AT EVENTIDE

BY SISTER MARY AGNES The day and its toil is over, The hours and their tasks are done, And silently round thine altar Thy children steal one by one.

The daylight is slowly yielding Before the advancing night, And amidst the growing darkness Clear glimmers the altar light.

Its faint rays are softly falling O'er each kneeler's uptu As in reverent love we lift them To our dear Lord's resting place

In silence each heart is telling The tale of the day just past, Of all that has grieved or gladde Our souls since we knelt there last;

And burdens are gently lifted From shoulders that ache with pain, Till, touched by the healing balsam, They can bear their load again.

The discords that might have gathered Like spray by the ocean tost Are stilled by the gentle soothing Ere peace in our souls is lost.

The sorrows that almost threater The wreck of our lives to be, Are changed into clinging tendrils

To bind us more fast to Thee.

The weariness which subdued us, eliness which oppressed Is gone, and our hearts are gaining New strength in this hour of rest.

But none of us e'er can number, Till the Day* has all revealed, The wounds that had else been mortal, That here by Thy touch were healed.

*Dies iræ, dies illa!

BET'S MATCH-MAKING

By ROSA MULHOLLAND.

The only time I ever tried matchmaking in my life was when I was marry him! was living at the time with my stepmother on her farm near Ballymena ing stock of the country, and-My father was dead, and my stepmarriage, though I did not now. know it at the time. But this I did know—that she had written to some ing and tossing her head; that does distant friends of my father in not prove that it must be Donnell!"

Gracie Byrne had been there in a fine America, who had unwillingly con sented to take me off her hands.

I don't think it would have been else. half as hard for me to have made up my mind to die; for I was a shy little thing, without a bit of courage to deal with strangers, and my heart was fit very few friends whom I had to love. and my own little corner of the world. going to America. where the trees and the roads knew me. But I felt it would have to be more about Donnell that night. done, and I lay awake all night after I should ever be brave enough to say the country. He invited three pipers my foot sickened me cooling to play and half the country-side to Donnell's mother brown

was the very one whom she would not

such a wicked place.

My stepmother was always crying disturb you now. My stepmother was always out that Gracie would come to a sor rowful end, which made me wild; and as I lay awake that wretched night I thought a great deal about what might happen to her if she went away to London by herself, and she so hand London by herself, and she so hand the the string a friend at all the string as frie some, and not having a friend at all And I wished with all my strength ed by him and her other beaux, Donnell's that she would marry Donnell McDon mother kissed me, and Donnell drew Squire Hannan! Only think, Bet, of mell before I went away to America my arm through his, and walked with your Gracie being the Squire's lady! which would ease my mind about her, and also about him. For I felt the mother's house. He was shusing Gracie!' I stammered. greatest pity in the world for kind, big Gracie all the way, and I was, as usua!, Well,' said she, sulking. 'are you

she got a little kinder, and in the even- and watched me making the butter. ing allowed me to go into Ballymena He was disgusted with Gracie, be said Bet. I know when a man likes me, to see my Gracie. So towards sun she was a flirt, and he ddi not care a and when he doesn't like, just as well down, when the snow was getting red upon the fences. I wrapped my shawl about me and set off for the town; sobbing loudly to case my heart, all sunday to the consecration of a new church, and if he did not get some the lonely road, where there was church, and if he did not get some the property trees against the dusky red sky. both the white swelling lines of the fields, the dark chimneys of the town on before me, were all blent in a dismal maze, when, who should leap over a stile and stand beside me, but Gracie's great lover. Donnell. I told him that the other day when he asked me to have him. 'No matter what I want you for,' said he, 'Oh, no, Donnell,' said I, promise me you won't do that!' For I was sure that Gracie's liked him all the while. 'But I will,' said he smiling; 'at great lover. Donnell. I told him that the other day when he asked me to have him. 'No matter what I want you for,' said he, 'Oh, no, Donnell,' said I, promise to say? If I changed my mind before great lover. Donnell. I told him that the other day when he asked me to have him. 'No matter what I want you for,' said he, 'I want you.' 'Phank you,' said he, 'I wa and he turned and walked alongside of one for a good way, while we telked of Gracie of course. He was very angry at her, and said she was playing fast and loose with him, and making him the sport of the town and country. I took Gracie's part, and so we went on till we came to the last white gate on the road, and began to meet the towns people. Then I told him I was going away, and he looked so vexed that I nearly cried again. I felt so glad to see him sorry.

Well, little Bet,' said be, 'we must give you a good dance over in you big farm-house of ours before you go.

And, in the meantime—'

Word in the meantime—'

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Word in the delens on Monday, and settle somp business there, and be home for our weedling in a week!'

It's nay mind,' said my stepmother, after he had gone, 'that you lad's more tike a lover of yours than hers. Why don't you catch him, and then you needn't go to America.'

Mother!' I cried, and felt the room apinning round with me, till I caught to weedling in a week!'

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The procal Ambourcement appeared to the delens on Monday, and settle somp business there, and be home for our weedling in a week!'

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"Never mind it! said I. 'And what id dy you say?'

Teaid,' Gracie went on, 'that what took so mad. Many a girl would be glad of him.'

I thought a great deal of how he had seen the meanness to walk with me also throughout the full to discover in you big farm-house of ours before you go.

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there, and then I have done. You'll composed a little letter.

Dear Mr. McDonnell, it said, I have dony we wrote nearly alike; and atterward to the way.

And I think things must be going my mind, and will be allowed on his face as black as the potato the consecration on Sunday.

Ton't talk that way, Gracie, said I:

but I came intending to stay. And Gracie Byane.

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on her table, and she laughed and directed to Mr. McDonnell, The Buckey

Who is that from, Gracie?' said I. Donnell?

for she looked as happy as possible to him. He is always so stiff and She looked so glad, and the shabby She looked as giad, and the state never and out that neglect removes looking so snug, and our little readdrinking being so cozy, I could and—married, perhaps—and then they -Irish Monthly not bear to tell her the bad news now, will both thank me.' and began to set about Donnell's busi-

marry Donnell soon.'

seventeen, and I the way. The snowy she had nothing to do with it. I did fingers over the business that I took getting hot about it, 'that you ought roads were slippery in the evening she had nothing to do with it. I did are never to meddle with it again I to marry him. He says—that is, I frost, and near our house I fell and the marry him. He says—that is, I frost, and near our house I fell and the marry him. know—you have made him the laugh burt my foot. A neighbor found me thought that Gracie liked you; I did

mother did not like me. She had has been complaining to you, has he? America the very next week, but now I placed me for a time with a milliner in 'I did not say that,' said I; 'but, ob. was laid up with a sprained ankle, and savage. 'I cut a big blackthorn this the town, but finding it expensive sup- Gracie, I know you like some one. I my departure was put off. porting me apart from her, had taken saw you smiling over a letter the other me away again. She was thinking of day, just the way you are smiling woman who had been at the consecra-

me, 'I think you had better go and marry him yourself.'
'1? Oh, Gracie!' said I, starting up

You may be sure that we talked no him like the first of June!" Byrne, and to Gracie's lover, Donnell dance. Gracie and I met at the cross- tard and some apples the next day. McDonnell.

Gracie was the cleverest of all Miss

Doran's apprentices. She was an or with her from the town. The farm is over this morning to see you. He

Donnell and I were great friends, and I had promised to do ail I could to help him with Gracie. He was young and strong, and as bonny a man as could scarcely bear it.

And the place felt so safe and it is not after his heart; for I never saw a bridegroom so glum on the head of it. But, dear, I thought it was young he liked.'

Talk her into reason,' said he, put he liked.'

might live like a lady, and drive into

· Will you do us tae honor of joining after she had set out for the town, escort-

taking her part. My stepmother was provoked at my and face next day, and called me ungrateful. But when I cried bitterly ter pears. He leaned aganist the wall nell?

'I'll see to your business, Donnell,' I thought; 'she cannot help it. She

going to do; but that night, when my all through me. I thought I would touches to the most particular work stepmother had gone to bed, leaving give all I had in the world to see She looked very tired, but, oh, so handmen to finish spinning some wool, I got Donnell before any one else had told some, with her pale check against the She looked very tired, but, oh. so handsome, with her pale cheek against the
yellow light, and her dark head bending over a mass of white and rose
color tulle.

'A bud here,' said she, 'and a spray

the work being finished, we went home 'What harm can it do to send it?' said I to myself. And I put on my What harm can it do to send it? shawl, and, borrowing a stick from an old neighbor, I hobbled off secretly up on her table, and she laughed and blushed and looked beautiful when see saw it.

And it may do such a great walk fast, and I sat down on a bit of saw it.

deal of good. In the first place, it will an old gray bridge to watch for Dondeal of good. In the first place, it will prevent him marrying for spite before Sunday, and then she will be so glad thundering along, and looked dread-'Donnell' 'No. indeed,' said she, tossing her bead. But I was sure that was a fib. to see him coming, in spite of her thundering along, and know to see him coming, in spite of her thundering along, and know the beautiful dark and unhappy. the fire, while I set out the tea-things

The fire, while I set out the tea-things

I am sure it makes her worse. She will prove little Bet! esting herself in her arm-chair beside proud when she treats him badly, that never find out that ue got a letter-not,

So the next evening, about dusk, I ess.

'Gracie,' said I, 'I wish you would ed my letter. I was dreadfully afraid gers. But his whole face brightened of meeting Donnell or Gracie, but I up. She's not so much a jilt as you "Soon!' said she, opening her eyes and looking at me angrily. I'll never note in the letter box and rushed off towards home again at full speed. I can I tell you!—It was I who But you know, Gracie, said I, towards home again at rull speed. I you the note you got last week. and leaning against the style and brought indeed! And, ob, Donnell, sure you Very fine!' cried she 'And so he me home. I was to have sailed for won't go and kill Squire Hannani

On Sunday evening a neighbor pose but to beat out his brains. tion came to tell us the news: This my stick, fell along with it; but Don-'And what if I do?' said she. laugh- one had been there of course, and that nell picked me up, and set me safe of Gracie Byrne had been there in a fine There is no one else so good,' said new bonnet (the girl was going to the nan had been there and given her the Squire Hannan.' 'Upon my word,' said she, staring at flower out of his button hole.

her, of course?' said I. 'Aye. indeed, you may swear it,'

her from the town, and her smiling at 'They'll be married before I go Donnell did not fail to keep his word away, said I to myself; and I leaned as if I was going to be hung. God the letter arrived, trying to think how about giving me a feast before I left back into my corner, for the pain of bless Squire Hannan! Now will you

Donnell's mother brought me a cus 'Donnell's gone to the Glens, my together, she bringing a troop of beaux dear, said she, or he would have been phan without a friend to look after a dear old place, with orchard trees went before we heard of your foot, and of our road.

think what attracted her to poor little pretty new dress and bright ribbon. She had plenty of admirers, Donnell's mother, and he goes whiles by our side, and the moon whizzing to settle his affairs with them that has past us among the bare branches of Donnell's mother stroked my hair with charge of it. I don't know rightly what the trees. He never drew rein till the them; but the only one to whom I had given her with all my heart was Donme with her. after Gracie had gone her with all my heart was Donme with her. after Gracie had gone himself share for dear the standard of the heart of the given her with all my heart was Donnell. And, oh dear! he down stairs holding my hand and and the down stairs holding my hand and the down stairs had the down ing me about my going to America.

And the place felt so safe and it is not after his heart; for I never return.

might live like a lady, and drive into Donnell. But just in the middle of Ballymena on her own jaunting car. On the place so happy would go away to London, and be a great "West-end" milliner. This ter-Ballymena on her own jaunting car.

Our dancing the latch of our back door came the next day or so, and surely I all the time! So the end of it was that rified me badly, seeing that London is McDonnell, he said, 'but I shall not news came out. She was going to be married on next Tuesday.

'I know that,' said I. 'How do you know it?' said she. 'Donnell's mother! Nothing but

Why' she burst in, 'you don't ima I was quite confounded. 'Oh, oh,

not glad? 'Oh, yes,' I said, 'very, on your acbut what will become of Don

Donnell again | Now listen to me

"The section of the country ladies."

The section of the country ladies of the country ladies of the country ladies for one of the country ladies. The horse for one of the country ladies she, having the nicest taste, had always the honor of giving the finishing going to do; but that night, when my the latter of the country ladies. The country ladies latter than the country ladies of the country ladies latter to be a west off to London one had always the honor of giving the finishing going to do; but that night, when my latter than latter to be a would night and mock at me. All stones a bright idea came into my head.

I was afraid to think of what I was all through me. I thought I would latter than a latter to be a west before. She seemed not to be my own gracie any longer. And now I was nearly out of my senses, thinking what mischief might come out of my meddling. I was sure that Donnell and Squire Hannan would fight and kill one another, and all through me. I thought I would 'Oh, oh!' said I, beginning to groan

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towards the Glens. I soon got tired Sold at Wholesale by Mr. and dreadfully cold, as I could no

'Donnell!' said I, ca 'Who's that?' he said. 'Why, it's 'But indeed it is,' said I. 'Ah, Don nell, did you hear? I came to tell you

Gracie was married this morning Having for its objects: To collected from all that can be collected from, and Squire Hannan.' stop the credit of all that cannot or 'Whew!' He gave a long whistle ot pay.

Won't L' said he, looking awfully

I gave a great scream, and, droppin 'Now,' said he, 'I'll tell you what

I, eagerly. 'It could not be any one mischief with dress), and Squire Han- You'll marry me, and I won't touch 'I marry you?' cried I, 'after-after 'And Donnell McDonnell was with Gracie? Indeed I will not, Donnell McDonnell.'

I'm very sorry. It's long since I liked with strangers, and my defining the to burst at the thought of leaving the very few friends whom I had to love. to cry, I wanted to tell you that I am before long. He walked home with to cry, I wanted to tell you that I am of pride was in me, and the people were saying that she would jilt me When I got your bit of a note, I felt marry me, little Bet?"

'No' said I. And with that be whip-ped up his horse, and dashed on with me at the speed of a hunt. 'Stop, stop!' cried I. 'Where are yo taking me to? You've passed the turn

'Talk her into reason,' said he, putwant her to marry me, and she says

I did my best to keep sulky for a his own, some three miles across the country from my stepmother's place If Gracie would but marry him, she and Gracie was as amiable as nossible.

Dut not that way—not for his wife, 'Well, well, my dear!' said Donnell's mother, wiping her eyes.

I did my best to keep sulky for a proper length of time, but it was the mother, wiping her eyes.

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