

Mary's Wee.

BY MAURICE F. EGAN.

Rare is the heart that in its utmost sorrow Finds not another heart to share its woe...

SHORT INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOW MASSES.

[Delivered by the Rev. James Donohoe, rector of the church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Brooklyn, N. Y.]

MATRIMONY.

DEAR PEOPLE: We are going to say a few words to you to-day on the Promise of Marriage, which usually precedes the reception of the sacrament.

This is an interesting and practical question which sometimes arises: If a man who is engaged to marry a woman makes presents to her, but afterwards, through his own fault, and not through any fault of the woman, breaks his engagement...

Expressions of attachment are perfectly legitimate, but if they spring from truth and love they will be such that they may be spoken in the presence of a father or a mother.

Some young men, knowing that Catholic young ladies are attached to their religion and zealous for its propagation, take delight in being skeptical about fundamental truths, such as the existence and immortality of the soul.

From this tentative and informal company-keeping proceeds, in due course of time, the marriage engagement, concerning which it is important that Catholics have correct notions.

damages very heavy if the party receding from the contract is able to pay. I will consider the matter from an exclusively ecclesiastical standpoint.

In this definition the five conditions of sponsalia are contained. 1st. It must be deliberate. That is, it must be sincere, not feigned.

4th. There must be a promise of marriage. It would not suffice if each of the parties said: "I will never marry any person unless I marry you."

What two persons are engaged to get married, in the eyes of the law, are neither under pain of excommunication, can refuse to enter the married state...

It remains now to state in what way sponsalia may be dissolved. All agree in saying that sponsalia may be dissolved by the mutual consent of both parties.

Sponsalia are also dissolved by selecting a more perfect state, for instance by the reception of Holy Orders, by a vow of entering religion, and probably also by a vow of chastity or of receiving Holy Orders.

A grave crime on the part of one of the engaged dissolves sponsalia, a serious theft, for instance, homicide, or any such thing implying disgrace.

In this country, a failure to obtain the consent of parents as a general rule does not endanger the validity of an engagement to marry. If the parents have a just reason for dissenting, it would undoubtedly invalidate sponsalia, but generally only for a sufficient reason in a country where all are considered equal in rank.

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Our hero was master of the field. But he only said with his wonderful frankness and a coolness which nothing could disturb:

"Do you see? You have only to pray when you want to get out of a scrape!"

It was exactly the same fifty years later, when the rough gown of the Trappist and in the severest cold he passed his half days on his knees composing his beads—he only did his duty.—Fugium of Our Lady of Martyrs.

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The saints in the other life know our wants and pray for us according to the fervor with which we implore their intercession. Here is what the great St. Bernard says on this subject:

"They know in heaven infinitely better than on earth our affections, our desires, our miseries, our weaknesses, our cares, our temptations, our dangers, our misfortunes; they do not forget that they are still our brethren; they take a lively interest in everything that regards our welfare; they pray, and as friends of our Savior, they obtain for us the graces which we so much need."

This, indeed, should be a source of great consolation to us Catholics. These saints belong to the Church Triumphant in heaven, which is united with the Church Militant here on earth and the Church Suffering in purgatory.

Many of us have a long space passed away, and perhaps enduring the pains of purgatory for venial sins. The Church teaches that we have in our power to relieve their agonies by praying for them, or by getting the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for them.

Listen to the cry of those afflicted sufferers who, in the language of holy Job, plead and implore, each one of them, in this language: "Have pity on me; have pity on me; at least have pity on me; for the hand of the Lord is heavy upon me." Heedless, indeed, must we be, if we neglect to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially during the month of November, which the Church has specially set apart for the purpose.

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