

True Nobility

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Continued from last week.

So little by little she let her heart love him. Now it was hard to control it. As she laid there trying to sleep, she thought, "Maybe, it is some other girl he cares for. Well, no one will ever know my feelings."

When all had gone, Arthur was hurrying to his room. His mother stopped him and said, "Dear, I would like to have a little talk with you," [she felt she must know for certain just how much Arthur cared for Clara]. Mother never did make matches. God alone does that, Arthur replied in a little tired way.

"Oh Mother, I'll see you in the morning; my head aches." And kissing her good-night he flew up the stairs. He was so glad to be alone. Surely it was not surprising, after having such a strenuous time. "Oh, thank Heavens, I am alone," he murmured. He was right when he said his head ached. It seemed as if he was dizzy from the effects of it all. He clasped his hands in prayer, saying, "Oh, my good God! I thank Thee for saving me from this dreadful crime. Guide and help me in all my future life. With Your help I will control all my detestable faults, and in particular my temper." As he rose from his knees, such a feeling of thankfulness filled his soul. Thank God! and bless Father Francis. He was surely an angel.

The following evening he was with Father Martin, to the great chagrin of his mother, who had invited some young ladies for a drive and dinner.

"Arthur, you will be back in time for dinner," she said to him as he was leaving. "I have invited some friends. We will have it at six."

"No, Mother, I cannot," he replied. "I have an engagement, and I cannot and would not break it."

She was very indignant at this. "You never consider my feelings at all."

"Well, but Mother, dear, had I known, I surely would."

She was surprised at the nice, quiet way in which he answered her. Usually there was a regular storm.

He kept his engagement with the father, and was there promptly. They certainly had a pleasant talk, for the bell rang for benediction before either realized how quickly the time went by. Father Martin asked Arthur to have supper with him. We can have it served here in the garden." (Father Martin was the superior and once in a while could entertain guests.) Such a treat! Arthur was as happy as a school boy. He just loved the simple service. When coffee and cigars were brought in, Arthur told him of the whole affair, putting all the blame upon himself. He also told him of the wonderful feeling which filled his heart as he entered the ideal chapel. "My heart seemed to be drawn to our Blessed Lord," he said, "as it has never been before. Father, I just don't understand myself now, but when Father Francis brought me here I felt so tranquil, as if I had come out of a terrible storm, and I am grateful to God I did. When I recovered from that terrible rage I seemed to hear the voice of our Lord speaking to St. Paul, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" My heart seems to have been ever since like little Samuel saying, "Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth." That's very unusual for me, Father, because I have been a willful, domineering man, considering no one but myself; but now the old Arthur seems to be passing. I feel and see things in a different light. True, sometimes I have thought of that young man to whom our Saviour said, "Go, sell what thou hast, and follow me! But I have laughed at the very idea of me ever becoming a priest; in fact, I think it rather presumptuous; yet there is a desire. I must tell you my father and my mother are anxious for me to marry, as I am the only child. I owe them so much and this is their one great desire."

When Arthur had finished, he resumed his cigar in a rather thoughtful way and looked at Father Martin, who had not spoken a word during the whole time. Once or twice he looked over the table at Arthur, and what a picture he made, tall, with a splendid physique, dark hair, and glorious dark eyes, which flashed fire when animated or indignant, but were as tender as a young doe when sympathy and affection filled his soul. All this Father Martin saw in Arthur, he saw what really was in his soul—True Nobility. Then he said, "My child, God has something extraordinary for you to do, for he has given you a special grace. Now, we are going to have a retreat for young men on Thursday, ending the first of June. If you could arrange to make it and pray for light to know His holy will, you will make no mistake. I shall give the retreat myself and I assure you I will help you all I can."

Arthur announced the next day that he was going to make the retreat over at the Paulist Fathers. His father was pleased, saying, "Well that's splendid. It's a good thing to give the soul a retreat and a feast once in a while. Don't forget your father, who is a sinner, my boy."

Arthur said, "Why, father, I think you are a model father, and never did I appreciate your loving kindness and patience, also my dear little Mother's, as I do now, and I am going to repay some of that goodness, if I live."

Tears of joy came into his father's eyes. He could not say a word, but laid his hand tenderly on his arm.

His mother was almost in tears, but not from joy. "Why, Arthur Randel," she almost shrieked in her disappointment, "you do not mean to stay over at the college for a week, do you?"

"Yes, mother, dear, for ten days," he replied. "I hope you will not miss me, and you know—"

"Hush," she cried, "do not talk to me until you recover your senses." She turned to her husband, saying: "You uphold him in this absurd affair—you, his father! Have you forgotten the house party next Monday, and the distinguished guests who are coming? How pleasant it will be to tell them that our little boy is making a retreat." She looked at Arthur. "You must not do this very foolish thing. I will not have my plans set aside for just a little piety. You can put this off for another time. Maybe this wonderful Father Martin, [with a little more anger] thinks he can make a priest of you, and by so doing, capture the Randel wealth."

Arthur arose, not uttering a word, and went out for a long ride. He stopped on his way to see Father Martin, who, when he saw him, knew something troubled him. Arthur simply said, "Father, I will be here to make the retreat." He was just as kind to his mother that evening as if she had not said a word. He was so sorry that she was so very solicitous of what the so-called Smart Set would say. She did not consider him at all.

That evening Mr. Randel had a little talk with his wife. The result was Arthur's plans were not interfered with, and the house party was postponed for a little later, in the fall, when the riding and such sports would be just as enjoyable.

If there was a change in Arthur before the retreat, oh! what a marked change now. He felt the divine call of his Master and that he would respond like St. Peter: "Peter, lovest thou Me?" "Lord, Thou knowest I do." And the answer, "Feed My Sheep."

Arthur's father was not surprised when he told him what he really wanted to do. "Why, my son," he said, "I am delighted that you are following your heart's desire." His mother could not be reconciled. She had other plans for her boy. Arthur was so kind and loving to her, as it nearly the time for him to go to college, she felt it more. He tried to show her, saying: "Just think of it, Mother, in a few years I will be a priest of God, to save souls."

(To be continued.)

"COURAGEOUS THOROUGHNESS" IN SOCIAL REFORM DEMANDED BY IRISH AUTHOR.

Father Kelleher Urges Employment of Radical Measures.

Rev. J. Kelleher, of Maynooth, the author of an excellent treatise on "The Church and Interest Taking," a book on "Private Ownership" and similar essays, concludes in the January issue of the Irish Theological Quarterly Review, a leading article on the subject of "Distributive Justice," for which he chose Dr. John A. Ryan's book of the same title as a basis.

In dealing with Dr. Ryan's claims for practical measures in the application of this principle, Father Kelleher arrives at the conclusion that the American author is very modest in his claims for the practical measures which he proposes for the establishment of social justice." Dr. Ryan, he says, acknowledges that his suggestions will not satisfy the aspirations of enthusiastic reformers. The proposed measures, Kelleher believes, would work out too slowly, and are not sufficiently far-reaching. Of course, as Dr. Ryan warns us and as Kelleher concedes, we must realize the value of slow progress. It is no inconsiderable gain if we succeed in getting rid of even the most glaring defects in our social and economic system in this way.

On this latter point both authors agree. Yet Father Kelleher fears that we may carry caution too far. He demands—and this interests us most at this time—radical measures because he is of the opinion that "excessive prudence under present circumstances may be fraught with greater dangers than courageous thoroughness."—Pointing to the fact that Father Ryan's book was written before the entry of the United States into the war, and before the disquieting consequences of the great world conflict were generally recognized, he contends that, if the book were written today, the author "would doubtless advert to the necessity of a more direct and rapid method of securing justice." Continuing, he writes:

"Workers are going to be more critical and less tolerant of the grievances under which they labour, nor is it likely that they will be over scrupulous about the means they employ, nor the social consequences of rashness. There will certainly be found leaders within and without their own ranks to urge them on. The only likelihood we have of being able to oppose an effective barrier to the alluring schemes of Socialism in its various forms is by possessing a programme ourselves of speedy, genuine and effective redress. Not that reforms are to be offered merely as counter attractions to Socialism and other dangerous tendencies. Such motives are unworthy and hypocritical, and generally defeat their own end. What I mean is that at critical times like the present, prudence itself suggests to us to seek out justice by drastic means which we should be slow to adopt in normal peaceful terms."

It will be well for American Catholics, especially for their intellectual and spiritual leaders, to bear in mind the counsel offered them by Father Kelleher. Efforts should be made to understand the real current of thought of the masses and its exponents; greater attention than ever should be directed towards ascertaining their mind, to promote their welfare by social legislation and by other constructive means. It is necessary also to remember that many of the conditions which render our problems most acute are not only national but international. To close one's eyes to such conditions would be folly; for nothing is more dangerous than to believe that, because of outward appearances and surface evidence, all is well in the social and economic world, while beneath a semblance of content deep-bred discontent is seething.

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"AN APPLE A DAY."

There is an old saying which runs, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." We might revise it in this style, "A penny a day keeps the devil away."

By eating an apple each day we are supposed to procure such good health that we have no need to call in a physician. If we were to give a penny a day to the mission cause we would drive the evil ones far away from some poor pagan people that they could almost forget he exists. At any rate, they would no longer remain his abject slaves. After all, a penny a day means only \$3.65 a year, which is not an amount to frighten many of the good Catholics who still need to be reminded that there are foreign missions.

BISHOP OF CURACAO FOUNDS OUR SOCIETY IN HIS DIOCESE.

From time to time we have printed appeals from the Dominican Fathers in charge of the Curacao missions. They are struggling to maintain various good works under difficulties that include poverty of the people, bad climatic conditions that injure crops and other obstacles to progress.

Yet in spite of all these trials Mgr. V. V. Latake, O.P., has decided to found the great work of the Propagation of the Faith in his district, and he says truly, that though his people are poor, there are others even poorer—those who have not only material, but spiritual food denied them.

It will be interesting to see what the natives of this poverty-stricken island will do for the missions, and we may safely prophesy that their effort will compare nobly with that of their richer neighbors.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH SHANTUNG MISSION.

In sending his latest report, Bishop Henninghaus, of South Shantung, speaks feelingly of the founding of the mission. He says:

"In writing my annual report I cannot help mentioning the anniversary of a day that for us is wrapped in holy memories. Last Pentecost day it was twenty-five years since our mission of South Shantung was dedicated to the Holy Ghost. Deeper gratitude fills my soul when I think of the event. It is so vivid in my mind as though it had happened only yesterday: the poor little chapel in the noisy city of Taining, the little altar, decked with a few flowers, and before it the Bishop and his priests dedicating themselves and the mission forever to the honor of the Holy Ghost."

"We have now 90,000 Christians, 53,367 catechumens, 64 European priests and 18 native priests. There are more than 6,000 children in the schools. In regard to our natives, I think the mission and its aims are more clearly understood. The people begin to get used to the idea that it is the work of love, of religion which is intended for the universal betterment of all, instead of perhaps a mere appendix of European politics. At any rate, this thought is more frequently expressed than heretofore."

Owing to the difficulties of the times, which have affected Africa in a special manner, Bishop Gabriel Grison, M. S. H., of Stanley Falls, takes pleasure in presenting his latest report. For the year 2,046 baptisms were given in the eleven mission centres, and the number of confirmations was 2,850. Almost 1,200 boys are enrolled in the schools. The priests, nuns and brothers working in the vicariate are: 21 Sacred Heart Fathers, 6 Brothers; 6 Marianist Brothers; 15 Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. This is not a large staff for a district that covers almost two thousand miles.

Late News of Ireland

Charles.

Deep sympathy is being felt in Carlow and district for Stephen Nolan, Ballinacarrig, a leading Gaelic Leaguer on the death of his sister, Miss K. Nolan.

Most Rev. Dr. Cohalan presided in Cork Cathedral at the 4th anniversary of the foundation of Cualaigh Mhuiri. At the annual meeting, Rev. J. C. O'Flynn was re-elected chairman, James Hayes M. A., secretary, and P. Burke, treasurer.

Maurice O'Sullivan, Medical Officer, Queenstown, was presented with the certificate of the Humane Society for his success, after hours of effort, in restoring to consciousness a man taken from the sea.

Died—Rev. John Nyhan, P.P., formerly of Shannonvale, Clonakilty; John Flynn, Bank House, Lisacarril; Denis O'Mahoney, auctioneer, Mardyke, Cork; P. D. Breen, J. P., Knocknagore, chairman, Millstreet, R. D. C.

The Thomas Ashe Memorial Fund now exceeds £1,000.

It is officially announced [says the "National News"] that a new Irish shipping company, with Sir John Arnott, Bart, as the moving spirit, has just been floated between Bristol and New York via Dublin. One of the objects of the new company, the capital of which is £100,000, is to revive Dublin sailings which ceased three years ago.

At the Monastery of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge Gloucester street, Dublin, the death occurred of Sister Mary of St. Aloysius M. C. in the thirtieth year of her religious life.

M. F. Shannon, accountant, M. and L. Bank, Tralee, has been promoted manager, Ennistymon, replacing J. O'Riordan, promoted to Fethard, Co. Tipperary.

William Gaine died recently at his residence, Kenmare.

Thomas Casey, Kilfinane, died in the North Infirmary, Cork, of injuries caused by a falling tree.

The late R. Parker, merchant, Limerick, left property valued at £13,592, all of which he devised to his children.

Swinford D. C. expressed sympathy with P. O'Hara, vice chairman and his brother, the Rev. M. O'Hara, C. C., Bohola, and Rev. E. O'Hara, Benota, on the death of their father, James O'Hara, postmaster, Attymachugh.

At the Cathedral, Ballaghaderreen [with nuptial Mass], by Rev. J. Gallagher, Adm., assisted by Rev. M. Gildea, C. C., Michael Horan, late of Ashton, was married to Una, daughter of P. Higgins, Ballaghaderreen.

Losing his way in the darkness Thomas Finn, a young farmer, of Crosses, near Kilfree Junction, Sligo, fell from a railway bridge and sustained fatal injuries.

At Cove Castle Catholic Church Lullworth, Dorset, C. J. McNamara, was married to Mary Josephine, second daughter of the late Alderman FitzGibbon, Clonmel.

At her residence, The Square, Cohr, the death has taken place of Mary Josephine, wife of Dr. Henry Casack.

At St. Anne's Convent, Birmingham, Miss May Mackey (Sister Margaret Mary) and Miss Bride Mackey, (Sister M. Coleta) twin daughters of Lawrence Mackey, of Waterford, were pronounced Sisters of Mercy.

On his departure for Dublin from Waterford, where he had administered for fourteen years, the Very Rev. J. H. B. Flood, O. P., carried with him the sincere good wishes of all classes of citizens.

Rev. P. Baptist Concannon, Athlone, has left Rome for Ireland on the completion of his courses at the College of St. Inidore.

Archbishop Prendergast of Philadelphia Dies

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—Archbishop Edmund Francis Prendergast died here on Tuesday evening. He had been ill for some weeks from a complication of diseases. He was 75 years old.

Archbishop Prendergast was born in Ireland. He came to the United States when 16 years of age and studied at the ecclesiastical seminary and St. Charles Borromeo, Philadelphia. He was ordained a priest in 1865. For more than a half century he has been a leader in Catholic church life in this country, having held the pastorates of St. Paul's Philadelphia, St. Mark's, Bristol, Pa., and others. He was consecrated auxiliary bishop in 1897 and appointed archbishop in 1911. From 1895 to 1897 he served as vicar general of the archbishop of Philadelphia.

SITE FOR NEW CHURCH.

Cohasset Parish to Build in Maple Avenue.

Cohasset, Feb. 25.—The purchase of the house belonging to the estate of the late Brian Wygant, with the additional land on the east, which has recently been owned by George G. Post, has been made by the officials of St. Pius parish, as a location for the erection of a new church, which is £100,000, is to revive Dublin sailings which ceased three years ago.

This property, which is situated on the north side of Maple street, has a frontage of 117 feet, and is an ideal location, being near the center of the village and of sufficient depth for the church edifice and all needed buildings. The house was recently rebuilt and equipped with all modern conveniences, and will in no way have to be disturbed to make room for the church edifice. The property was obtained for \$4,700, the change in occupancy to be made April 1st.

CATHOLIC EDUCATOR VERY ILL AFTER TRIP OVERSEAS.

South Bend, Ind., Feb. 25.—Rev. Dr. Andrew Morris, provincial general of the Holy Cross Congregation in the United States, is near death in the infirmary at Notre Dame University, of which he was for twelve years president.

He contracted a severe cold while accompanying two members of the Holy Cross order who had joined the colors as chaplains on the first lap of their journey to France and pneumonia developed on his return here.

Catholic Federation Elects.

These officers have been elected by the Rochester Division, Federation of Catholic societies: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Florian Reichert; president, Joseph R. Otto; vice-presidents, Robert Knittel and William J. Berdel; recording secretary, Frank J. Hehnlein; financial secretary, George Gupel; treasurer, Frank X. Iselhard; guard, John L. Stark; executive committee, Philip Donnelly, Stanley Lane, Max Dunmer, Jacob LeFrois and Patrick Gaffney.

On March 23rd, Father Dandridge, O. M. I., of St. Boniface, Mass., will be ninety-nine years old.

Bishop Glass, of Salt Lake City, Utah, recently preached a mission for Catholic soldiers of Fort Douglas.

The New Orleans Cathedral of St. Louis will be permanently restored within six months. The bicentenary of the city will be celebrated this month.

In the city of Detroit, the Catholic population is about 200,000.

In Notre Dame, Paris, a Te Deum was festively sung in thanksgiving for the liberation from Moslem rule of Jerusalem.