

## VISION OF HEAVEN.

The Manifestation Announced  
by a Great Convert  
Priest.

(From the New York Sun.)

Dreams and visions do not often find much credence with practical folk, but many a hard-headed New York citizen is to-day pondering over the story of a strange manifestation which the late Mgr. George H. Doane, in conversation with a parishioner four hours before he died, said had come to him the previous night.

A little over a week before his death there came an urgent call to the rectory of St. Patrick's Cathedral for a priest to minister to a young son of Philip Healey, of 146 Warren street. It was 11 o'clock at night; it was cold and the snow was falling.

Mgr. Doane answered the telephone and said that all of his priests were out on various business, but that he would come himself. Those about him besought him not to go, because of his age and infirmities, but he would not listen. He went to the Healey home, did his duty as a priest and late at night returned home.

The child did not die for over a week. It was buried on January 19, and the next day Mgr. Doane died, just after finishing his dinner. On the afternoon of that day he called on the Healeys and after a time drew Mr. Healey aside and told him with great earnestness, and with not a little emotion, of an experience he had had the previous night.

"I had either a dream or a vision, in which I appeared to be in heaven and was talking to your son. I don't know which it was, as I am not sure whether I was asleep or awake. So far as I can tell, it came a few minutes after I retired. I seemed to be in a place where all was light and music. I cannot describe the scene. Although I could see no one and could not tell whence the sounds came, I heard sweet sounds, the most entrancing music I ever listened to. There was singing for which I have no words to tell you about. Never have I heard singing so beautiful.

"Above the strains of music came the voice of your son Willie saying to me: 'Oh, Monsignor, are you with us so soon? This is a beautiful place and we are all so happy, for there is nothing to do but to sing and listen to the sweetest music. How are my papa and mamma? I hope they are well. You must stay with us, Monsignor. We want you here, for we are all so happy.'"

The Monsignor said that he answered that both Mr. and Mrs. Healey were well and added that he could not stay, despite the fact that it was so happy there. The boy besought him again to stay.

"Then," Mgr. Doane continued, "he led me through the glorious place and to the throne of God. I cannot tell you what it was like, Philip, for I have no words in which to picture such grandeur."

Both the Monsignor and Mr. Healey were much overcome at the end of the narration, and the latter says that the whole thing was very startling to him. Four hours later Mr. Healey heard that the Monsignor was dead.

Mr. Healey is one of the proprietors of the Essex Stables, on Summit street, Newark, and when seen Saturday night was extremely reluctant to have anything said in the newspapers about the vision. A visit to the Cathedral rectory revealed the fact that all the priests had heard of the vision.

## A NOTABLE CONVERSION.

By the death of Mgr. Doane, New Jersey lost one of its most eminent men. The son of an Episcopalian Bishop, his brother at present the Bishop of the Diocese of Albany, and himself once a priest of the Episcopal Church, Mgr. Doane went over to Rome when he was 24, became a devout and consistent Catholic, lived down all the bitterness that his change in faith engendered, and in his declining years won the love of thousands of persons of different creeds, so that when he came to die his funeral was the largest ever seen in Newark, with mourners from every church and all grades of society.

Ministers of many Protestant churches attended the services, and the bell of the First Presbyterian Church, the oldest in the city and the successor of the old Puritanical institutions established when Newark was founded in 1666, tolled when his funeral was held, this being done at the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. David R. Fraser, a trustee of Princeton University.

He was uncompromising in his ad-

legiance to his Church and would admit of no parleyings if the conversation got upon religious themes, and yet he was one of the most prominent figures in the city, deeply interested in every public work, often severely criticizing the action or non-action of public officials. In nearly every public gathering he had a part. He was genial and kind and helpful.

He was called upon for advice by scores of prominent men, not a few of whom were opposed to the Church whose garb he wore. Mgr. Doane's conversion to the Church of Rome was not accomplished without a great struggle. In his later life he seldom alluded to it. But there are those living in New Jersey who remember something of the stir caused when one of the brightest and most promising young priests in the Episcopalian faith suddenly announced that he was about to leave the faith of his fathers, and when it became the duty of his father as Bishop to pronounce upon him the sentence of deposition from the ministry.

When Mgr. Doane was 24 he was an assistant at Grace Episcopal Church, in Newark. He went to Burlington, N.J., to spend a week with his father, Bishop George Washington Doane.

While he was there the news came to him that a young friend of his had joined the Catholic Church. He and this friend had had the same theological views, and the step which the friend took made a strong impression upon young Doane.

He had had some doubts of his own concerning the Episcopal Church and his friend's action awoke those doubts into new life. He meditated long and earnestly on the subject.

One Saturday he took the train for Newark, still absorbed in his inward struggle. As the train stopped at New Brunswick the Catholic Bishop of Newark, James Roosevelt Bayley, boarded it and entered the car where young Doane sat.

"There is the man," said the young minister to himself, "who could help me."

He could not bring himself to speak, however. When he reached the Grace Church rectory he chanced to meet at the door the rector, the Rev. Dr. Stewart, to whom he told of his friend's change of faith. Dr. Stewart's comment was:

"Whatever is not of faith is sin." "That greatly disturbed me," said Mgr. Doane in telling of his experience years after. "As I had doubts, I decided I could not go to the altar in Grace Church the next day. As evening wore on I became more distressed, and finally resolved to go and see Bishop Bayley."

"When I arrived at his house it was near midnight. A priest met me at the door and, seeing a young man in clerical garb, thought I was a seminarian. He said I could not see the Bishop as it was very late. 'I insisted, and finally I was admitted. I had a talk with Bishop Bayley, and when I left him at 1 o'clock in the morning, I began to see the light.'"

Young Doane then had an interview with other prominent Catholics and made repeated visits to Bishop Bayley, the result being that he soon became a Catholic. Thereafter to him there was no question concerning the supreme authority of Rome and the soundness of her teachings, and it was not easy for him to understand how any other well informed man could be in doubt about it.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

The Public Comfort Committee of the Knights of Columbus of Washington, D.C., have made arrangements to provide rooms, etc., for Brother Knights and their friends, who will visit the Capital City on the occasion of the Inauguration of President Roosevelt on March 4th, and extend a cordial invitation to all the visiting Brothers to make Knights of Columbus Hall their headquarters while in the city.

From present indications it is anticipated that there will be a larger number of people in the city than ever before on a similar occasion, and any Brother Knight who intends to come and has not secured accommodations can have the same attended to by writing to the Secretary, Geo. H. Ogle, K. of C. Hall, 606 E Street Northwest, or by reporting to the Hall upon their arrival in the city. The General Public Comfort Committee will also give any and all desired information.

Sunday-school Teacher (illustrating the "still small voice")—What it is, dear children, that makes you feel so uncomfortable and unhappy after you have done something which you ought not to do?



## Newfoundland Correspondence.

The work of the addition to St. Patrick's Hall will soon be started. This building will be a three-story structure about half as long as the present St. Patrick's Hall, and will cost about \$17,500, with heating and plumbing \$1700. Excavation, furnishing and architect's fees will be \$8000 more, and certain existing and pending obligations of the society will bring its total liabilities up to \$27,000 or \$28,000. But against that the society has in sight voluntary subscriptions towards the new building of \$18,000, leaving it about \$14,000 or \$15,000 to meet, which burden it is satisfied it can assume with every prospect of liquidating within a reasonable period. The generosity of the Catholic people on behalf of education is counted upon with the confidence inspired by the splendid response to the appeal made a year ago. The building will be constructed of brick and stone, and work will be started in the spring in order to have the building completed for the centenary of the society, which occurs a year hence. When completed the total cost will be \$103,000. The building would do credit to any city the world over, and in St. John's it stands as a proud monument to Catholic generosity, Catholic enlightenment, Catholic progress.

Great fears were entertained for the safety of the Red Cross SS. Silvia, which was five days overdue coming from Halifax. However, she turned up all right, after being driven eighty miles out of her course among the ice floes at the Banks. The engine broke down, and it took the united efforts of the crew and the passengers working at the pumps to keep the ship afloat.

During the past week a terrible blizzard raged all over the Island. Telegraph lines were down, and much inconvenience was the result. This winter for storms holds the record in Terra Nova. A few days ago a terrible storm broke over the channel on the west coast, and wharves, stages, boats, provisions and fishing gear were all destroyed. The harbor presented a dreadful appearance with wreckage. Many had their winter's stock swallowed up, and others lost their provisions. Every merchant in the place lost his wharf and large stores.

Outside St. John's, the capital, modern improvements are making great strides. Harbor Grace, Carbonear and Heart's Content are now being lighted by electricity, and the people are delighted. The water power which operates the electricity is supplied from twelve lakes near Victoria Village, contiguous to Carbonear. The power house is built of solid masonry with a Pelton water wheel, and is up to date in every respect and contains a three phase revolving dynamo. A complete telephone system has been created, and already 2000 lights are going at Harbor Grace and 700 at Carbonear. Lighting in connection with the Heart's Content system started lately, and all the telegraph offices and buildings in connection therewith will be illuminated electrically, some 600 lights having been put in to do this. At Harbor Grace the company have lighted the streets gratis. Mr. Macleay has worked with a will and with an energy and perseverance which does him credit and in no small manner is the success of the company due to him.

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Remarkable Showing Made  
by Catholic Educators.

Once again, says the Dublin Weekly Freeman, the honor lists of the Royal University enforce with conclusive facts the arguments in favor

of Catholic university education. Clonliffe College pursues its brilliant record of success in mental and moral science. In 1902 it secured the junior fellowship; in 1903 it secured the studentship in the same course. This year even those splendid successes are surpassed. Mr. Michael Cronin has captured the junior fellowship in mental and moral science, and a special prize was awarded to Rev. John Shine, M.A., for exceptional answering. In the M.A. examinations the first place and first-class honors were awarded to Mr. O'Keefe in the same subjects.

Once again the heavily endowed secular colleges of Cork and Galway have been decisively worsted by the unendowed Catholic College of St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Indeed, Cork College has been beaten by a half dozen unendowed Catholic institutions. The figures are as startling and significant as ever. University College, Stephen's Green, had secured thirty-four first-class distinctions, as compared with thirteen by Belfast Queen's College, the only Protestant college which makes even a pretense of rivalry. In fellowships and studentships and special prizes, University College shows four to one, as compared with Belfast, and the distinctions total up to sixty-three for University College, Stephen's Green, as against forty for Queen's College, Belfast. Galway comes next on the list, but is closely followed by the Loreto College for girls, and by the Catholic college of Blackrock. Queen's College, Cork, with its splendid endowments, has a total of four distinctions, all told. These are tests merely of secular education and culture in which Catholic pre-eminence is thus established. Here we have a Catholic college unendowed in 'open competition' with three highly endowed secular or Protestant colleges, securing all the four studentships and the first-class scholarship in classics, mathematics and modern language. It wins more in first-class distinctions than all the three Queen's Colleges put together. Here is the answer, the effective and conclusive answer to the bigots who pretend that Catholicity is the foe to educational learning and culture.

Nor is it in 'arts' alone that the Catholic supremacy is established. The medical studentship in pathology was won by Dr. Denis Faran, the single candidate sent up from the unendowed Catholic Medical School, in Cecilia street, and he had three of the most distinguished men from Queen's College, Belfast, to compete against.

## SOME OF NATURE'S MEDICINES.

Celery is invaluable as a food for those suffering from any form of rheumatism, for distress of nerves and nervous dyspepsia. Lettuce for those suffering from insomnia.

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## A DOCTOR, A

If any one had told me own office could ever look unfamiliar and lonely as it night, I should not only have believed, but felt insides, imagining the speaker stated that I was tiring, age of the profession I loved. It was my first love, so was a "born doctor," so said and continues to say—

matter of tradition now the usual knowledge, of course, the old doctor to-day, of my boyhood—ay, and those who rejoiced in my efforts and teased me on my efforts—are long since passed away. It is their grandchildren to be companionable now to man, and who are called them! so to word their efforts that they may not recall to the memory of my own youth its love's young dream. I my profession was first; chronologically considered; was a time, of which my friends have heard, when success was secondary indeed to hopes of winning Mary's love.

Mary, my wife! She sat in this office many an hour explains why it is still when the fickle tide of love has long since turned in a direction. Some of those here have been privileged her touch; for books were then, when patients were not for fees prodigal, and Mary care of the few I had accumulated gifts and college necessities. For years her picture hung my desk, where I now write it to the new home when the doctor came to share the of girls whose mothers had been contemporaries, stole shy of the smiling face, saying word in reference to it, introduced the subject. They familiar with the story—the children know it now—of Dr. year of married life with who was in her day the belle of our native town, a married in the face of her sensible objections.

They could tell you as well the date of that terrible epidemic, due entirely to the sanitary precautions for which battled from the day of my birth. They have heard how I fought it, as was my duty, I came, not single-handed, as might tell you, but with Mr. helper. I never consented to undertake what she did, I allowed her to overrule me the expected happened. She were taken down together, help came and the shadows of the miserable hovels cleansed and the fine home she had brought the light of isolation.

When I arose, once more a doctor's one happy year was since then he has only busy ones, prosperous and perhaps, in the ordinary course of the world.

My practice has been prospering. Our little town, grown considerably, has never outgrown its confidence in my professional ability. I have been assuredly since the day Sister Judith, away apparently every other day, took up the lines of household management, lately faded the hand of Mary, my Judith believes in me to except my ability to take care myself, which is her province of late with the young doctors between them they have insisted my foregoing evening office and this is the reason, of course, own sanctum looks so strange at night, when, as I told Judith positively must look in, because the town knows, the young man on his wedding trip! Indispensable now those tours, it would seem! Sister Paul's mother and Paul's mother, whose opinions count more, for besides being my law, she is the "leader of the our midst," as the Weekly describes her in its announcement to-day's event. Judith admires, necessity, too, and as Mary could afford none in our day, I do not grudge the weeks of leisure, nor do I feel unable to resume the duties which he has of late years