Philippines, you can form an idea of the necessity and importance of our work.

"In the matter of equipment there are many things that we need very much, but chief among them are instruments and medicines. I am sure the wants of the sick poor of this region will not go unheeded, even in the present calamitous times. Offerings sent will be most wisely expended."

Flowers for Decoration Day.

Wreaths, bouquets and plants at popular prices at H.P. Neun's, 9 North St.—Adv.

A VOICE OF PATRIOTISM FROM THE ISLAND OF THE LIVING DEAD.

Brother Dutton Warns Against Division And Pleads For a Study of The Constitution.

In a recent number of the Paradise of the Pacific, a Monthly published in Honolulu, Hawaii, Bro. Jos. Dutton, the devoted successor of the noble Damien on Molokai, the island of lepers, gives voice to some reflections on Patriotism well worth our consideration. There in the midst of the beauties of the semi-tropical island, close to nature in her most generous moods, but still closer to the sobering influences of disease and death and selfless sacrifice the mind is free from the influences of passion and sees things clearly and in correct perspective. And surely now, if ever, there is need of clear, dispassionate thought on the much-discussed theme of patriotism.

For a falsely understood patriotism is a serious menace to the unity and strength of our country. As in our midst, so too Bro. Dutton, who served as officer in the Civil War, says: "Upon Molokai's little peninsula, sticking out from the base of our noble mountain headlands, we hear strange hints of some naturalized citizens. Disloyalty is mentioned. This is very hard to believe. In our Civil War nearly every nation had representatives. Their people by birth become loyal American citizens and good soldiers as a rule. My own regiment—every regiment I knew—had some. A number of them were among our highest and best officers. To me it is unthinkable that an intelligent man, honest and just, as we have known these naturalized citizens to be, who takes a solemn oath to support the constitution of the U. S., and absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty of which he was before a citizen, or subject, and to support and defend the constitution and laws of the U. S. against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and bear true faith and allegiance to the same, that any such man, understanding this solemn oath, could take a stand against the U. S. in any manner or form by will or deed.

Bro. Dutton sounds a timely warning against anything like sectional or partisan patriotism, for as he says: "True patriotism must be national. It springs from the home, from the family. The nation must be a large family so far as concerns patriotism, and it must be united. It cannot recognize any such situation as one section against another, or anything leading thereto. The times are dangerous; if drawn into the war the entire strength of our whole country will be needed."

Not only must our patriotism be charitable, recognizing the duty of thinking well and harboring no suspicion or ill-will against any one class of our citizenship, not only must it be a national patriotism, united and strong, but above all it must also be an intelligent and rational patriotism. For there are signs which make it evident that there is danger that while seeking to extend the charter of liberty to other nations we be unmindful of what liberty means to ourselves. To ward against the danger of not understanding our own liberty we must follow the excellent advice of the Molokai missionary, who tells us that: "One of the most important items of preparedness would be for all citizens to study and restudy the Federal constitution. This especially for the young men just now coming upon the field of public affairs. We are coming into experiences, very likely, that will depend largely upon this great instrument, whether in its original sense and full import or under attempts to ignore some of its features. I believe we should all enter a constitutional kindergarten and make ready for anything that could endanger the stability of our government under its federal constitution."

These last words of Bro. Dutton are well deserving of careful thought and consideration. The

price of true liberty, is, as has been said so often, eternal vigilance. Surely there can be no better patriot than he who seeks to safeguard for his country its precious heritage, the liberties guaranteed all of our citizens by the constitution and as they are therein guaranteed.

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OUR LADY OF ZOCE.

On the top of a hill, called Zoce, about thirty miles to the south of Shanghai, China, stands a church dedicated to Our Lady of Christians. This was built about forty years ago as the result of a vow made in 1871 by the Superior of the Kiangnan Mission to secure the special protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary during that time of persecution, when it will be remembered that two priests and ten nuns were put to death at Tien-tain.

Every year, in May, thousands of Christians flock from all parts of Southern Kiangsu to the Temple of Our Lady of Zoce. Hundreds of native boats are seen at the foot of the hill, in the creeks, and the church is always crowded. There is a smaller church on the slope of the hill, and the fourteen Stations of the Cross are set at regular intervals between the two churches.

FURNISH MUNITIONS TO THIS SOLDIER.

A letter with the prevailing warlike note comes from Rev. Louis Gate, S. J., whose residence is at Ly Kin Ty, Tao Bing. The subject of keeping up the schools is foremost in his thoughts, and they, with the preparation of a native clergy, are, in fact, the great needs of the mission today.

"Large sums are now being spent in the defense of countries—to buy munitions. I may say that money is to me what balls are for cannons. I have the cannons, that is, the schools, but if money is lacking to make them effective there will be nothing left for me but to beat a retreat. How far and how hopeless this retreat might prove remains to be seen. I ask Catholic Americans to help me make a victorious advance rather than submit to defeat. Thanks to them, thousands of souls have already been saved."

National Conference of Catholic Charities.

The National Conference of Catholic Charities is eager to collect records concerning activities of all Catholic relief organizations during the present national emergency. Societies and heads of institutions which engage in any form of social work are expected to do their full share in anticipating problems of civil and military relief and to co-operate as circumstances may require with related efforts in this field. It is important for our history to assemble records which will show the patriotic response of Catholic organizations to this call of our country. Copies of Resolutions adopted, and accounts of meetings, addresses and of all arrangements made separately or in conjunction with other civic bodies should be gathered, classified and preserved for the use of the historian. Officers of organizations and others interested in social work are urged to send in information to the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., in order that this may be done. Neglect of this thoughtful service will rob the Church of a golden opportunity to show to the world the spirit of her benevolence in its incomparable splendor.

Silver Sale at Oemisch Store.

Selling out all our silver, flatware and hollowware—reductions of 20 per cent. on staple goods—and up to 50 per cent. on odd sets and pieces. An opportunity to save on silver of quality. Henry Oemisch Co., 56 East avenue.—Adv.

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Late News of Ireland

Under the presidency of Michael Governey, J. P., Co. C., and vice-presidency of Rev. P. Donnelly, C. C., the Carlow Branch of the Gaelic League has been revived and language classes are in course of construction.

R. Maloney, clerk, Bank of Ireland, Carlow, has been promoted to Belfast.

M. Governey, J. P., Carlow, has presented a silver cup for the handball championship of Ireland.

At St. Joseph's, Limerick, by Rev. Father Greed, C. C., James, son of the late J. H. Ryan, Church street, Killaloe, was married to Bridget (Cissie), only daughter of the late Daniel Morgan, Rose cottage, Killaloe.

On his translation to the Cathedral, Cork, his parishioners at Ballyneary, presented Rev. J. O'Callaghan, C. C., with an illuminated address in Celtic design.

Bandon Town Commissioners congratulated Rev. J. Coakley on his promotion to the charge of Drimoleague parish.

The death took place at his parents' residence, Youghal, of Rev. Henry Smithwick, C. C., Los Angeles, Cal., aged 25 years, nephew of Rev. Michael Gleeson, P. P.

Letterkenny magistrates passed a vote of condolence to Dr. J. C. Martin, J. P., on the death of his father.

Died—At the residence of Mrs. O'Gara, Kilar, Michael Byrne, N. T., Donegal, brother of Rev. J. Byrne, C. C., Ardara.—Dr. George R. Coracadden, Rosanowlagh.—James B. White, Genoa, Italy, late of Milford.

The late Henry Thomson, D. L., distiller, Seavva [M. P. for Newry, 1890-95], left estate valued at £19,064.

It is reported that steps have been taken to salvage the steamships Retriever and Connemara.

BASE BALL.

The Council of the Men's Sodality of the Sacred Heart attached to St. Kevin's, S. C. R., at its monthly meeting extended a cordial welcome to Rev. C. R. Murphy, C. C., the new spiritual director, and recording its appreciation of the zeal of his predecessor, Rev. Father Grimes, congratulated him on his appointment as P. P., of Donabate.

Rev. P. O'Neill, P. P., Tempo, is a brother of Mother Mary Ethna O'Neill, who died recently at Loreto Convent, Rathfarnham, in the 36th year of her religious profession.

P. McGilligan, J. P., Coleraine, who died recently at Castlerock, was Nationalist M. P. for South Fermanagh in 1892-95.

Very Rev. William Duggan, P. P., Castledermot, has been appointed a member of the Carlow Lunatic Asylum committee.

Athy Guardians have expressed condolence with Dr. T. F. Higgins, J. P., coroner, on the death of his son, M. A. Higgins.

Messrs. D. Shiel, chairman, and J. Colgan represented Edenderry No. 1, R. D. C. at the Plunkett convention.

Rev. T. Denniston, P. P., Fenagh, Carrick-on-Shannon, has been appointed P. P. of Cloone, in room of the late Rev. T. Boylan, P. P.

M. D. McCoy, solicitor, has been unanimously appointed legal adviser to the Limerick No. 1, D. C.

At the Church of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Hastings, England, Rose Anne, youngest daughter of Michael McCormack of Anyalla, was married to P. E. Slough, Canada.

J. J. Cronin, Maryboro, has obtained a diploma from the Pharmaceutical society.

PRIESTS NEEDED FOR ARMY

Bishop Hickey Asks for Volunteers Who Must Be Under 40.

Because of the large number of Catholic chaplains that will be required soon in the army abroad and at home Bishop Thomas F. Hickey has addressed a letter to all priests of the diocese asking for volunteers for the military service.

The applicants must be under 40 years of age and in good physical condition. Applications for this branch of service must be made at the chancery office. When the list is completed recommendations will be made by Bishop Hickey.

Bishop Hickey has been informed that 40 per cent. of the men in the navy are Catholics.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELECT

Three Days' Session of Convention at Utica Brought to Close.

Utica, May 23.—The three days' session of the State Council Knights of Columbus was brought to a close Wednesday. The officers elected are: State Deputy, James E. Finegan, New York; secretary, James A. Dowd, New York; treasurer, Frank H. Shields, Auburn; advocate, Arthur J. W. Hilly, New York; warden, Philip Hammes, Utica; chaplain, Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, Glen Cove. Delegates to the national convention of the Supreme Council at Old Point Comfort in August are Maurice F. Sammons, Utica; Richard P. Walsh, Joseph A. Drake, and Dennis Quinn, New York; Joseph T. Gleason and John J. Shevlin, Brooklyn; Charles G. McDonald, Schenectady; Herman J. Engelhardt, St. Johnsville.

On Monday evening, May 28th, at 8:30 o'clock, the Second Degree will be conferred on a class of 107, the largest class in the history of the Council.

Ontario Beach Park

Opens Tomorrow

With the regularity of the season's return, comes the announcement of the opening of Ontario Beach Park. This year the day settled upon is Saturday, May 26th, and preparations are completed for getting the big playgrounds ready for the expected pleasure seekers.

As in past years, special efforts have been made for the entertainment of the crowds that invariably usher in their outdoor summer enjoyment by a visit to lake-shore on Decoration Day. Not only will the various rides and attractions be in a complete state of preparedness for the coming Decoration Day event, but additional will be the big bill of free outdoor vaudeville which is customary for the management to provide for this occasion.

For the Decoration Day celebration, Alphy Monk and his band are to have a prominent place on the program.

All the attractions "The Bringer", "Hilarity Hall", "The Giant Carousal", Flying Airships, Old Grist Mill, and "Watch Your Step" have been overhauled and placed in excellent condition for operation, while the Bath House, now under new management, the German Village, Roller Rink, and the other sources of enjoyment are in spick and span shape and abundantly able to dispense cheer as of yore.

Beginning Monday May 28th, will be given the first performance of the free outdoor vaudeville bill. Additional features are being planned for continuous displays throughout the day and evening of Decoration Day.