

## Rose Of The Cross.

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[Continued from last week]

"Mary, do you know, I feel there is something I do not understand. I think I hardly know my own heart. At times I fear there is something wrong. Victoria should write to me about John. More and more I feel that, and now since you have told me of John's illness there is no reason, unless the loss of fortune— Then holding her head up as if she wished to put the very thought of such out of her mind— "No, no, John Requa could never be dishonorable. I will go over to the Sacred Heart Church and lay it all before our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother."

"That's good, Margaret, and do not ever think anything wrong of John, because he is the soul of honor. I will stay with Will until you return, but write John before you go and mail it special."

"I will," Margaret replied. Will Cameron was rapidly recovering and they all had hard work to keep him indoors until he gained more strength, but he obeyed the commands of Mary as if he was a small boy. Mary said to Will, "I think the doctor will let you go out to-morrow for a drive, not down to the office yet, my boy, everything is going on fine down there without your majesty." Both laughed.

"Oh, Mary, my dear girl, you have been so much to me and particularly during this sad time."

"Why, Will, nothing should make our lives sad; God loves us in the little trials He sends us, and we must take them with patience and try to improve our lives, and as for the loss of fortune, why simply make the best of it." Then going close to him and taking his hand, she said, "You didn't know I have a fortune of my own, and I will help you."

"No, no, Mary, I cannot permit you to do that for a moment. When I am well I will regain what we have lost."

She smiled at him saying, "Why, Will, if I were your wife, I would help you, why can't I do so? Why it's only two months until our wedding." He raised her face up to him, and said, "Will you marry me now, Mary?"

She looked at him with surprise and was deeply wounded. He saw how he had hurt her.

"Oh, do forgive me, dear," he said, "I do not want you, my darling girl, to marry one who has nothing. You know if the whole world were mine, I would gladly lay it at your feet. I love you now more than ever. You know, dear, I want my wife to be happy, and not to want. Oh, I will regain all, all, but (pensively) it will take time. Will you wait for me dear?"

With a pretty toss of the head, she said, "Oh, yes; if it were necessary, I would, but as it is, I want our wedding day just the time it is set for." Putting her finger to his lips as he was about to protest, "You talked long enough now, and here comes the doctor."

Will did not know that Mary had been down to the office several times and had long talks with his father until at last he had consented to accept the loan of one hundred thousand dollars, and everything was going on smoothly as if nothing had happened. True love always finds the way. When Will was able to go to the office, everything was going on just as if nothing had happened at all. Charles was a wonderful help to his father.

Will said, "Why, father, how is this? I felt we had lost everything."

"Oh, my boy, you forgot to ask our great Lord for help first, but He knows the noble goodness of your heart, for you never gave your own self one thought. But His loving Heart has helped us out of all this chaos. An angel of sunshine came to the rescue, and would not let me accept a loan from any of our friends but herself, saying, the pride of the Camerons must be upheld. Will dropped his head, saying, "Oh, father, did she say that? I see

now why she would put off our wedding."

"And don't, Will, for you have a great treasure in that little girl."

Will phoned to Mary in Brooklyn, saying he would be over in the evening. "Oh, I am so glad," she said, "and do come to dinner."

After dinner Will and Mary drove to the Sacred Heart Chapel for Benediction and no happier couple were in the church that night. Those two hearts which loved God, surely He smiled on them and blessed them.

A few days later when Mary came to see Margaret she found her in the music-room softly playing a hymn to our Blessed Mother. The words and the voice seemed to blend in one harmonic minor strain, so beautiful and yet so pathetic. Margaret looked like a saint. The dim light sent a soft ray over her upturned face and she looked as if she were telling our dear Mother Mary her sorrow and dole, as she sang these beautiful words:

"Rose of the Cross, thou mystic flower,

"Lift my heart to thee,

"In every melancholy hour,

"Oh, Mary, remember me;

"Oh, Mary, remember me!"

"Let me but stand where Thou hast stood,

"Beside the crimson tree,

"And by the Water and the Blood,

"Oh, Mary remember me;

"Oh, Mary, remember me!"

Mary could not speak for a moment, but mentally said the Memorare to our Lady for those two hearts which loved each other so. Then going up to Margaret she placed her arms around her and said: "any news from John, Margaret dear?"

"No, Mary, none whatever. I am glad to see you. Sit here dear and rest. Isn't it strange? He must have received my letter. I mailed it myself."

"Margaret, I am certain now John Requa never received any of your letters; no more than you have received any of his, and both of you are being cruelly wronged. If I can, I will find out what the wrong is. Pray to our Lady and as surely as her Divine Son lives He will grant her request. Did He not even before His time at the wedding in Cana perform His first miracle at the request of His Immaculate Mother? At her plea, "My Son, they have no wine!" So she will in your case; she will arrange all for you Margaret."

Margaret answered, "Dear Mary, I feel that whatever is wrong, John is suffering too, and in thinking of him, I forget my own."

"Now come with me for a drive," Mary said, "I am to meet my cousin and we will lunch together. Will will be with us at the Waldorf. So cheer up, my sweet rose, I feel very certain you are going to be as happy as we are." She made Margaret laugh. "No one could be sad where you are, dear."

At lunch her cousin told her of an invitation to the wedding of a dear friend of theirs. "I suppose you will get yours on your arrival home." These friends were neighbors of the Requa's. "Victorian has invited us to spend the week-end at her house. I do hope you can go, Mary; that is, if Will can possibly spare you," (laughingly). "Oh, Will replied, "I think the change will do her good."

As they went out Mary squeezed Margaret's arm. "I am going. Now you pray, and I am just going to be a little diplomatist. Oh, my dear, don't think for a moment (as she saw the look of alarm on Margaret)—I never could forget your feelings, and remember there is another heart that is, I am sure, suffering."

"Oh, Mary, yes, yes, you are right dear; I will be patient."

That evening when going home Mary explained her plans to Will, and when she had finished, he said: "Mary, I feel now as you do about John; he would not do anything unbecoming to a gentleman."

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## Late News of Ireland

Carlow.

Carlow Guardians, Slievemargy Council, and other local bodies have passed votes of sorrow at the death of the Very Rev. J. Murray, P. P.

Married—April 9, at Pro Cathedral, Marlborough street, Dublin, Patrick Kenny, Goulde House, Tullow, to Annie, daughter of P. and Mrs. Doyle, Knockeendarra, Donard.

Owra.

Married—At St. Mary's Church, Youghal, James W. Baldwin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, Athy, to Frances Mary, only daughter of William Hodnett, Youghal, and granddaughter of the late Jeremiah "Pope" Hodnett, solicitor, Rhincrew Cottage, Waterford.

J. Cronin, Gortmeadon, Maroom, has died from a kick on the forehead by a horse.

Dublin.

The Irish fruit crop, which promised an exceptional yield has been badly damaged by heavy frosts in April.

Married—April 17, at Haddington road, Vincent R. Nowlan to Florence Conry.

Died—April 17, at Leeson Park, Frank Callaghan, of 11 Dame street, aged 70.—April 18, at 13 Leo street, Mary, wife of Thomas Lorum.—At Dublin, Sarah Stella, wife of J. F. Owens, Drumcondra.

Kerry.

Rev. M. Horgan, P. P., Abbey-dorney, has died, bereaving the Church in the South of Ireland, cultured, affable and patriotic, he was loved and respected by all. Father Horgan was a native of Listowel and served in the American mission at New York city for some years after his ordination to the priesthood. He was curate at Castleisland and at Causeway for many years and was parish priest of Sneem before taking pastoral charge of Abbedorney and Killynn on the death of Rev. Francis Crimmins.

Married—April 9, at Listowel, by the Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan of Killenale, to Mary, second daughter of the late Michael McSweeney, Ballyegan, Listowel.

Died—At Church St. Listowel, James Kenny, victualler, aged 50, interment at Listowel.

Limerick.

The death has occurred at the Convent of Mercy, Albury, of Sister Mary Margaret Carroll, a native of Limerick, and Sister Mary Ignatius Carroll, of the Good Shepherd Convent, Cork.

John O'Connor, Knocklong, has died. He was one of the few remaining Irishmen who fought under the Papal banner against Garibaldi.

P. Bourke's motion at Limerick Guardians, to rescind the order granting all the dispensary doctors an increase of £50 per year was defeated.

Married—April 10, Denis, eldest son of Denis Kelly, Ballinahinch, Cashel, to Maimie, daughter of Patrick Lane, Quinpool, Limerick.

Mayo.

Miss O'Connor, Dublin (Sister Mary Gerard), Miss Smyth (Sister Mary Baptist), daughter of T. Smyth, Ballyhaunis, and Miss Treston (Sister Mary Magdalen), daughter of J. Treston, Ballyhaunis, niece of Most Rev. Dr. Healy, O. S. A., N. Queensland, and of Rev. J. M. Healy, C. C., Headford, have been professed at the Presentation Convent, Galway.

Tipperary.

James Gallagher, Queen street, Nenagh, who has died, was the father of Rev. W. Gallagher, C. F. The late Mr. Gallagher, C. F., treasurer of the local Branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Wexford.

Rev. M. O'Brien, C. C., Dungarvan, has died at the Bon Secour Home, Cork. Sister Mary Francis Matilda, who has died at St. Mary's Convent, Stamford Hill, London, was daughter of the late Thomas O'Neill, Hibernian Hotel, Dungarvan, and sister of Rev. E. O'Neill, Tramore.

Died—April 7, at Aghlish, Michael Duggan.

## Foreign Mission News

The Propagation of the Faith Society, 343 Lexington Ave., New York City

### "GIVE TILL IT HURTS."

Catholics have not yet begun to "give till it hurts" to the mission cause. In fact, despite the encouraging increase each year in the returns of the S. P. F., many have not yet even begun to give at all. But the disasters of the times are turning the minds of thinking persons toward spiritual matters—toward the things that count, and the spreading of Christianity counts very much. Begin to give to the missions, and let the habit grow.

### FROM THE LEPERS OF SHEKLUNG.

This note of gratitude will be appreciated by those who take to heart the misery of the lepers. An alms was sent to the asylum at Sheklung not long ago, and now Fr. Deswazieres, the Director, writes:

"I hasten to express my profound thanks for your offering. Living is very expensive even in China. Without the generosity of our benefactors we could not live. I have no special news to give of our work. At present we have 612 patients, and more than half of them have been baptized. At Easter I had the happiness of giving communion to 280 sufferers, who find in our holy religion their only consolation."

### MOHAMMEDANISM THREATENS TO OVERRUN AFRICA.

We earnestly ask all friends of the True Faith to read carefully this letter from Bishop J. Jalabert, Vicar Apostolic of Senegambia. In it is revealed the terrible danger to which the natives are exposed—that of following the false prophet whose religion appeals so forcibly to weak human nature. This is the Bishop's communication:

"The times are hard, and yet I have a much greater cause for anxiety; it is the progress Islamism is making daily, and which nothing seems able to stay. The apostles of Mohammed are making numerous recruits among the pagans of Senegambia. I do not know where they get the money, but they are building mosques everywhere. A present European architect is erecting one in the capital, which is to cost \$100,000, or to be accurate, \$103,000. Their great chief, Amadan Baniba, who resides in the Province of Baal (Senegal) has an influence that cannot be imagined by Europeans.

"He is looked upon as a god by an ignorant population, ready to obey any command he may give. I have opened a little chapel in that place, and a missionary who resides sixty miles north of it visits it twice a month. This humble building is all we have to oppose to the proud mosque of the Mohammedans.

"We lack money and men. I would like to open a school for catechists who could go all over the country and preach to their countrymen, but I have no means to obtain those precious auxiliaries.

"I am speaking from my heart; I have appealed to my friends in Europe, some answered, but mostly those who have a small purse. The rich do not heed our requests, they pay no attention to such trifles, as a matter of fact, they are often the ones to oppose our efforts instead of helping them.

"I have said it, and I repeat it, unless we receive soon considerable assistance the population of Senegambia will be enrolled under the banner of Mohammed. Poor souls, they are being seduced by the evil spirit, and are powerless to check the torrent which carries them to the abyss."

Daniel M. O'Connell, a descendant of the great Irish leader Daniel O'Connell, and of Rockaway Beach, L. I., is probably the youngest American soldier in France to be commended for valor. He was cited for bravery.

## A TIMELY TASK FOR CATHOLICS.

### Training of Foreign-born for Citizenship a Patriotic Duty and a Work of Charity.

The cry of the times is for the Americanization of immigrants. The desire that all those who have come into this country from beyond our borders should, as soon as possible, be enrolled in the lists of citizens is a whole some one, although the emphasis laid upon the immediate Americanization of foreigners at this time is, in many cases, somewhat exaggerated. The Christian Science Monitor, e. g., (issue of May 18th) does not take stock in this sort of exaggeration, but rather advises greater moderation in these demands, and urges the argument that a calmly and prudently conducted process of Americanization will produce better results than hasty efforts in the enforcement of conformity to certain forms and formulae. This organ quotes government officials as declaring that undue haste would prove injurious to the immigrant and ultimately would fail of obtaining proper results. Such advice is proper, for it requires more than hasty coercion to make the immigrant a thorough American, for the process requires much cooperation on his part and much preparation on the part of those whose mission it is to lead him into an understanding of American life and American institutions. It is one thing to demand of the foreign-born that he become a thorough American citizen, and to shout from the house-tops that we favor the rigid and universal application of the process of making citizens of the permanent guests whom we harbor within our gates. It is quite another matter, however, to engage, and induce others to participate, in the labor of love which will help the immigrant to find his bearings readily in the strange surroundings in which he finds himself.

Catholics above all should be interested in this social and charitable work, not only because countless Poles, Italians, Hungarians and South-Slavs, now residing in this country, are their fellows in the religious sense, but also from pure patriotism and charity. The immigrant needs guidance in many things, and where there is any need, charity, Catholic social endeavor, must be eager to meet the need. The laborer who has come from foreign countries is sadly in need of instruction in the English language. Unless it is imparted to him in a kind and effective manner, he will not be able to bargain properly for employment. Exploitation is the common experience of those unfamiliar with the country's language and conditions. Many a foreigner is not even able to understand the warning signals of danger in hazardous occupations until someone teaches them to him. Besides, the talent of many trained immigrants is diverted into the channels of unskilled labor, a misfortune which could be avoided through proper care. Men skilled in intensive agriculture—so necessary at this time—are employed as laborers, at a loss to themselves and the country. Neglected and dissatisfied, many of these men fall an easy victim to advocates of radicalism, who do teach them something and who gain their good-will by talking to them in their own tongue.

Many other things can and should be done for immigrants by Catholics. Many of them have never lived under a constitutional government such as we have, and unless they are led carefully into a proper understanding and appreciation of the fundamentals of democracy, all later efforts at instruction in the details of government etc., will prove exceedingly difficult if not altogether in vain. The separation of Church and State is also something foreign to many of these people. If a proper understanding of this problem is conveyed to them, the State will profit thereby, and the Church will not lose. The customs of the people, the system of rents, the cost of living, wages, prices of land and opportunities of farming, truck-gardening, all

these things are important; and all of them can be brought to the attention of the men, who are only too eager to absorb such knowledge. And along with these utilitarian topics the foundations can be laid for an understanding of citizenship. Education in civics will be comparatively easy with people who have been won in this manner.

Such preparatory work, as well as the extension of it through instruction in civics, should be shared in largely by Catholics. Many non-Catholic and some Catholic agencies are now engaged in such efforts. Still, the appeal directed to us by the needs of so many of our co-religionists is so emphatic that it should not remain unanswered. We can, by such efforts, retain many children of the Church within its fold; and in due time, we should be able to mold these masses, while we are helping them to become good citizens, into organizations for Catholic lay action, as valuable additions to an American Catholic Federation.

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## Catholic Notes of Interest.

At Englewood, Ill., the new Priory of the Carmelite Fathers has been completed and occupied. It is the Carmelite Novitiate.

The Church of St. John the Baptist at Edgard, La., was destroyed by fire just before its 96th anniversary.

There is a movement to build in Jerusalem a basilica in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This movement has its origin in the Confraternity of Gethsemane, at Toulouse, France.

The missionary magazine, "The Far East," of the Maynooth Mission to China, will be printed at Omaha, under the patronage of Archbishop Harty.

The Catholic population of continental United States is probably equal to the whole population of continental Spain.

The protests of the Catholics of Denver obliged a Scotch Protestant Chaplain, who had assailed the war policy of the Holy Father, to cancel his engagements in that city.

In Philadelphia 18 parishes subscribed for over \$1,000,000 Third Liberty Loan.

The art collection of the late John D. Crimmins, of New York, was sold at auction. It realized \$39,065. A Douai Bible, Dublin, 1792, brought \$6,250. The Inness painting "Off Coast of Cornwall" brought \$6,800; "John the Baptist Preaching," \$675; Morgani's "Madonna," \$1,000.

During his episcopate the late Archbishop Prendergast consecrated two Bishops and ordained 200 priests.

The Secretary of War has approved the engineering department of St. Mary's College, Dayton, Ohio, and placed it on the selected list.

The Norbertine Fathers conduct a mission in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

Father Thomas Broderick, an Irish missionary of the African Missions, has been appointed Superior General of those missions by the Propaganda.

A tunnel connecting Switzerland and Italy, 12 miles long, is nearing completion.

The Capuchin, the Very Rev. Victor of Appelterm, of the Belgian Capuchins, has been appointed consul of the SS. Congregation of Rites.

The cedar of Lebanon is the stately and most majestic tree of Palestine. It often reaches a height of 100 or more feet.