

A BLESSED DECISION.

BY CLARA MULLHOLLAND.

I was the plain one of the family. Lucy was fair and blue-eyed; Myra was dark, with a bright color and neat features, whilst Mave was tall and stately, with the face and figure of a Diana. My sisters were all well pleased with themselves and very angry with me. I had no right to be so ugly, they often remarked—it spoiled the harmony of things and made people talk.

My old lady will prove an angel in disguise. "You're a brave little soul and deserve to prosper," whispered my sweet mother in a choking voice. And kissing her all-mentally I ran off to answer the advertisement.

Very promptly came Mrs. Lester's reply to my letter, and even my mother was forced to admit that it was perfectly satisfactory. She was evidently a lady, and every word she wrote showed extreme politeness and delicacy of feeling.

"Molly, little Molly," he whispered, "you are glad to see me?" "Certainly," I answered, affecting an indifference I was far from feeling. "You have been long away."

must exist in the contracting parties themselves. This is one of the subjects which is best discussed in the confessional. "L. E. F." propounded no less than ten questions, of which these are samples:

He must be honest in business or make restitution, else he sins most grievously. "Wayward Catholic" was anxious to learn if he could derive spiritual benefit from good deeds done while not in a state of grace.

QUESTION BOX.

Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times. The question box at the Church of the Assumption this week was filled with paper of various sizes and all grades, from the common Manila to the best linen.

"Convert" inquired if it would be of any use for a Catholic to have Masses said for deceased non-Catholic parents. Baptized non-Catholics who are in good faith are members of the soul of the Church, though not united with their body.

"Penitent" inquired if the souls in purgatory suffer anything other than mental torture? The Church teaches that there is a purgatory and that the souls detained there are helped by the prayers of the faithful, and above all by the acceptable sacrifice of the altar.

"Backslider" said: "As the Church is so violently opposed to divorce what remedy does it offer to a mismatched couple where continual strife is an obstacle to the plan of salvation?"

"Baptist" wanted to know what apology the Roman Church offered for the actions of certain Popes whom the questioner felt were not as good as they should be?

That there was a Judas among the twelve men selected by Christ as His Apostles is no proof that the doctrines of Christ's Church are false, and this proportion of bad men has not been found among the Popes even by such Protestant historians as Ranke.

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