

EDITH'S VOCATION.

"Do you think it wise to let Edith go?"

"I cannot well help it, Father. If I object to her going, her father will be more than ever determined to have her go."

"But her vocation?"

"He promises that he will consent to her becoming a religious when she returns if a year of gay New York has not 'cured' her."

Father Garvey was troubled. "Do you think the promise is an honest one?"

"I know that he will keep his word if she still wants to enter the convent, but"—she hesitated—"I think he firmly believes that a year of gayety will make her forget the nuns and her happy school life, which is, he claims, all that her vocation amounts to."

"Many vocations are lost that way."

"But are those real vocations, Father? Will not a real vocation stand any test?"

"That is a serious question," was the thoughtful answer. "Some vocations need to be nurtured and encouraged, while others gain strength through difficulties."

"But God is all powerful and understands fully the frailty of our human nature."

"A vocation is a precious thing and God is not mocked." The priest spoke solemnly.

Mrs. Detwynne flushed. "I think God understands. Edith is young, too young her father thinks, to take a decisive step which will affect her whole future life. I am obliged to let her go, Father. I can do nothing now but pray."

Father Garvey walked up and down the room, his head bent, his hands clasped behind him. Suddenly his face cleared. "Edith is a devout Sodalist. We will leave her future in the hands of our Blessed Mother. Why should we fear? Tell Edith to come for me tomorrow morning after Mass." Extending his hand in dismissal.

"You wish to see me, Father?" Edith paused at the sacristy door.

Father Garvey turned with a smile. "Yes, come in. What's this I hear about your going to New York for a year?"

"Isn't it wonderful, Father? All my life I have wanted to see the ocean; now I shall not only see it but get out upon it. Uncle Louis has a yacht and they take a little ocean trip every summer."

"The ocean is a wonderful thing; very awe-inspiring."

"O Father! just think of all the wonderful things I will have to tell Mother Agatha and the dear Sisters when I come home."

"When do you go?"

"I was not to go until next month, but papa had a long distance from Uncle Louis last night. He said that he and Aunt Jane had made a flying trip to Palm Beach and would be within twenty-five miles of us today. They would motor over and if mother could have my trunk packed they would take me back with them. They could easily catch the 9:15 train for New York."

"That makes quite a change in our plans, does it not?"

"Yes, Father, but Aunt Jane tells mother that I can get my clothes much better and more reasonable in New York. Aunt Jane says that I will need all kinds of pretty clothes."

"You are glad to go, my child?"

"I really don't know, Father," a shadow crossed the bright face. "When I think of the ocean and the many strange and beautiful things I am going to see I can hardly wait for the time to come. But when I think of leaving home, my parents, the dear old convent and all my old sweet associations, why, then,"—her voice broke a little—"I am not sure that I want to go at all." Then, more cheerfully, "but a year will soon pass and everything will be the same when my year is over."

Father Garvey watched her closely. "But you will not be the same."

"Why not, Father?" surprisedly.

"Your uncle's position and wealth will put you into society where you will meet and make friends with all kinds of people; most of them worldly and irreligious. You will see and hear things which, in your innocent and sheltered life, you have never dreamed of."

Edith's cheeks flushed. "What shall I do, Father? Papa's heart is set upon my going."

"Go kneel before our Lady's altar, renew your act of consecration to her and ask her to watch over you in a particular manner. Tell her that you are leaving your soul in her keeping until you return. Then promise to say some special prayers in her honor every day."

"I will, Father. I will." Edith was crying softly.

"Keep strictly to the practice of your religion. Omit none of your devotions, and above all, my child," Father Garvey spoke solemnly, "keep your heart and mind pure, as a child of Mary should ever be."

"I will, Father. I will. And you will pray for me?"

"Every day, my child. And now," clasping her hand warmly, "good-bye. A pleasant journey and a safe return. God bless you always."

Edith prayed long and earnestly before our Lady's altar. The guilded cross of St. Mary's lighted by the crimson rays of the setting sun seemed surrounded by a halo. Edith watched it through tear-dimmed eyes as she sped on toward the next town where she was to take the 9:15 train for New York.

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Bishops Given Reception

Knights of Columbus Entertain Distinguished Visitors.

New York.—On Thursday, October 17th, Bishop Muldoon, Chairman of the National Catholic War Council, and Bishop Hayes, Chaplain General, were present at a luncheon tendered by the New York Committee of Catholic Laymen to the Right Reverend Frederick William Keating, Bishop of Northampton, England, and Monsignor Arthur Stapleton Barnes, of London, England, who are in this country primarily to convey the greetings of the hierarchy of England to his Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, on the occasion of his Episcopal Jubilee, and who are also deeply concerned with the measures taken, and to be taken, for the spiritual safeguard of American soldiers, especially Catholic soldiers, when quartered in England or on leave.

On Friday, October 18th, Monseigneur Julien, Bishop of Arras, arrived in New York, also on his way to Baltimore bearing the greetings of the French hierarchy to Cardinal Gibbons as with all of the other bishops in the area of army occupation in France, Bishop Julien has been of great help to the Knights of Columbus in the field, and the Director of Overseas Service in France had sent in advance of Bishop Julien's coming full reports of the obligation the Knights working in France were under to the bishop himself, and to the members of the hierarchy whose envoy he is. Therefore, upon his arrival in New York, and before proceeding to Baltimore, Bishop Julien was entertained at dinner at the Waldorf by the Knights of Columbus. Mr. W. J. Mulligan, Director of the Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities, presided. Bishop Julien was accompanied by Mgr. Baudrillart, probably the most celebrated scholar and publicist of contemporary Catholic France, Abbe Flynn and Abbe Klein.

One feature of the Campaign in which increasing interest is being shown is that involved in the organization of the Victory Boys and Girls. This feature is common, of course, to the whole United War Work Campaign but it is perhaps the single feature of the Campaign in regard to which there is considerable freedom of separate activity. The object of the United Campaign is to enroll a million boys and girls who will earn something and contribute what they earn towards the success of the Campaign. It has been suggested that the object should be to enroll one boy or girl for each soldier at the front and the honor roll of the church the boy or girl attends naturally affords this information in its most convenient form. While, therefore, when the Campaign is on all boys and girls enlisted will be numbered as reporting by the Local United Committee, every parish is expected to be ready with the largest possible number of boys to be recorded as participants in this work. The popularity of this boys and girls campaign is accounted for by the natural willingness of these younger folk, to be associated as closely as they can with the exploits of their brothers and friends under arms. The number of ways in which it has been found possible for these young people to earn a few dollars requisite to their enrollment is quite astonishing. Indeed it would appear that the interest of the boy or girl is the pleasure of success in finding the neces-

sary employment. No rules can be laid down for the guidance of the boys and girls whose own ingenuity will find the work nearest their hands. It has been suggested, however, and the suggestion meets with the approval of the National Catholic War Council, that young people whose parents are subscribers to a Catholic paper might very easily secure the sum required of them by arranging with the editor to obtain a few more subscribers in their immediate neighborhood, being remunerated, therefore, The suggestion is offered both to the boys and girls and to the publishers in the belief that it may conduce to the success of the Catholic part of the Boys and Girls Campaign.

The United War Work Campaign Manual covering this phase of the Campaign contains the following from a statement of Bishop Muldoon, Chairman of the National Catholic War Council: "A boy or girl enlisting in the 'Earn and Give' Division can have a direct personal part in the Great World War. Each of them can fight and help win.

"What an inspiration it will be to each of our fighters to know that one boy or one girl has earned and given at least \$5.00 for his comfort and cheer! We cannot furnish an enlisted man better proof of the solid backing of a closely united nation, nor can we find a better way of doubly reassuring him in his great trials, of the sincere personal interest we have in him, than by enrolling one million or more young people to make personal sacrifices for him."

K. of C. Aid in Combatting Influenza.

New York.—Masks, as a safeguard against influenza and pneumonia are being worn constantly by Knights of Columbus secretaries at all military camps in this country where the secretaries, under instructions from William J. Mulligan, Chairman of K. of C. Committee on War Activities, are lending to the military authorities every possible aid in combatting the epidemic which, now happily is reported abating in the majority of camps.

In the pressing emergency brought about by the epidemic, Knights of Columbus secretaries have, under instructions, not only given of their individual labor but in many instances K. of C. buildings have been turned over, without reserve, to the military authorities who are using them, sometimes as dormitories for nurses and also as sleeping quarters for the relatives of soldier victims of the epidemic. Where there are more than one K. of C. building in a camp, one is being used as barracks for convalescent soldiers who are entertained by photoplays and where permissible, music. These diversions, physicians declare, are of great assistance and value to the invalids. At Camp Devens, two hundred convalescing soldiers are entertained almost daily by viewing motion pictures selected from a diversified popular list. The screen is arranged so the men can view the pictures while lying in their bunks.

Catholic Chaplains also are of the greatest assistance to military authorities during this epidemic, and their already multitudinous tasks have been increased by demands upon their service. Not only have they cared for the religious welfare of soldiers but relations of the fighting men have reason to be thankful for the presence of Catholic Chaplains in every camp.

Late News of Ireland

Carlow
Rev. J. Prendergast, Tullow, is appointed C. C. Carbery, Rev. J. Fitzsimons, Carlow-Graigue, going to Tullow.

Died—September 3 at Burton Hill, Petworth, Rev. Michael Maher, S. J., son of the late James Maher, Leighlinbridge.

Clare
Very Rev. Canon Flannery, Killaloe, has celebrated the golden jubilee of his priesthood. A native of Monse, Nenagh, he was appointed P. P. of Killaloe fifteen years ago.

Cork
Mrs. Kirk (22) and her sister, Miss Emily Guiney (18), daughters of Mr. R. Guiney, Garden, Kanturk, were drowned while bathing at Youghal. Father Sheehan, Doneraile, and a policeman went to the rescue.

Most Rev. Dr. Browne presided at the ceremonies connected with the celebration of the centenary of the Doneraile Presentation Convent—an occasion which was marked by the profession of Miss M. I. Heffernan, Liverpool (Sr. M. Imelda). The high mass was celebrated by Canon Barry, P. P., Doneraile. The town was enfeited and there were many beautiful decorations, while in the evening illuminations and a band performance opposite the convent were features.

Cork Trades Council appointed a deputation to ask Most Rev. Dr. Cohan to allow the local National Defense Committee to forward to the Mansion House Conference 10 per cent of the anti-conscription collection [£5,000].

Donegal
Rev. Joseph McGough, C. C., Drumkeen, Raphoe, has received a commission as army chaplain.

Dublin
Married—August 21, 1918, by the Rev. J. Kearney, C. C., Norman Bindon Alton, second son of J. Joe Alton and Mrs. Alton, 4 Herbert street, Dublin, to May, eldest daughter of P. J. Hayes and Mrs. Hayes, National Bank House, Cavendish row, Dublin.

The funeral of the late Very Rev. John Hoey, P. P., Luak, took place to Glasnevin Cemetery after requiem Mass at St. Paul's, Arran quay. Mgr. Fitzpatrick, P. P., V. G., presided at the Mass, the celebrant of which was the Rev. V. Byrne, S. J., the Rev. M. Boylan, C. C., being deacon; Rev. M. Cotter, C. C., sub-deacon, and Rev. M. Martin, C. C., M. C. There were some fifty priests in the choir.

Kerry
Rev. James O'Connor, C. C., Causeway, Co. Kerry, who died recently, was educated at the Irish College, Paris, being ordained in 1892. His first mission was in Clonfert diocese, after which he ministered at Tuosist (Kerry) and Castletown-Bere (Co. Cork). In politics he was an ardent Nationalist. The obsequies took place at Causeway.

Mayo
Rev. T. J. Reidy, P. P., Balla, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquarians. He ascertained the tomb of the Burkes, Earls of Mayo, where Tiboid na Luing [Theobald of the ships], son of Grace O'Malley, is buried.

Wexford
Rev. N. Moran, Mulgannon, and Rev. F. Bookey, Ferns, have been appointed professors in St. Peter's College, Wexford. Rev. J. J. Roche, O. F. M., Wexford, who has entered on his 94th year, is still vigorous in mind and body. J. E. Walsh, Arnestown House, has been co-opted of the New Ross Harbor Board.

Catholic News Notes.

At the close of the annual retreat of the Brothers of Mary, in which over 200 Brothers took part, a statue of their founder, Very Rev. William Joseph Chambrade was unveiled at Mount St. John, near Dayton, Ohio. The statue is of Carrara marble and true and beautiful. The Brothers also unveiled a statue of Our Lady of Pillar.

Mgr. Peter De Siera, of Butte, Mont., died of paralysis recently, in his 78th year. At one time he was professor Dixmunde College, Belgium.

The Sisters of Loretto, whose 106-year-old Motherhouse is in Kentucky, opened another new Catholic college for women at Loretto, Colo., near Denver.

An \$85,000 addition to St. Rose's Working Girls' Home in Kansas City is to be erected at once.

There died recently in Yanco City, Miss., the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph L. Wise, a missionary of broad experience and fruitful sacerdotal life. They called him "the grand old man of the diocese of Natchez."

Rev. John E. O'Donovan, S. J., head of the Jesuit Missionary Band, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., at the age of 55 years.

The priest is needed in China urgently for his moral influence.

To the Bureau established in the Vatican by His Holiness the Pope, for Prisoners of War, about 450,000 letters have been sent to date.

The Church of St. Eustace, near the Rue Montmartre in Paris, is very large—348 feet in length, 144 feet in width and 108 feet in height.

China appeals to the world for aid in consequence of the recent terrible inundations. The Holy Father Benedict XV has subscribed 40,000 lire (\$8,000).

A spiritual retreat was conducted by the Dominican Fathers in the ruins of the Abbey at Lorrha, Tipperary, Ireland, which dates from 1269.

Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris, has placed at the use of the Knights of Columbus any of the French school buildings.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians has now more than 2,100 branches, with membership, including that of the Women's Auxiliary, of over 200,000. The Women's Auxiliary numbers 75,000 members.

The War Department announces the need of more chaplains and calls for volunteers to take a five weeks' course of training at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville.

Rev. F. Siedenburg, S. J., dean of the School of Sociology of Loyola University, Chicago, received from its students a challenge on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary as a Jesuit.

The cornerstone of a new St. Anthony Hospital, in Rock Island, Ill., has been laid with imposing ceremonies. The Franciscan Sisters will supervise the hospital.

Rev. Francis Raymond, chaplain in New Orleans, is in his 91st year and has been priest for 65 years.