

But Mileho heedless of this last warning, gives way to the voice of the evil spirit.

"Masterful man art thou for wit and strength;
Yet girl-like standst thou brooding! Weave a snare!
He comes for gold, this prophet. All thou hast
Heap in thy house; then fire it! In far lands
Build the new fortunes. Frustrate thus shall he
Stare but on stones, his destined vassal scaped."

Thus the old merchant deceived by the evil voice collected all his goods into his house and awaited the approach of St. Patrick. Soon, he saw Patrick approaching in the distance and without reflecting he set fire to all his long-stored wealth. Then, the truth dawned upon him; despair overpowered him.

And, loud as laughter from ten thousand fiends,
Up rushed the fire. With arms outstretched he stood;
Stood firm; then forward with a wild beast's cry
He dashed himself into that terrible flame,
And vanished as a leaf.

All this time, St. Patrick and his brethren stood watching the fire. All wondered but Patrick alone understood its meaning, thus he spoke:

"The deed is done. The man I would have saved, is dead, because he willed to disbelieve."

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The Catholic Press.

AT the present time the Catholic Press seems to be in a very weak condition. The circulation of Catholic newspapers and books is very small and cannot be compared with that of other newspapers and books. What then seems to be the cause of this weak circulation? It surely isn't due to the fact that Catholics are lacking in numbers. There are enough Catholics to support a newspaper in good style. The main reason seems to be a lack of desire on the part of the Catholics for the works of Catholic writers. The Catholic is looking for something sensational and this he will not find in Catholic books and newspapers. It is for that reason that a Catholic writer