

Rose Of The Cross.

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[Continued from last week]

Will roared with laughter, saying, "Well, well, we are quits, Sis." This girl whom Will Cameron loved was a little beauty. Mary Relay was a perfect little joy, with light hair and dark blue eyes. Everything she did was like herself, simply charming. She danced like a fairy and her pretty voice blended with Will's fine tenor, and all her pretty little ways crept into Will's great big heart and stayed there.

One evening in the moonlight Will told her of his great love for her, and said, "I do hope you will love me a little." She nestled in his arms and told him she loved him more than he thought, and then like a violet, dropped her pretty head. Will was very grateful to God for the love of this pure, sweet girl. He was her first love, and many times she said to him, "you must teach me how to love you. I just know I do and that is all I know."

"Act out your own feelings, my dear little one, and that is the truest love, and I will see you as often as I can when I return to New York. Brooklyn is not very far; no matter if it was, I'd be there."

Margaret loved this sweet girl, too, very much, as did every one who knew her, and when Will was taken ill, she felt she must let her know, as she did immediately. Several times Will called her name, but with a little wondering look in his eyes as if he were trying to discover something. No doubt he realized and wondered, in a vague way: "Will Mary be true and stand the test?" How little did he know the pure gold of this girl's heart; she would stand by the man she loved, no matter what the sacrifice. As soon as she received Margaret's letter, she telegraphed, simply saying: "My dear Margaret, I will be with you this evening; cheer up, Mary."

This had a cheerful effect on Margaret. She was afraid for Mary, but when she told the doctor, he said there was no danger. "Just tell her to be a little careful, and there is no danger whatever, and her cheerfulness will be a wonderful help to all, I am sure. My dear girl, you are doing fine, but you look a little pale. Now your father is feeling much better and Charles is such a help to him, that boy is like pure gold, tried and true."

In a thoughtful manner, he said, "I feel there is something on Will's mind." Margaret, does Will care for this young lady that is coming this evening?"

"Oh, yes, doctor, they love each other and are engaged to be married."

"Ho, ho, then you have done well in sending for the little girl. I am so glad. I will call about ten to-night."

At 7:30 Margaret went for Mary and the two girls wept and laughed. How Margaret loved this little girl! She was so hopeful, telling Margaret to cheer up.

"I know Will will recover, and in a few weeks he will be his big, grand self. I will stay with you, dear, until he is." As they alighted at the door she said, "now for the trained nurse experience. You must tell me just what to do, Margaret." When she and Margaret went into Will's room, the nurse said he was a little restless, but his fever was not so high. Margaret went to his bed, laying her cool hands on his head. He knew her at once. "My little sis," he said, "my head aches," and closed his eyes and murmured one name, and when Mary heard him she could not keep the tears back. She had said to herself, over and over, "I will be brave and not cry and help all I can," but when she saw the face and form of the one she loved in his bed of sickness, she simply gave way.

Margaret went to her. "Mary," she said, "be brave now, I think you can help him."

"Oh, Margaret, dear, I will be brave after this; please forgive me."

"I know you will, Mary dear." Then Mary went softly to his bedside and looked tenderly at

him. What was it? As soon as she touched his hand he opened his eyes and clasped her hand in his as if he would never let it go. "Oh, Will, do you know me, dear?"

"Know you, Mary-my love, yes, yes, and—"

"As he was going to talk, she raised her finger saying, "You must not talk, but take this nourishment, and then sleep. I am going to stay with you until you are better, and that must be soon. She smoothed the lovely dark hair back from his forehead, and her gentle touch soothed him, and he slept a much-needed sleep."

When the doctor met Mary in the morning, he shook her hand heartily telling her she was the best medicine for Will. "He is much improved to-day and with good care, and—ahem, more attention, he will be all right in a short time. And now you must see Miss Relay, that Margaret gets a little more rest," and drawing his figure up, "and I command both you young ladies to have a drive or a walk every day. If you don't, I will come for you myself."

Both laughed and promised to do what he commanded. Not until then did Mary notice how pale Margaret looked, but she attributed it to the worry about her brother. Then she asked her about Mr. Requa. "I hope he is much better now."

Margaret looked at her in wonder and surprise. "Why, why, what do you mean, Mary? He is not ill is he?"

"Why, yes, Margaret," she replied, "he has been very ill with typhoid fever, and he is not able to be out yet. My cousin hears from his sister Victorian. Only last Wednesday he received a letter, saying John sat up for the first time."

Margaret could not answer she was so overcome. "That is why he did not answer," she murmured to herself, "and I would not write him again." Tears fell fast and she felt as if her heart would break. Her silence and great sorrow puzzled Mary, and as she looked at her, she was thinking, "well, there is some trouble here or Margaret would never let her feelings overcome her like this." Going to her, Mary put her arms around her. "Margaret, if I can in any way help you, tell me, I will do anything in the world for you. Something is wrong, I am sure. Tell me if I can help you in any way."

Poor Margaret, she could not tell her father or mother, as they had enough to bear, and her brother was ill. She was glad to unfold her heart to this dear friend. Then she told her of the failure, and between her sobs, she murmured, "I have not heard one word from John since he went south. I do not understand, but—brightening up as she thought of how ill he had been, "I am afraid I have misjudged him. I will write him now and send my letter by special delivery."

"Oh, yes," Mary said, "I suppose they are saving all his mail until he is better. Then you will have one every day."

Margaret said: "I wonder if his sister takes his mail. I should think she would drop me a line. She knows we are engaged and knows also how very anxious I am."

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Brother Paul, the Xaverian head of St. Mary's Industrial School in Baltimore, says there are now more than 1,000 St. Mary's boys serving the flag.

Georgetown College, on the Potomac, and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, are twin sisters. At Georgetown a then young professor, Dr. Matthews, welcomed George Washington, who so greatly admired the surroundings of Georgetown.

Serving the United States are 207 students of St. Viator's College, Bogart, Ill.

The morality play "The Mystery of Life," written by Rev. J. F. X. O'Connor, S. J., has been translated into Chinese and Japanese.

SILVER JUBILEE

Rev. James E. Hartley, Pastor of Palmyra Church

Has Labored for Quarter of Century at St. Ann's With Splendid Success.

Palmyra, May 28.—Parishioners of St. Ann's Church are making preliminary arrangements for the fitting observance of the silver anniversary of Rev. Father James E. Hartley's coming to Palmyra and his assumption of the pastoral duties of St. Ann's. May 20th marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of his arrival here as an assistant to Rev. William Casey who served the church for thirty-eight years previous.

Father Hartley became the successor of Father Casey on August 1, 1893. During the ministry of Father Hartley he has served the faith in Ithaca, Spencerport, the Church of Our Lady of Victory at Rochester previous to the pastorate of Father Notebaert and at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

St. Ann's Church was organized in 1849 by Rev. Edmund O'Connor, of Canandaigua, who had for some time said occasional mass at the Williamson Hall. In that year the "Old Academy" was sold to the Catholic people of Palmyra and was used as a church until 1861 when Bishop Timon blessed the present St. Ann's. It was completed and consecrated by Right Rev. Bernard McQuaid on October 23, 1870, and in 1903 extensive alterations were made including the addition of a belfry and vestibule. In October of that year Mrs. Mary Carmody presented a bell to the church.

During Father Hartley's pastorate the church influence has advanced greatly and to-day more than 150 families worship here and fifty families at Marion. The church is out of debt.

Father Hartley was ordained to the priesthood on December 21, 1877.

He is a lover of horses and also of violins. His great hobby is to gather violins made by the old masters and lays claim to possession of the oldest violin in the United States. An Antonio Stradivarius instrument made in 1721 and another made in 1723 are among his choice possessions. One of the violins is valued at \$10,000 and a cello owned by him is valued at \$12,000. Among his collection of rare instruments is a Gaspar De Sala violin made in 1650 and one which formerly belonged to Maud Powell at London.

FLY CAMPAIGN NOW ON.

Joseph F. MacSweeney, chairman of the publicity committee of the Rochester Tuberculosis Committee, is interested in having the citizens of Rochester awakened to the necessity of taking the fly campaign seriously. He states that there is every reason to believe that flies can be exterminated if the citizens will respond to the appeal to kill every fly seen between now and the middle of June, and clean up all fly breeding places.

In the fly work this year the Health Bureau is not alone. Besides the aid of the Rochester Tuberculosis Committee, the Bureau is having the active support of the Police Department. Chief Quigley is instructing every policeman to have charge of sanitary conditions on his beat in order that these may be cleaned up without delay. The Boy Scouts have contributed services in the distribution of fly swatters. The motion picture theaters are co-operating by the use of educational slides.

In the proclamation of Hon. Hiram H. Edgerton, mayor of the city of Rochester he sets aside the week of May 27th to June 2nd to be "Flyless Week." His honor states the "flies are carriers of disease germs. Tuberculosis, typhoid fever, infantile paralysis and other scourges may be carried by flies. In most cases children are the victims because they are less able to protect themselves. We cannot afford to let this preventable cause of sick-

ness and possible death go unchecked. Today, the life of the child, the potential man power of this country, is more important than ever before. It is therefore of vital importance that we safe-guard our human resources in every way.

It is especially important to kill the first flies of the season for these are the breeders. It is of equal importance to clean up all places where flies may breed and multiply. Let every citizen, therefore, clean up his premises and keep them clean throughout the fly breeding season and use persistently fly killing devices throughout the season and encourage others to use them.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Father Darcy of Avon Receives Token From Children.

Avon, May 28.—Rev. Father William H. Darcy, pastor of St. Agnes Church in this place, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination last Monday. Father Darcy was ordained at Buffalo, and has had charges at Hornell, Addison and Avon, coming to this place eight years ago, upon the death of the late pastor, the Rev. Father Owen Paul Farron.

The Sisters at the convent here, arranged a program at the school, which was participated in by all the children of the grades, at the conclusion of which two of the first grade girls advanced to the rostrum, carrying a basket, which contained fifty dollars in gold, which they presented to their beloved priest.

Since Father Darcy came to Avon, he has accomplished many things for the benefit and welfare of the parish and the property, and has succeeded in getting the church free from debt. He plans many improvements on the property at the conclusion of the war.

Catholic Notes of Interest.

The distinguished Irish Capuchin, Very Rev. Lawrence O'Dea, is dead.

At the present time, there are in England 1,091 Catholic elementary schools, with 388,123 children.

One of the splendid churches in Rome is St. Stephen Rotondo. It was planned and built in the fifth century in honor of St. Joseph. It has 64 columns of granite and marble. Its diameter is 133 feet. It was last restored by Gregory XIII.

In the opinion of Cardinal Bourne of London, one of the consequences of the war will be changed relations between classes of society.

It transpires, that, at the taking of Jerusalem, the Pilgrim Houses and the French Religious institutions were pillaged, but that the Franciscan hospices and the Friars were left unmolested.

The German War Office asserts that more than 2,000,000 prisoners are now held in Germany.

Near Armagh, Ireland, the ancient Castle of Richhill, dating from about 1610, with its 198 acres, and 40 acres of forest, has been purchased by J. and J. McKeown.

In the recent air raids on Venice bombs narrowly missed the Rialto Bridge and the Bridge of Sighs. The oratory in the Church of St. Giustina was destroyed; in San Simeone Piccola Church two marble columns were shattered; St. John Chrysostom's Church was damaged; 26 houses were destroyed and 60 damaged.

The diocese of Vilna, in Lithuania, has 1,420,000 Catholics. In Vilna city there are 30 churches and 142,000 Catholics. The See dates from 1383.

Late News of Ireland

Connaught

Several cases of typhus have been admitted to Ballina district hospital from Ballycastle.

Most Rev. Dr. Naughton has appointed Very Rev. James Tempy, president of St. Muredach's College, Ballina, a Canon of the Diocesan Chapter.

One farm at Garryboola, Kitulila, near Loughrea, at present in the hands of the C. D. B., had several hundred yards of fences cut down, as well as a large number of trees, and taken away. Notice has been served on the treasurer, D. Council of a claim for £45 compensation.

Rockfield House (Drumaha) and demesne lands (978 acres) were sold by J. H. Lloyd, Strokestown, for £6,000 to F. Frain, cattle dealer, Lung, Ballaghaderreen, Leitiner.

Mullingar Guardians accepted with regret the resignation of Dr. J. Dillon Kelly, of the workhouse medical officership and dispensary district, which he held for 42 years.

A large amount of extra land in the vicinity of the Curragh Camp has been broken up by the military authorities for potato and other crops. Officers are inducing the men to till.

The death has taken place at his residence, Fair street, Drogheda, of Robert May, a former Mayor of the borough, father of Dr. R. May, Swords, and of Lieut. J. May, Munster.

Captain Philip Kevin Doyle, Leinster Regiment, wounded in action for the second time, is a son of the late John Doyle and Mrs. Doyle, Brandon, New Ross.

Andrea District Council passed a resolution protesting against the abolition of the pig killing industry in Ardee by the Food Controller, and requesting him to grant authority for its restoration.

Two hundred and fifty-seven pounds has been collected in Wicklow for the dependents of the five local fishermen who were drowned last November.

On the occasion of the episcopal visit to the Loreto and Mercy Convents, Wexford, Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Bishop of Ferns, was present with addresses.

Munster

Lieut. J. B. Barrington, who has received the Cross of the Legion of Honor for ambulance work in France, is well known in Limerick.

The Munster Provincial Council Secondary Teachers' Association passed a resolution endorsing the claim of the Governing Body of University College, Cork, for a separate university for Munster.

Deep regret is felt in Nenagh at the death of Rev. M. McCormack, Mullagh, County Clare. The deceased clergyman was stationed at Pucknane, outside Nenagh for some years. He was a native of Moneygail.

W. O'Shea—Milestown, has resigned membership of the South Tipperary County Council. Rev. J. Duggan, P. P., Boherlahan and J. N. Fryday have been appointed to Tipperary County Infirmary Committee.

Westmeath

Recently John Duff, aged 78, a farmer of Faughalstown, was drowned in Lough Deroveragh. When discovered deceased's coat was turned inside out—an old Irish custom restored to when people lose their way in the darkness.

The Mullingar Guardians appointed Dr. Keelan, Mullingar to be medical officer of Mullingar Workhouse, and Dr. Daly, Multyfarnham, to be medical officer of Multyfarnham Dispensary District.

Dublin

Died—April 5, at Dollymount, Jane Allingham, aged 90. April 6, at Hospital for Incurable, Donnybrook, Stephen Byrne, aged 24. April 7, at Blockrock, William V. Cody. Interment at Dean's Grange, April 6, at Dublin, Thomas Fallon, leather merchant, Chapel streets

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CATHOLIC ENTERPRISE.

Travelling Libraries May Be Used With Excellent Results.

Efforts of the Central Bureau of C. V. in this field.

Attention is called to a rather neglected field of Catholic endeavor by the recent ninetieth anniversary of the Seamen's Friend Society of New York. This Society, in addition to its other branches of welfare work for seamen, has, for many years past, been engaged in sending out travelling libraries with ships at sea. During the past year 170 new libraries were loaned to ships. There are now 27,669 libraries of the Society at sea, and these have been accessible by first shipment and reshipment to almost half a million men. There are also 1000 libraries in the United States hospitals, which have been accessible to 130,000 individuals.

It is this traveling library feature that should appeal to Catholic organizations as a desirable field for wholesome educational work. Many Public Libraries have long ago introduced departments for sending out books in travel-cases, but, as far as we know, specifically Catholic efforts in this direction have not been very prominent. The Central Bureau of the Central Verein, some four years ago, began to send out such libraries for the purpose of promoting the study of the social question. The libraries, each consisting of a neat substantial case, containing some 30 books and pamphlets, have been sent to priests and laymen on request, to societies interested in social study, and to study clubs, a small sum being charged for a three month period. The value of the enterprise has been proven; in every case the renters gained substantial benefit from the reading matter sent them. This is all the more readily understood when it is realized that the libraries are graded, some being adapted to the needs of beginners in social study, while others are arranged with the view of supplying material for those more advanced.

At present the Central Bureau of the C. V. has undertaken a new enterprise, the sending out of libraries to chaplains in the camps. These libraries contain each some thirty volumes of good, attractive Catholic reading. Two libraries have been sent to a chaplain at the U. S. Marine Barracks, Paris Island, S. C., and the work will be extended as the demand may arise. Mission Libraries are being prepared also for the winter months. These cases are to be sent to priests in isolated places throughout the country, who may derive benefit from a collection of substantial reading matter such as their means will not permit them to purchase. Theology, homiletics, pedagogy, history, biography, these will form the subject matter of the mission libraries.

Opportunities for the extension of this work and the participation in it of Catholic agencies are manifold. Much good could undoubtedly be done by sending out light reading to young men's and young ladies' sodalities in remote country parishes. Charitable institutions especially, and penal or reformatory institutions also, offer opportunities for activity in this field. The traveling library can be made an instrument of good in many ways.

C. B. OF THE C. V.

In Washington thieves stole from a garden an imitation bronze statue of St. Anthony.

At Our Lady of Solace's, Coney Island, N. Y., a votive lamp is burning for soldiers and sailors.

In some of the military camps in the United States as many as sixty religious denominations are represented. In practically all of the camps the Catholic soldier largely leads in number.

Last year, the Jesuit Fathers of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Boston, received 87 converts.