

A Story of True Nobility

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Situated in one of the most beautiful residential districts of North Carolina, Mr. Charles Carroll, of the old aristocratic family of that name, could be seen driving up the broad avenue to his beautiful home. His family consisted of his very charming wife and daughter Eileen, and a son who was just about to be ordained.

This particular evening, which was an ideal summer one, the young priest-to-be was home on his last vacation before he was to be called "Father Francis. Mother and daughter and son were having a delightful time in the spacious drawing-room which opened on to the broad veranda. Son and daughter go to welcome the father who had been busy on a hard case all day. What a perfect family! But the mother's anxious look detected in the noble face of her life's companion a paleness which made her anxious, but she refrained from expressing her thoughts as all were so happy.

The neighbors on both sides were very wealthy. One family were friends of the Carrolls from childhood. Mr. Randel had only one son, a very handsome young man of twenty-two. He loved little Eileen very much simply because she was so pretty. But if another girl came along he would probably love her the same, as he was a spoiled boy, his father and mother giving him his own way in everything. He had many good qualities, however, but was made selfish, as many fine characters are by too much of the good things of this world. From early childhood Arthur had everything he could desire, his parents giving the greatest attention to his slightest wish. They seemed to live only for their child. His petulance and disagreeableness were considered by his father, who was English, as "A bit of temper, you know, he would not be worth much without it." As he grew older they had no control of him at all, he simply ruled them. His mother often said to her husband, "When dear Arthur goes to college he will be so different, he will have to be obedient and observe the rules. I think it will make a man of him." It has been said by many that the greatest blessing a man can have is a good wife, but no greater blessing can be given than a good mother. At her side the first baby words are lisped, and when older the great love of God is instilled, and little by little his wondrous works are understood and so on until the great character of a noble beginning was made. The mother is the one who moulds souls for Heaven and for God's altar. It is the mother who first discovers the special grace in her child. It is the mother who fills the heart of her children with love for God and country. The ones who are faithful and true to God are always loyal and true to country, and would nobly die for their God and their flag.

Mrs. Randel was a woman who left her only child to much to teachers—good, of course, but they cannot take the mother's place. Thus Arthur was made selfish and being made selfish he thought only of his own ends. The other neighbors were so different. Dr. Summers cared more for literary work and for the good of humanity. Their family consisted of two beautiful girls and two sons. One girl was a religious and the youngest was a girl of twenty. The oldest son was a fine looking fellow, tall and rather dark; one look into his kindly face told what he was. Like his father, he was now Dr. George Summers and very proud his father was of him! Eileen and he were always together. He felt he must protect this lovely flower. Indeed, it was understood between him and Father Francis that he would look after her, for Father Francis later would probably be many miles away. He knew Dr. George to be a man after his own heart, and no one in this world would be like better than his dear and noble friend to care for his little sister through life. They had been school mates

and Francis was always with him. When the time came for them to choose their professions in life, they felt the separation keenly. Francis' eyes were always turned toward the altar, and one morning he said to his Divine Lord after Holy Communion, "Jesus, will you accept me as one of your disciples. I offer myself to you. Consecrate me as Thine own. My life I give to you. My Master, help me to do Thy work." So for the next few years they drifted apart, but when vacation time came they were as little boys again. So Francis knew George well and he knew from George's own lips how he loved little Eileen.

But dear, sweet Eileen thought only of her father and mother, and her saintly brother, although she always looked up to Dr. George, and oh! how happy he was when he saw her look for him; love filled his big heart and many times he wished to tell her. This pure flower was as yet unconscious of the wonderful love that was to come to her, but she turned to him as the flower turns to the sun.

We must return to Mr. Carroll. That night was to be the last on earth of an ideal husband and father. For some time he had had little attacks of heart trouble, but would not mention it to his family because of the anxiety it would cause them. He was a very successful lawyer. He did not have the heart to refuse any one his services who was worthy and in trouble, and thus he worked hard in many a case without any pecuniary recompense, looking to God for his reward. It was one of these cases he had just finished. The day had been hard and he had overtaxed his strength. This caused a more severe attack than usual and before they could call a doctor he was almost unconscious. The priest was at his side from the moment he was taken ill, and before morning the great soul had gone to its Creator. It is impossible to describe the grief of the family. After the funeral it was found that Mr. Carroll left no property of any account, except the home and the land surrounding it. It was a great surprise to the family and their friends, but he had never stinted them in any way, bestowing all the luxury he possibly could upon them.

The young son had quite a conflict as to what his duty was. Would he give up the priesthood to care for his mother and sister, or would he continue a perfect call? He knew he had one. His duty was to God and his duty won. There was sufficient for the present need and in a short time he would be able to care for his loved ones. In three months after Father Francis was ordained.

In the meantime Dr. George was a frequent visitor at the home. Eileen and Mrs. Carroll looked for him almost daily. He was a great help to them in many ways and his wisdom could be relied upon. As Mrs. Carroll said, "I gave my only son to God and surely, in His kind Providence, He sent you to me to finish my work here until I am called home, to meet my darling ones who have won the crown. Young Randall never gave up his desire for Eileen and hoped that because of her reverse of fortune he might press his suit successfully. Just another desire, no love whatever. He was at the age now that he would do as he pleased and was sure everybody else should please him. The ground of his real self and of his particular character had not as yet been broken. Now he was thinking of Eileen. Then he thought of George Summers' sister Clara. She was pretty, but her great charm lay in her brilliant and quick wit. She could entertain a drawing room filled with different kinds of people and have a pleasant word suitable for all. He liked that charm in Clara very much. He was so pleased with her at the last reception his mother gave. Clara seemed so full of graciousness to every one and the elite of North Carolina were there. She certainly was charming, and would make a charming lady to grace his paternal home. But Eileen was so childlike and so beautiful.

To be continued.

Catholic Notes of Interest

The Archbishop of Chicago has issued instructions that his clergy shall, during this year, give ten minutes every Sunday to, instructing the laity on the Ten Commandments.

The late non-Catholic multimillionaire, Oliver H. Payne, left \$200,000 to St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, Cleveland.

At Charlotte, N. C., over 8,000 Catholic soldiers are at Camp Greene.

The altars in the Helena, Mont., Cathedral were dedicated recently by Bishop Carroll. The high altar cost \$25,000; the others, \$5,000 each. The late Thomas Cruise's heirs gave the high altar.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XV has appointed the Rt. Rev. P. J. Hayes, Bishop-Auxiliary of New York, Chaplain-General of the United States. All the Catholic chaplains in military service will be under the episcopal jurisdiction of Chaplain General Bishop Hayes.

The Bishop Auxiliary of Philadelphia has opened a propaganda against the growing impropriety of women's dress, chiefly because of bad example set to children.

The Catholic University of America, at Washington, has contributed to the war cause its plant and equipment, 25 chaplains, six lay professors, 100 students and 300 trained officers.

A new school and 1,000 seating capacity hall of St. John the Baptist, in Chicago, were recently dedicated by Archbishop Mundelein.

Forty-four per cent of the people of New York City are foreign born.

The diocese of St. Cloud, Minn., embraces an area larger than the three States, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

In San Francisco the Dominican Fathers contemplate the erection of a splendid St. Dominic Church and parish buildings in the earthquake district.

While kneeling in prayer in the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, New York, Miss Marie Santeoux was stricken with heart malady, dying suddenly before aid could reach her.

St. Francis College at Quincy, Ill., in existence for 57 years, has changed its name to "Quincy College and Seminary."

The Jesuit missionaries are chiefly in charge of the Polar regions. The recently consecrated Mgr. Crimont is Vicar Apostolic of all Alaska. The Eskimos are coast dwellers living on the products of the Polar Sea. The Indians dwell chiefly in Alaska and the upper Yukon.

The service flag of the Catholic Club of New York indicates that the club has 156 members in the Army and Navy.

Jerusalem, the Holy City, the early City of God, and Bethlehem, the City of David and of the Nativity of the Lord, after the lapse of many centuries, are again, by Divine Providence, in the custody of a Christian world.

In the Code of Canon Law, effective now, Bishops are empowered to allow marriages with Nuptial Mass and blessing also within the forbidden time, for urgent reason.

Of the Pope, now gloriously reigning, we read: "No matter how heavy the Pope's trials may become, they will find shoulders able to support them. A statesman, a man of indomitable will, a tireless worker, and an ascetic occupies the Throne of Peter."

K. of C. Go "Over the Top."

The record for Thursday in the K. of C. war fund campaign was \$13,237.85. This figure brings the grand total of the campaign up to \$78,658.49. Friday was known as round-up day and was the final day of the campaign for \$100,000.

The army division, under Wm. F. Dwyer, reported \$7,502 at the luncheon meeting at the Chamber of Commerce building Thursday, while the navy division of Philip H. Yawman brought in subscriptions amounting to \$5,735.85. Dr. Louis J. Dowd, captain of team 11, led all teams with \$2,738 for the day's record, and George V. Kondolf, captain of team 34 of the navy division, reported \$785.

Rev. A. M. O'Neill was the speaker at Thursday's meeting. His address was enthusiastically received by the six hundred campaigners and a number of interested guests in the balcony. The final meeting of the campaign will be held in the banquet hall of the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening.

Secretary Baker Praises K. of C. To Bishop

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, unable to be present at the closing meeting of Knights of Columbus campaign Thursday sent the following message of congratulations from Washington to Rev. J. F. O'Hern, rector of the Cathedral: "Some business with government will require my presence here tomorrow. Regret inability to be with you at close of campaign. Take pleasure in stating that Secretary Baker in personal message to me has expressed warm appreciation of the work done in camps by Knights of Columbus. My hearty congratulations to the local Council on the success of their campaign."

Knights of Columbus Hear Speakers

Canandaigua, Feb. 6.—Supreme Court Justice George A. Benton, of Rochester, and Fred C. Cribb and John Colmey, of this city, spoke on Tuesday evening at the Knights of Columbus war camp fund meeting in the Liberty theater. Campaigners in the Knights of Columbus drive for funds for the war work made their first report at a rally in the council rooms.

St. Mary's Alumni Dinner

Canandaigua, Feb. 6.—St. Mary's Alumni Association held its annual reunion and dinner at the Canandaigua hotel Tuesday evening. Rev. M. B. Groden was coastmaster and remarks were made by Rev. James T. Dougherty, Gordon McCarthy and Jane Gartland.

Meeting of Gaelic Association

The Gaelic Literary and Musical Association will close the winter season with a valentine social at the Fitzhugh, 81 South Fitzhugh street, on Friday evening, February 8th. The members have been invited to bring their friends to this final meeting.

Owing to the absence of many of the members in the service of their country, the committee of the association has decided to omit the usual St. Patrick's Day celebration this year, as a festive gathering would not be in harmony with the present state of national affairs.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

February, Our Lady of Sorrows.

Quinquagesima Sunday

- 10 S St. Scholastica V.
- 11 M Our Lady of Lourdes
- 12 T St. Eulalia V.M.
- 13 W Ash Wednesday Fast
- 14 T St. Valentine M.
- 15 F SS. Faustina & Jovita
- 16 St. Juliana V. M.

Foreign Mission News

The Propagation of the Faith Society 318 Lexington Ave., New York City

"Alas!" exclaimed Ozanam, "it is easier to find men willing to go to the ends of the earth and sacrifice their life in order to preach the Gospel, than it is to find people willing to pay the cost of their journey."

Ireland is becoming very much awake to the needs of foreign missions, and her sons will soon swell the number of English-speaking priests destined for the apostolic vocation. The Lyons African Missionaries have long had a house in Cork, and their work is well established. We have also announced the recent formation of a Society for Chinese missions. Now the Mill Hill Fathers of England have secured a private house at Waterford, and efforts are concentrated on providing the furniture necessary to make a College of it. At present students attend the classes at St. John's M. J. Campion, D. C., and a valuable undertaking is made in response to the call for more priests in the Society.

Another year has passed, taking its toll of the missionaries. The figures given are for 1916, owing to the difficulty of securing reports from all parts of the world: Five bishops have died and 201 priests. As usual, the Jesuits head the list, with 46 members gone to their reward. The Paris Foreign Missionaries lost 34 priests. Next in point of numbers come the Oblates, the Franciscans, the Holy Ghost Fathers and the White Fathers. Every corner of the globe is represented, and every nationality.

The report of the Josephite Fathers for the past year would seem to show that the Society is in a flourishing condition. Those who see a promising field for Catholicity in the colored race of our own country will rejoice in these figures:

Engaged in colored work, 63 priests. (Two priests at the Catholic University.)

Thirty-one seminarians and 50 students preparing themselves for the priesthood.

Eighty-eight Sisters and 38 lay teachers at work in the classrooms of the various schools of our missions.

Twenty-four Sisters in charge of the Domestic Departments of our institutions.

St. Joseph's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., 4 priests, 31 seminarians, 5 Sisters.

Epiphany Apostolic College, Baltimore, Md., 4 priests, 50 students, 7 Sisters.

St. Joseph's College, Montgomery, Ala., 2 priests, 52 students, 3 lay teachers.

St. Joseph's Industrial School, Clayton, Del., 2 priests, 80 students, 9 instructors, 5 Sisters.

St. Joseph's Home, Wilmington, Del., 86 boys, 8 Sisters.

Fr. Gerard Brambilla writes from Hwaikingfu, N. Honan: "Some vicious pagans attacked and destroyed two of my schools, and the local magistrate being also unfriendly, refused to prosecute them. Of the remaining schools several would be closed did not the help received from America allow us to retain our teachers. The work of the catechists is the life or death of the missions. As long as we can train and pay them, converts are certain; without them very little can be done."

ORIENTALS TO SEE A PLAY WRITTEN BY AN AMERICAN JESUIT.

A very impressive morality play, "The Mystery of Life," written by the Rev. J. F. X. O'Connor, S. J., has been blessed by Pope Benedict XV., and will be presented widely during the Lenten season in many of our cities. It is interesting to learn that the play has been translated into Chinese and Japanese, and will be given for the edification of Christians in countries of the Far East as soon as possible.

Late News of Ireland

Robert A. Byron, Killinick and Taghmon, has been appointed J. P.

D. Kavanagh, accountant, National Bank, Clonakilty, has been promoted manager, Ferns.

A beautiful Celtic cross will shortly be erected at Grantstown to the memory of the late Very Rev. J. Kehoe, O. S. A., Prior of Glonmines.

The Carnow Total Abstinence Association have presented their president and spiritual director, Rev. J. Prandy, P. F., with a silver mounted umbrella.

The funeral took place privately at Clare, Athlone, of Mrs. J. P. Goodbody, wife of the head of the well known firm of Midland flour manufacturers.

A Catholic hall, which has been opened at Errill [Rathdowney] by Canon Brennan, P. P., was fitted up at his own expense by M. J. Campion, D. C., and a valuable billiard table has been presented by J. Cavanagh, Ballagh House.

Sister Clarita, of the Villa Maria, Wayland, daughter of Mrs. Cooney, St. Mary's terrace, Athlone, has died.—Died at Rathkenny, after a few weeks' illness, Very Rev. Peter Gallagher, P. P., V. F., Slane, at the age of 72 years, 47 of which were spent on the mission, 23 of these being as pastor of Rathkenny. The deceased labored in the ministry in Moynalty, Ballivor and Beaufort-bridge being transferred from the latter to the parochial charge of Rathkenny. Father Gallagher was in earlier life a prominent advocate of the rights of the Irish tenantry.

Mrs. Johnston, Stapleton, D. Dundalk, died suddenly while attending service in St. Nicholas' Church there on Sunday evening.

Major Roger Casement, D. L., Clonroe, near Wicklow, who has died in his 52d year; had been 20 years in the R. F. A., and retired in 1904, but rejoined since 1914, and saw service in Gallipoli.

The late Surgeon William Cherry, Bournemouth, formerly of New Ross, left estate valued at £19,126.

Sympathy is felt with James Cosgrove, Town Clerk, Gerrard, on the death in action of his son, John Cosgrove.

New Ross Guardians expressed sympathy with Dr. Dundon, M. O., on the death of his mother.

Miss K. Sprone has resigned her position as domestic economy instructor under the Wexford Co. Committee.

The death has occurred of E. Drea, Kilmacshane, a popular member of the Toomstown, D. C., and Guardians.

Minster

M. Keane has been appointed sub postmaster at Silvermines.

By the death of Rev. John M. Murphy, P. P., which took place on Christmas Day at the Parochial House, Boherlahan, Cashel loses a well loved and highly esteemed Churchman. P. Sheehan, formerly Town Clerk of Middleton, has died at an advanced age—Cornelius Corrigan, an esteemed Nenagh citizen, has passed away.

Timothy O'Sullivan, who has died at Louisville, U. S., was a native of Kerry, leaving Kilmare some 50 years ago. Killarney U. C. adjourned as a tribute to the late J. M. Reidy.

Most Rev. Dr. Harty presided at the largely attended obsequies of the late Rev. John M. Murphy, P. P., Boherlahan.

Sergt. M. F. Doran, R. I. C., Limerick, has been promoted to the rank of head constable and transferred to Ballymote.

William Sadler & Son, auctioneers, Anncarty, put up for auction the old Tipperary Mansion known as Pegaboro' House, with 64 acres of land, the residence of the late Robert P. Bell, J. P. It was knocked down to Nicholas P. Mahar, solr., for £4,060 with auction fees. R. B. Heuston, solr., Tipperary, had charge of sale.

Sampson M'Cotter, J. P., who has died at his residence, Victor terrace, Dunmanway, on 1st survived by a few days the death of his son.