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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

MARION'S LETTER. I

"Whisper the breezes of new born pleasures, Nature bath lavished her choicest treasures Greeting the Queen of the May."

It was the first morning of Mary's month, and Marion, laden with flowers, tripped gayly into the sitting room.

Hearing the footsteps, an elderly woman who sat near the window reading, looked up with a bright smile.

"Well, my darling," she said, as her rosy lips imprinted on hers a loving kiss, "I see you are ready bright and early this morning."

"Yes, mamma," said Marion: "I am anxious to have the flowers on Our Mother's altar before Mass; so I will say good-bye and hurry off."

Marion and her mother were all the world to each other, the kind husband and father having died when Marion was six years old.

They had been very wealthy, but reverses came, so that Marion's mother was obliged to support herself and little daughter by teaching music.

At present their sky seemed brighter, for Marion, inheriting her mother's musical talent, assisted in giving lessons to a very large class.

She was particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and said she always obtained special favors during May.

"This morning, if we follow her, we shall see the smiling face with which she greeted her mother, become very serious."

Poor Marion was deeply troubled about that dear mother, whose strength was slowly ebbing away beneath her incessant toil. The physician's orders were mountain air and a long rest, but it was impossible to comply with them.

Filled with dreary thoughts she reached the church. Going up the steps was a woman who chanced to let her beads fall. Marion picked them up and handed them to the owner, who pressed them eagerly to her lips, then softly said: "God bless you, dear."

Marion noticed her eyes rested on the blossoms, and she asked: "Do you like flowers?"

"Indeed, I love them," was the answer. Marion selected a cluster of roses and placed them in the woman's hand.

"Oh, what a joyful heart crept into her face as she bent her head over the flowers! When she raised it, Marion had entered the church."

On returning home, our young friend went directly to her room, as she wished to place in the hands of her statue the letter she had written to our Blessed Mother. With childish confidence she told her all about her anxiety, begging that her mother might obtain the needed rest.

Going to her desk, lo! the letter was not there.

"Oh, now I remember," she said; "mamma called me while I was writing it and I hid it in the cluster of roses until I returned, and these were the very roses I gave to the woman this morning."

Bursting into tears she went at once to her mother, who comforted her as only mothers can.

"Leave all in our Blessed Mother's hands, my child," said the gentle voice. "Remember the consoling words: 'Mary is so full of mercy that she cannot see any one in want without hastening to their aid.'"

We will now say adieu to Marion and her mother for a short time and visit a magnificent home on Olive street.

In a richly furnished room a middle-aged woman is reading the morning paper, when the housekeeper entered with a basket of flowers.

"Why, Margaret," said the lady, "where did you get these?" indicating a magnificent bunch of roses.

"A lovely young lady gave them to me as I was going into Mass this morning," she answered. "They are from her garden," and then she related the particulars of the meeting with our dear Marion.

"Those are my favorite flowers; would you mind sharing them with me?" asked Mrs. Tracy.

"Of course not," was the answer, handing the cluster to her mistress.

Imagine the surprise of both when a tiny sheet of paper fell in Mrs. Tracy's lap as the flowers were separated, but picture, if you can, Margaret's astonishment when Mrs. Tracy, after reading it, threw her arms around her servant's neck, exclaiming: "My dear Margaret, how can I ever repay you! This letter is written by the daughter of the dearest friend I ever had. You see, she and I attended the Academy of Our Lady, and there began a friendship which grew stronger each year."

"After we left school we visited each other and corresponded regularly. Then I went to Europe, and while there our correspondence was broken; on my return I could not find her, for she had married and moved from the old home during my absence. Only then, dear Margaret, to find her at last! Thanks to our Blessed Mother, what a delightful surprise I shall give her!"

"That evening Marion and her mother were sitting together after an unusually busy day.

Tracy rang the bell and was ushered into the parlor by Marion.

There in the soft May twilight took place a meeting which it is impossible to describe justly.

Oh, what heart to heart talks followed, and which made her mother look as well as ever, Marion declared.

In a few weeks Mrs. Tracy took Marion and her mother to her summer home, and it was wonderful how the latter improved.

You may be sure the three friends spent a great portion of their time together, and rest assured Margaret was not forgotten.

Entering the church any May evening you will see a sweet young girl kneeling at Mary's altar breathing forth her love and gratitude, and pausing beside her we hear her whisper: "Pray for us, sweet Queen of May."—Violet, in Catholic Youth.

SHORT STORIES.

A prominent Catholic clergyman of Chicago who recently visited Rome, relates this episode of his experience in the Eternal City: "While I was stopping at the American College I was invited to dine one evening at the house of one of the Roman cardinals, whose name I would rather reserve, but who is famous among the dignitaries of the Church in Rome for his parsimony and the poverty of his menu. His position is such that an invitation to dinner by him is tantamount to a command, and a common saying among the priests is: 'I'll have a good appetite for breakfast to-morrow: I dine to-night with Cardinal.'"

"Among the guests at the Cardinal's table the evening I allude to was a little old man from the Jesuits' College. He was a jolly man in a quiet way, but his humor always was tinged with satire. He is a great metaphysician, and when asked his opinion on any proposition he almost invariably prefaces his reply with the proviso of the old scholastics—'I distinguish.'"

At dinner the conversation turned into a serio-comic discussion on the validity of a baptism administered with soup instead of water. The host, thinking to start the disquisitive Jesuit on an amusing dissertation, said to him, giving meanwhile a dignified wink at the rest of the guests: "How say you to that proposition, Father—? Is it lawful to baptize in soup?"

"I distinguish, Your Eminence," replied the old man, and those near him saw the twinkle of a smile behind his glasses. "I distinguish: To baptize in ordinary soup would be, I think, contrary to the canon, but to baptize in Your Eminence's soup would be entirely lawful."

U. S. Senator Morgan attributes his success in life to an accident. When he started out in his native town to practice law he could not get a case and was on the verge of starvation. He decided to go to Texas and grow up with the country, packed his trunk, locked his office door and stepped into the street, where he found himself face to face with a countryman, who was looking at the signs.

"Say, stranger," the farmer asked, "kin you tell me if that's a feller 'bout yere named Morgan, John Morgan?"

"That is my name, sir," Mr. Morgan replied, pausing in his flight.

"Air you in a hurry, young man?" "I'm just off to Texas."

"Texas, eh? Can't Texas wait a day or two? I've got er case I want looked after, an' I kinder thought you'd do the job."

The prospect of having a case at last was sufficient to cause the young lawyer to turn back and hear what the farmer had to say. It had something to do with the recovery of a piece of land.

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