

THE MIDNIGHT MASS. SCHARD EDWARD WHITE.

Of the mission church San Carlos, Builded by Carmelo's Bay, There remain's an Ivied ruin That is crumbling fast away. In its tower the owls find shelter, In its sanctuary grow In its sanctuary grow tankest weeds above the earth And the dead find rest below.

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Bill, by peasants at Carmelo,
Tales are told and songs are sung
Of Junipero,* the Padre,
In the sweet Castilian tongue:
Twilling how each year he rises
From his grave, the mass to say,
In the midnight, mid the ruins,
On the ove of Carlon' day.

And they tell when, aged and feble, Feeling that his end was nigh, To the Mission of San Carlos Padre Serra came to die;

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And he lay upon a litter
That Franciscan friars bore,
And he bade them rest a mom
At the cloister's open door. Then he gazed upon the landscape
That in beauty lay unrolled,
And he blessed the land as Francis
Blessed Asis's town of old;
And he spoke: "A hundred masses
I will sing, if still life's guest,
That the blesses I have a

That the blessing I have given On the land may every rest." Ere a mass was celebra Good Junipero had died, And they laid him in the ob-

On the altar's gospel side. But each year the Padre rices From his grave the mass to say, In the midnight, mid the ruins, On the eve of Carlos' day.

Then the sad souls, long years buri From their lowly graves arise, And, as if doom's trump had sound Each assumes his mortal guise; And they come from San Juan's Mis From St. Francis by the bay, From the Mission San Diago, And the Mission San Jose.

With their gaudy painted banners, And their flambeaux burning bright, In a long procession come they Through the darkness and the night;

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