

Her New Year's Eve Surprise

She sat with the letter in her hand. It was addressed in her grandfather's handwriting. What could it contain except an affectionate message proposing a reconciliation? She had known the letter would come, though Tom had laughed at her for having such notions.

sake, don't expect anything from that old curmudgeon." "But I'm sure that— She did not finish her sentence for indignation. Inside the envelope were all her letters—her fond letters of the past two years—unopened. Scribbled across the top of the uppermost letter were the words: "Useless to waste stamps like this. You never could write well enough to read in any case."

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A SONG FOR THE POPE

The following song, which is so generally sung at the termination of the social gatherings of Irish priests that it might be called the Irish Church anthem, was written by Rev. P. Murray, D.D., a former distinguished professor at Maynooth and author of "De Ecclesia Christi" and other works:

(Continued from Page 7.) romantic! I hope you have crowded some real romance into the affair during these six years; those heroic-revues courtships are generally so sudden and unsatisfactory. I am anxious to meet your chum, Ellen. I am strangely and deeply impressed by what you say of her.

JACK BARRY. Boston, Mass. June the third.

"Well!" "Well!" "Well!" "What are you going to do about it?" "Was there ever such assurance? How dare he presume so far? It is all your fault, Kate Fletcher; you are always putting other people into trying positions with your practical jokes."

right," but you know a Yankee's judgment of an "all right" Irishman is generally very poor. There was just one ray of hope: Kate had told me that he always carried a set of rosary beads, and had threatened once to dismember a fellow who tried to make fun of them. But even that did not allay my fears.

The days were filled with nightmares, and the nights with awfully realistic visions of being married in balloons, and tumbling out. Several times I determined not to attend the wedding, but under the spell of Kate's blarney and Margaret's pleading, always recanted. So I went.

The ceremony had been performed and the guests were crowding about the bride and groom offering their congratulations. Mr. Jack had not arrived, and I hoped he would not. I was standing with my back to the door when I heard some one announced. The confusion of voices dulled the announcement so that I did not understand the name, but the next moment I heard Margaret exclaim in a tone of utter astonishment: "Why, Jack Barry!"

"I never turned. He offered his compliments in a low voice, and then in a louder tone said: "But where is the girl I am going to marry?" "My heart had been thumping against my breast trying to escape, and now I was sure it was coming right up. I thought of running, but my courage came back and, mustering all my dignity, I turned and saw—Father Barry!"

Providence, June the eighteenth. —James Duggan Byrne, in The Guardian.

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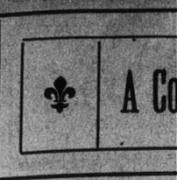
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ARTHUR CONTENT, Montreal, December 12, 1906.

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Father Ridsdale, in the darkness, walked up and country depot platform, the arrival of the train to take him home to his He had been away giving in a parish whose past in a classmate in his long days. The mission had ordinarily successful, and of the old friends had been an event in the uneventful life of a court Pleasant as had been the rather monotonous of good priest was nevertheless to get home and be among his own parishioners.

"Is the train on time?" "No, Father. She's minutes late. Since the rains set in they have to careful for fear of washing the operator and station (for the speaker held the), turned to his first became for the time oblige presence of the priest, v continued his walk up an platform. Several people there on the platform waiting for the express train them a young Irishman diately attracted the priest's

The glow and enthusiasm mission he had just finished with Father Ridsdale, and diately addressed the young "Good evening, Pat." "Good evening, sir—go Father," said the person "Going to travel?" "Yes, Father. I'm going the line."

"Been to confession lately?" said the Father suddenly. The priest's instinct he saw a his chance acquaintance v tholic. "No—no, not lately, Fa "How long since, Pat?" "A good long time, Fa "A bad long time, Fa But how long is it, Pat? "Oh, a long time, Fa "But how long?" "Bout—seven—years," unwilling acknowledgment "Every! Pat, and your o'night, saying her boy, faithful to his God and Church!"

The chance shot had struck Father Ridsdale knew how well, and Irish nature bet Sweeney's warm heart w and the priest saw he he the right chord. The you lung his head, and there thing very like a tear on

Just then the express c dering into the depot, body made a rush for the "Come on, my son," se ther, and Pat followed h they sat down together. detector looked surprised th cleman in black should pr in the workingman's es than in a more luxurion ment, but he said nothing his ticket.

When they were left alo Ridsdale began again on tion of confession. He sa young man beside him w turally good disposition, ad that, as a section han railway, he was thrown and frequently had comp an aspiration to the Sacre determined to make an ef convert this soul.

Long and earnestly he t the young man, and tried him to a sense of the dan state, but with apparently fact. Souls that have be for so long are not vivific except in special cas the priest did not give up knew that there remained quarters of an hour be journey would come to an "Look here, my son, pro this, that for the love yo old mother you will turn o leaf and straighten out ma good confession."

The Father knew enough young man already to be if he made a promise to he would certainly carry it he himself had great confi the promises of our Divine the Blessed Margaret. Ma those priests who cultivat vation to the Sacred Hea be able to move the most sinners.