

Rose Of The Cross.

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"Yes, mother, dear, I'm coming," was the kind and gentle answer of a noble young girl whose mother was now an invalid. "Yes, I am here, and you must drink this delicious chocolate and close your eyes and go to sleep."

"What are you going to do, Margaret?" was asked by the sweet voice.

"I have some shopping to do, Mother, and I will not be long, and here comes Charles and he will stay with you until I return."

The Cameron family was one of the wealthiest in their community at one time, and were always true to the family tradition, "God, Faith and Country," never was a Cameron unfaithful to that motto. Mr. Cameron and his oldest son, Will, were in the copper business and were very prosperous. A friend of Will's who had a large share in the business and was anxious for millions, talked and urged an extension of the business until at last the scheme seemed good. They bought heavily and lost all.

So many men, and great men too, with splendid business ability, have invested and lost fortunes in a day. But this investment was so sure and absolutely solid, with no chance of failure whatever! But it did fail. Instead of copper going up, it dropped so low that all was lost. Who the parties behind it were, no one knew. Some were millionaires afterward. Men who do these things do not think of the wrecked and crushed lives on which their millions are built.

Such was the case with Mr. Cameron. He waited until very late, hoping to hear some better news from Will and his friend, Edward St. Clare, who looked and hoped for some change, but none came. It was a stormy night. The rain and thunder and flash of lightning seemed to threaten their lives. Will did not seem to heed the downpour. Two or three times Edward told him to button up his coat. The vague way in which he said, "Yes, Ed," cut into Edward's heart. Finally he said, "Will, for heaven's sake, be brave," and his only answer was, "Oh, Ed, my father, this will kill him. I do not think of myself, but oh, my father, my father, and my darling mother and Margaret and Charles, what can I say to them?"

The noble heart! Surely he did not think of himself. That night he contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia. "Worry and exposure," the doctor said, but in reality it was grief. All during his illness he was continually trying to save his father.

The night of the failure his father had waited for him, pacing up and down the library, wondering why he did not return. When he did come, he could not believe the change he saw in his own son. All poor Will could say was, "Oh, father, all is gone. I waited this late, hoping against hope, but all is lost. God help us. Oh! the strain on the dear father's heart to see his big noble son so crushed. Taking him in his arms, like a mother, he said:

"My boy, not for a dozen fortunes, or the whole world, would I have you suffer like this."

Will did not see the pallor which spread over the noble face of the side, and it was well he did not. Nor did either see the beautiful girl who stood in the doorway listening, with wonder and terror in her glorious eyes. As she saw her father grasp his side she was there in an instant.

"Darling father, you are not faint are you?" she said, and helped him to a chair and hurried to the sideboard for a stimulant. If the dear girl had only known Will's condition and urged the stimulant upon him also, the awful chill would have been checked.

"As your father revived, he said, 'Now, Will, you go up to bed, and we will see what can be done in the morning,' and as he passed him he said: 'Promise me, now you will not worry, but sleep. God is good, and we must put our trust in Him, and you know, it's the darkest before dawn.'"

Late News of Ireland

Carlow-Graigue has been changed to Graiguecullen as a memorial to the late Very Rev. H. Cullen, P. P., of that parish. Died—March 30, at Constablehill, Hacketstown, Mrs. Thomas Pollard, March 29, at Parochial House, Arles, Very Rev. J. Murray.

Miss K. Collins (in religion Sister M. Acquin), daughter of D. Collins, Drimoleague, was professed by Most Rev. Dr. Cahalan of the North Presentation Convent, Cork.

Skibbereen U. C. adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late H. Cullinane, J. P.

A high distinction has come to Sister Ste. Emile, nurse of the complementary and auxiliary Hospital No. 25 in France, being awarded a bronze medal by the government for her noble work for the sick soldiers. Sister Ste. Emile was known in the world as Miss Elizabeth McNamara and is a member of the Order of Bon Secours. She comes from Baillyhan, Cork County. Since the beginning of the war she has been nurse in Hospital No. 25 and to her the military chiefs entrusted the care of patients with contagious diseases. She is one of four sisters who became nuns, the others being Sister Angelique and Sister Perpetua of Baltimore, Maryland, and Sister Mary Berchmans of St. Mary's Academy, Australia.

The death took place after a brief illness at his residence, Drumagh Castle, Crumlin, of Joseph Hatch, J. P. For a time he was a member of the corporation, where he represented the Fitzwilliam Ward.

The recreation hall of the Dominican Convent at Cabra was recently destroyed by fire. The main convent building was saved. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The Listowel Urban Council (T. J. Walsh, chairman, presiding) on the motion of E. Moran, seconded by J. McAulay, J. P., passed a vote of condolence with the Rev. Father C. O'Sullivan, C. C., on the death of his esteemed mother at Killarney.

It has been decided to rebuild the Duagh Bridge, which has been swept away by a flood. The cost is estimated at £4,500. The old bridge crossed the river at the spot immortalized by Moore's poem, "By Feale's Wave Be-nighted."

On the opening of the Limerick County Quarter Sessions, his Honor County Court Judge Lewis Smyth, K. C., congratulated the Grand Jury on the peaceful condition of the county.

Most Rev. Dr. Naughton, presiding at the initial meeting of the Ballina Army and Navy Pensions Sub-Committee, repudiated a statement in "John Bull" that discharged soldiers were treated badly in Ballina and had been refused work. The town, he said, had given as many to the army as all other parts of the county together.

When a letter was read at the Nenagh Urban Council relative to economy in the use of coal, W. Hogan said the only way to meet the matter was the development of the Irish coal fields. The government were for a long time tinkering with a railway to one of the fields.

The death has taken place of Mrs. Annie Power of Dungarvan, wife of William Power and sister Thomas Power, chairman of the Waterford County Council.

P. O'Neill, J. P., chairman U. C., presided at a meeting in Enniscomerty, at which it was agreed to form an industrial association for the district and to send delegates to a Dublin conference for the formation of an All-Ireland Industrial Federation.

Died—April 4, Taugomon, Mullingar, Julia McKeogh.

Bonds Will Defray

Scholar's Expenses In Parochial School.

Mount Morris, May 11.—The congregation of St. Patrick's Church of this village, have through church collections of the past few days and through private contributions, raised a sum of money sufficient to purchase a \$100 Liberty bond, with a balance on hand which they hope, with the aid of the special collection of next Sunday, will realize a sufficient amount to warrant the purchase of another \$50 bond. These bonds will be purchased as the first of these endowments. The interest from four \$50 bonds will defray the expense of one scholar in St. Patrick's parochial school.

"Forty Hours" Devotion at Sacred Heart Church.

The exercises of the Forty Hours Devotion were begun last Sunday morning, May 12th, at high mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, on Flower City Park. They closed on Wednesday morning. The Rev. Florian J. Reichert, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, gave a series of sermons on "The Blessed Sacrament" at the evening services.

Frank J. Taylor Appointed Supt. at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Rochester—The Board of Commissioners of Holy Sepulcher Cemetery has appointed Frank J. Taylor, of 36 Werner Park, superintendent of the cemetery and the contributory premises to succeed the late John B. Meisch. Mr. Taylor will assume his new duties this week.

Mr. Taylor is city ticket agent for the New York Central Railroad with offices in State Street. He has been in the New York Central's employ for nine years. He is a native of Canadaigua.

Rev. John J. Gleeson Appointed to Irremovable Rectorship.

Rochester, N. Y.—A consensus was held at St. Andrew's Seminary last Friday afternoon for the vacant irremovable rectorship of St. Mary's Church, Corning, and Friday evening Bishop Thomas F. Hickey announced the appointment of the Rev. John J. Gleeson, of St. John's Church, Clyde, as irremovable rector there to succeed the late Rev. James M. Bustin.

Father Gleeson was ordained at St. Patrick's Cathedral July 9, 1882, by the late Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid. His first appointment was as assistant at St. Mary's Church, Rochester, where he remained four years. In October, 1886, he was made pastor of St. John's Church, Clyde, and of St. Patrick's Church, Savannah, where he has labored successfully for thirty-two years.

Father Gleeson was born in East Bloomfield and after completing the work of the elementary schools there, studied at St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester, and St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy, N. Y., from which last he was ordained to the priesthood. He is a brother of the late Rev. William Gleeson, of St. Mary's Church, this city, and has a host of friends throughout the diocese.

Bishop Makes

New Appointments.

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey has announced the following appointments of priests of this diocese.

The Rev. John E. Casey, of St. Mary's Church, Rexville, N. Y., has been appointed to the pastorate of St. John's Church, Clyde, and St. Patrick's Church, Savannah, made vacant by the appointment of Rev. John J. Gleeson to the irremovable rectorship of St. Mary's Church, Corning.

Father Casey was born at Hinsdale, N. Y., in 1864, studied at St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, Alleghany, N. Y., from which he was ordained to the priesthood, June 23, 1891. His first appointment was as assistant at St. Bridget's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained for four years. In 1895, he was promoted to be assistant to SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, N. Y., and later on was made rector of St. Mary's Church, Rexville, N. Y., by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, where he has labored successfully to the present time. Father Casey took up his new duties on Wednesday, May 15th.

Rev. Cornelius A. Silke has been appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, Rexville, to succeed Father Casey. He was born at Freeville, N. Y., in 1875, and after finishing in the elementary schools there, studied at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, Rochester, and was ordained to the priesthood June 14, 1902. After ordination he was made assistant at Holy Family Church, Auburn January 1st, 1906, he was appointed rector of St. Patrick's Church, Moravia, N. Y., and rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Henrietta, N. Y., in 1916, which also includes at present St. Catherine's Mission, at Mendon. Father Silke will begin his work as rector of St. Mary's Church, Rexville, the middle of next week.

DR. MEEHAN DECLINES TRENTON BISHOPRIC.

Trenton, N. J.—It is announced that Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Wash, chancellor of the diocese of Buffalo, has been appointed to the bishopric left vacant by the death of Bishop James A. McFaul, of Trenton, N. J.

Some time ago the vacant see was offered to Rev. Dr. Andrew B. Meehan, professor of canon law, liturgics and Italian in St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester. Dr. Meehan was constrained to decline the appointment because of uncertain health.

Sodality Union To Hold Meeting.

The Sodality Union of Rochester will on Sunday, May 19th, at 7:30 p. m., hold its fourth annual semi-annual religious demonstration in honor of the Virgin Mary in Holy Redeemer Church, Clifton and Hudson Avenues. Rev. James Keenan, of the Cathedral, will preach the sermon. Places will be reserved for the sodalities now affiliated with the union. Two of the principal features of the demonstration will be the public reception of several young women into the Sodality of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Holy Redeemer Church, with the first communicants of this year as a guard of honor, and a patriotic drill corps of sixteen young women of the parish.

CHURCH UNFURLS FLAG.

Honor Men of Parish Who Are Serving Their Country.

Caledonia, N. Y.—Last Sunday night St. Columba Church in this village was inadequate to hold all who came to attend the patriotic service held there, every pew being filled, also chairs in the aisles and every available place being utilized for standing room, while many stood outside.

The occasion was the unfurling and dedication of a service flag in honor of the young men from the parish who are serving their country.

Foreign Mission News

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

A HARD LUCK STORY.

Another bishop, Mgr. Neville, of Nairobi, East Africa, sends these words of gratitude and also of sorrow:

"Your letter and enclosure came at a very critical moment. I was in the lowest spirits contemplating the ruin of my new church. I had built it in spite of the hard times, because my ever-increasing flock really demanded it. I had indulged myself in a tower, and when the structure was nearly completed the tower, for some reason (perhaps it was too hastily constructed) fell, bringing with it the whole front of the church. Is not this enough to discourage a poor prelate in Africa? Now more precious money must be spent to repair the wreck."

ANOTHER CHURCH NEEDED FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Rev. Richard Knight asks me to publish this letter:

"I am striving to build a new church. The present structure is nothing but a miserable shack. It cannot be called a church; for it is only an apology for one. In fact, it is not good enough to be called a 'cow-shed.' It is made of bamboo and nipa, with a cogon grass roof. During the rainy season, that is, from May until November, it is usually two or three inches under water, and if it happens to be raining during a church ceremony water drips down through the roof on to the altar-table and on to our heads. It is worse than miserable, it is simply wretched, and still a priest must be here, for there are 11,500 souls to be cared for.

"The people are all poor, and can do nothing to help build a respectable church. I have a little sum in hand, but need help to erect a cement building. Surely all ardent lovers of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacred Heart will only be too anxious to help us out of the difficulty, and to build a structure worthy at least to be called a church."

MATCHES MADE IN CHINA.

They have methods of their own in the Celestial Empire of making matches. As often as not, the future bride and bridegroom are affianced in their respective nurse's arms, and the little bride-elect, bought for a small sum of her parents, is packed off to her mother-in-law when about five or six years old, to be the drudge in the household of her future husband!

Failing these arrangements, however, there is the professional "match-maker," the Mei-jan, as he is called, who takes on the delicate task of making marriages in the most obliging fashion, and only earning a few piastres if the negotiations succeed, in which case the interested parties will "stand" him a dinner and invite him to the wedding.

There are not many bishops who can exceed Mgr. Hurth's record of children confirmed on one pastoral tour. When acknowledging a gift Bishop Hurth, whose diocese is Nueva Segovia, the Philippines, writes: "I have been absent two months and a half on a confirmation tour, and during that time I administered the sacrament to over 80,000 little ones. And this was only a small part of the work that claimed my attention."

Fr. Duquesne, S. J., sends from Tientsin, China, a request for four native priests who aid him in evangelizing a large district. The machines will enable the missionaries to make quick work with mere expedition and allow them to reach dying persons in time to administer the last rites of the Church. A few contributions to this end will mean that many poor souls will secure the consolation of their religion at a hour when they stand most in need of it.

NO CENTRAL-VEREIN MEETING

The sixty-third annual convention of the Central-Verein, the national organization of German-American Catholics, which was to have been held in San Antonio, Texas, next August, has been indefinitely postponed, according to an announcement made by Joseph Frey, K. S. G., of New York, president of the organization.

Catholic Appointed to Responsible Position.

Agnus D. McDonald, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, has been appointed by Secretary McAdoo as acting treasurer of the United States railroad administration. He was vice-president of the Southern Pacific railroad.

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