

private Chapel, in the presence of the family and intimate friends of the bride and to the disappointment of the numerous acquaintances, and others, who were gathered in the Cathedral to witness the ceremony.

To call down a more abundant blessing on the married couple, the divine sacrifice of a Nuptial Mass was celebrated. The sacred blood of the Lamb without spot cemented their union. After the consecration and the Lord's Prayer, the married pair went up again to the altar, and the Bishop turned toward them and prayed over them: "O God, who, by the might of thy power, didst create all things out of nothing; who, when the beginnings of the universe were set in order, and man was made to the image of God, didst ordain the inseparable assistance of woman, in such wise that thou gavest beginning to her body out of the flesh of man, teaching thereby that, what it had pleased thee should be formed of one, it should never be lawful to put asunder! O God, who has consecrated the bond of matrimony by such an excellent mystery, that, in the covenant of marriage, thou wouldst signify the Sacrament of Christ and His Church! O God, by whom woman is joined to man, and society, as ordained from the beginning, is furnished with a blessing, which alone was not removed, either in punishment of original sin, or by the sentence of the deluge! look mercifully upon this thy handmaid, who, being now to be joined in wedlock, earnestly desires to be fortified with thy protection. May it be to her a yoke of love and peace; may she marry in Christ, faithful and chaste, and be an imitator of holy women. May she be amiable to her husband, like Rachel; wise, like Rebecca; long-lived and faithful, like Sara. May the author of sin have no share in any of her actions. May she remain constant to the faith and commandments; united to one spouse, may she fly all unlawful approaches; may she protect her weakness by the strength of

discipline. May she be grave in bashfulness, venerable in modesty, learned in heavenly doctrine. May she be fruitful in offspring, approved and innocent; and may she arrive at the repose of the blessed in the heavenly kingdom; and may they both see their children's children, even to the third and fourth generation, and arrive at their desired old age. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord."

This newly married couple left the altar with the blessing of God upon them. Mrs. McMaster was to her husband all he could desire. From the very beginning of their married life, McMaster and his wife endeavored to increase in true Christian love one for the other. She was not only mistress of the house, but queen over her husband's heart. She had the key not only to every cupboard, but she had also even the one to her husband's affections. Her husband was, indeed, very kind and respectful to her, but what is of greater importance, he looked upon her as his second self. The affection which they entertained for each other was true and strong, and therefore their interests were identical. Mrs. McMaster was in every way qualified to be not only the wife of such a husband, but also at the same time a most helpful and congenial companion. She possessed a fine intellect and a well cultivated mind, but her childlike simplicity of heart gave her so youthful an appearance, that when McMaster took her to New York after their marriage, his friends teased him, asking him why, after waiting so long, he had married a "little girl." But the "little girl" proved herself a valiant woman, holding the heart of her husband under her gentle control throughout the varying scenes of his stormy career; governing her household with prudence and discretion, and taking upon herself the burden of her children's education, and this not at intervals, but at fixed hours, day by day.

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