

is laid in the region of St. Hyacinthe, and here is revealed that Henry Desmond has a vocation for the priesthood. Unexpected reverses compel him to alter his plans, and thus obliged by the call of duty to abandon his cherished desire of attending college he sets out for Pictou to manage his family's interest in a large coal mine. The ungenial environment did not, however, warp his love for his vocation but steadily by many self-sacrifices and sufferings he was so successful as to lay aside a tidy sum to defray the expenses of his final studies and finally enter the priesthood.

Readers of the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart* who have in previous issues followed those interesting articles under the caption of "With St. Peter in Rome" will find in the May number of this magazine a continuation of the same series but with a slightly changed title, "With St. Paul in Rome." The contribution derives its interest rather from the religious nature of the subject than from the writer's presentation of his subject. The description of Key West Convent Hospital is a concise and entertaining article by Lydia Sterling Flinham. It conveys a just measure of praise to the devoted Sisters of the Holy Name who so patriotically placed their convent building at the disposal of the United States Government and offered their services to nurse the sick and wounded. Needless to say, every offer of theirs was accepted, but then why not give the religious communities the recognition and credit granted to the Red Cross and other societies of nurses? With scarcely an exception, officers and men were loud in their praises of the good work done by noble bands of nuns. It is to be regretted that not even a mention of the devotedness of the Catholic Sisters was made in the President's Message. The description of Strasburg Cathedral and its famous old clock is one of the most interesting articles in this issue. Seven illustrations giving exterior and interior views of this great structure add much to the reader's information. One of the beneficent results of the onward march of Catholicity in England is the revival of religious interest in the grand old monasteries, abbeys and shrines of pre-Reformation days. These historic places deserve to be better known, and for this reason readers must have welcomed that really exquisite historical sketch "The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham" which appears in this issue.