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Resolution of Condolence. Belle River, Ont., Oct. 29, 1896. Moved by Bro. Mousseau, seconded by Bro. Gerrard, that a resolution of condolence be tendered Bro. Michael Strong, on account of the death of his mother, Mrs. Martha Strong.

Resolved, that the members of this branch hereby extend their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. J. T. Lacey and his family, in their sorrow and affliction.

Resolved, that the members of this branch, in meeting assembled, offer to God a fervent prayer for the repose of the soul of the said deceased.

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Brought Over by the Memory (His Beloved Son). New York, October 21.—It developed Saturday night that Henry E. Abbey, the famous theatrical manager, embraced the Catholic faith two hours before his death and was baptized by Father McMillan, of the Paulist Fathers' church, in Fifty-ninth street.

He and his first wife were Protestants, and it appears that the influence which led him to turn to the older faith when the end was near was the memory of his son, Henry, who became a Catholic when he was still little more than a child.

The boy was an invalid from birth, but his intelligence and thoughtfulness were great. Mr. Abbey's life was wrapped up in his son, and when the little fellow died three years ago—he was only fourteen at the time—the father was inconsolable.

The child expressed a desire to become a Catholic when he was twelve years old and approached Father McMillan on the subject. The priest, although he did not mistrust the precocious boy's capacity to decide for himself, felt delicate about acting without the consent of Mr. and Mrs. Abbey.

When they were consulted they said they had spent much time with their son in serious discussion of the subject and felt that it would be wise to allow him to follow the dictates of his conscience.

So young Henry Abbey became a Catholic, and was an extremely devout one up to the hour of his death.

At the time of the boy's baptism Mr. Abbey was deep in his worldly affairs, and he, like those who knew him, believed he had many years to live.

He mourned long for his son, but no one guessed how closely the child's words lay to his heart. Mr. Abbey was not a man who gave up hope easily.

Therefore, when he became seriously ill on Friday he believed he would recover, as he did when he was stricken in May last. But hemorrhages followed one another and his strength waned so rapidly that he was soon convinced that death was only a question of hours.

He was conscious early Saturday morning, and to his daughter and Mrs. Kingsley, who were with him, he spoke several times of his dead son. They saw what was working in his mind when late in the night he asked that the priest who had instructed and baptized his boy be sent for at once.

When a messenger had been despatched to the Paulist Fathers' Church he told them he would die a Catholic, as his child did. The priest answered the summons at once and remained at the dying man's bedside until the end.

The funeral services were held yesterday morning in the Church of the Paulist Fathers, at Fifty-ninth street and Ninth avenue. The church was crowded. The services were simple, and Father McMillan, assisted by Fathers Clarence Woodman and A. R. Nevins, celebrated a Requiem Mass.

The singing was supplied by the altar choir of boys. After the service, as the body was carried from the church, the orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera House, under the direction of Alexander Bremer, played Chopin's Funeral March. The musicians were stationed in the rear of the church.

Henry E. Abbey, the well-known theatrical manager who died on Oct. 17, was received into the Catholic Church a few hours before his death. Now what is such a conversion worth? Certainly since he was convinced of the truth it was his bounden duty to accept and profess it, even on his death-bed.

But is it fair to God for a man to live neglected of the practice of the faith that he is sure is Christ's, for years, it may be, and then summon the priest when the last moment is about to strike? Better that, it is a million times better, than to die and make no sign, for that would be the unpardonable sin of closing the eyes to the light of the Holy Ghost.

But how fearfully reckless is the man who defers his observance of religion until his agony has almost begun, risking his eternal salvation on the chance of receiving the sacraments when the death-dew is on his brow! There are other men, prominent in the business and the social world, who, like the late Mr. Abbey, are persuaded that the Catholic Church is the right Church and who have made a compact with their conscience that, when their end does come, they will die in it. But they have no assurance that the exceptional grace that was accorded to him will be granted also to them. They may meet with an accident; they may be stricken with apoplexy or fall into a coma; they may be called to their account where there is no priest—where then will be their secret resolution? Truly the mercies of God are absolutely dependent on no man, but He usually works His ways according to the lines that He has Himself established and no man has the right to expect exceptional treatment. Ordinarily, therefore, the sinner who has nullified his ears against the inspirations of the Divine Spirit and who has slighted his opportunities to join the communion of the faithful, will die as he has lived and his doom will be upon himself forever. "To day, to day, if you should hear His voice, harden not your hearts."—N. Y. Catholic Review.

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