#### Alone with God.

Alone with God amid the twilight When night falls o'er the dir and distant hills When moon and stars take

their revelation. And holy calm the waiting spirit fills.

Alone with God when glories kindle Their Orient splendors

distant sky, To read from the day's painted cloud-steeps, And learn "the everlasting God is nigh."

Alone with God when duty hand would beckon To earnest toil in distant fie or plain;

To feel his presence giving strength and courage, And in communion finding rest again.

Alone with God when midnight' solemn stilness Has hushed the din and discord here below;

Then faith in quiet, undisturbed devotion. Would bowing, wait His perfect

will to know. Alone with God, O sweet an blessed communion

ness may trace, And ever wait in holy adoration Till I shall know and see Him face to face!

In which my soul its blessed

#### The Diamond Ring.

(Concluded.) Without a word, Father Mc Devitt rose quickly from th table, went over to a desk at th other end of the room, and wrote out a receipt for the thousand dollars. Then, he handed the peper to his visitor.

"That is a receipt for th money," he said. "When I see this man Blakley I shall demand a receipt also. If you care to cal here at any time I shall have it for you. I hope that is satis-

feet. There was an expression of gratitude on his face.

"I don't know how to thank you, Father," he said with feeling. "You have taken a burden of my mind and I shall never forget you for it." Then as he turned to leave the 'room, he added fervently " May God bless you," and the next moment he was gone.

Next morning with the thousand dollars in his pocket Father Mo Devitt went to New York, Or the way over he decided after good deal of thought not to say anything to the lawyer about hi article which he had read the night before. The thousand dollars which he brought as a restitution for the loss of his ring was surely sufficient refutation to many o the charges which the latter had made. So he decided to ignore the article and say nothing about it He would let this silent fac speak for itself.

Arriving at the St. Paul build ing, Father McDevitt found that Blakely's office was on the tentl floor. So he took the elevato and a few minutes later entered the lawyer's office.

A pale faced young lady rising from her typewriter came over and spoke to him. "What is you wish?" she asked, with faint attempt at a smile.'

"I would like to see M Blakely," said Father McDevitt "Have you an appointmen

with him?" she inquired. "No," answered the priest "but my business is rather in

portant so would like very much to see him." "Well, I'll see," said the girl

"please let me have your card. Father McDevitt took one from his card case and gave it to her She thanked him and hurried away. A few minutes later sh returned

"Mr. Blakley will see you, she said. Then leading him to a door marked private she opened it and ushered him into the lawyer's office.

Blakley was alone when the priest entered. He sat at his desk near a window facing the street. Judging by looks he might have been forty years old. Perhaps mere perhaps less. It was hard to say. He was well groomed and had all the appearance of a wellto-do lawyer. His clean shaved face showed a pair of steel grey eyes, a large prominent nose and square set jaws. It was not a handsome face, still in certai

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features were hard and stern There was a bulldog like expres sion on his countenance. Yet it was an intellectual face and one

Glancing up from his desk Blakely motioned the priest to sit down. Father McDevitt obeyed in silence. Then turning from his desk the lawyer confronted his visitor. "Well, Father McDevitt,

what can I do for you?" he asked. Father McDevitt began immediately. "You'll be surprised at once that I am here in reference to the ring which I understand you lost some time ago."

At this announcement the lawyers face changed color, raising himself in his chair he stared blankly at the priest.

"The ring," he exclaimed what do you know about it?" "Only this," said Father Mc Devitt. "that I came here or behalf of the thief to make restitution. I'm sorry, however, to inform you," he added, "that the ring is lost, but the thief has sent yo its value in the coin of the realm.' Again the lawyer stared in amazement. His gaze searched the priest from head to foot. "Indeed," he murmured. "do you

Father McDevitt hesitated for young man," he explained, "came to my house last night and asked me to make this restitution. In the interest of justice I agreed to do so. I never saw him before and likely never will again. That's

really all I know about him." Blakely looked incredulous Most extraordinary, he commented, "most extraorinary His jaws snapped with a click like the sound of a closing rat trap. After a pause he demanded "How did it happen that thi young man came to you?"

"Through the confessional returned the priest.

Blakely fell back in his cha as if a bomb had exploded at hi feet. "Through the confessional he echoed with a grin. "You don't mean to say that the con fessional had anything to do with it." He smiled contemptuously.

This was just the opening the priest wanted. Blakely had maligned the confessional, Father McDevitt was glad to get the opportunity to enlighten him on the matter. He smiled back

at the man in front of him. "Yes, Mr. Blakely, the con fessional had everything to do with it," he retorted. Catholic Church, you knowteaches the doctrine of justice and restitution and it is by means of the confessional she is able to enforce the law. Had it not been for the confessional," he added with emphasis, "it is quite pro bable you never would have heard

from that theif again." Blackley's jaw dropped. For moment he stared in silence the priest. Then suddenly the stern features relaxed and strange puzzled expression crep

into the lawyer's face. "Oh, I see," he murmur dryly, "that is something I didn't

strange avowal for a man to make who had so lately persumed to attack the fundamentals of the Church. Father McDevitt was silently amused.

There was a pause. Presently the lawyer spoke again.

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Did the thief make hi

expected, but Father McDevit had no intention of answering it He looked the lawyer square i

replied, "but that is a question

'Humph," growled the lawyer, ooking disappointed. Then suddenly, as a new idea seemed

emarked, "restitution is always a condition of forgiveness.' "Precisely so," agreed priest, "provided, of course,

"And if not, what then apped the lawyer. Then he must promise make restitution just as soon

it is in his power to do so."

Again there was silence. Blakely lapsed into thought. For moment a troubled look clouded Mr. Blakely," he said, "when I the lawyer's face as if doubts of tell you my business. I may say some kind had arisen in h mind, It was apparent that what the priest told him had made as mpression. Presently as he turne to speak, the expression on hi face changed and a new ligh

"I must admit, Father Mo

shown in his eyes,

Devitt," he said at length, " have learned something today which I never knew before." A his manner and he spoke nov doctrine of restitution or had an regard for the question of justic and right between man and man That is something new to me, fo always believed the contrary was true. But I see now my view about the Catholic Church wer wrong. You have indeed enlighten

just the fraction of a second. "I ed me very much. I candidly cannot say that I don't," was his confess," he went on impressively "that what you have told me toon me and changed my who pinion of the Catholic Church For, to my mind," he declared with a wave of his hand, ' Church that teaches such a doc trine as you have just explained to me deserves the highest respec of every man. And that." he added, "is something which

> meanor showed that he spoke with sincerity. Blakely was

changed man. Father McDevitt was agreeabl arprised. He turned with a smil to the lawyer. "I am very glad o hear you speak this way, M Blakely," he said pleasantly after all a good deal of the pre udice against the Catholic Churc is due for the most part to a

never had for the Catholic Church

ignorance of her doctrines.' "Quite true," affirmed th awyer seriously. Father McDevitt felt now the ne had said enough. The lawye was convinced of the error of h

ways and this was all he wanted So he asked. "What did you con sider was the value of the ring The lawyer thought for noment. "About a thousan dollars," he replied after a pause Father McDevitt handed his the envelope containing th money. "I think you'll find tha amount there," he said. "When ou count it I shall trouble you or a receipt."

Blakley counted the money Then he wrote out a receipt and gave it to the priest. The nex noment Father McDevitt rose to go. Blakely rose to his feet also Just a moment said the latter ouching the priest on the arm You have done me a great favor Father McDevitt, by coming here oday and I am grateful for it

Might I ask you to accept this in return for all your kindness and trouble," he said offering the priest a hundred dollar bill, But Father McDevitt shook hi

"I'm sorry, Mr. Blakley," h said, but I cannot accept it. The towards you is sufficient compensation. So you'll please excuse ne if I decline your generosity. Blakely looked disappointed But Father McDevitt pretended not to notice it. He simply held

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the paper and stared vacantly across the room. "Well," he said to himsel after a moment "the ways of Providence are indeed wonderful Blakley lost his ring but he has received in return a far more precious gift—the gift of faith Thanks be to God."-HENRY J CAMPBELL, Newark "Monitor.

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