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Successful Mission in Perth

Perth, Jan. 25th, 1904.

One of the most successful missions ever held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, Perth, and given by the Paulist Fathers, represented by Rev. Fathers Kennedy and McCorry, closed on Sunday, the 24th inst., after having continued for two weeks. It was what is known as a divided mission, that is one week was devoted to the women and one week to the men of the parish.

During the mission the ladies of the congregation had religious articles, books, etc., for sale, and these were blessed on stated occasions throughout the services. An exceedingly large number of books, "Plain Facts for Fair Minds," "Clearing the Way," and "The Question Box" were sold. As a fitting finale to the men's mission the Catholic societies attended High Mass on Sunday, the 24th inst., the centre aisle being reserved for their accommodation.

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that was the only way to avoid the inevitable destruction of soul and body, which must necessarily follow the excessive use of intoxicating drink.

Father McCorry speaks with the clear enunciation, perfect modulation, eloquence of language and ease of gesture which characterizes the finished speaker. No simile, no metaphor is too bold for his imagination and by a judicious use thereof great effect is given to his utterances.

Father Kennedy is an orator who, endowed by nature with a good voice, a commanding appearance and fine physique, avails himself of any external object to illustrate his words. His address on Sunday evening was at the close of the mission when he admonished the faithful to continue and persevere in the good works which they had so nobly and diligently practised throughout the mission.

As a fitting finale to the men's mission the Catholic societies attended High Mass on Sunday, the 24th inst., the centre aisle being reserved for their accommodation. The procession started out from the Young Men's Catholic Club rooms and was made up as follows: 1. The Juvenile Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters; (2) the Young Men's Catholic Club; (3) the Ancient Order of Hibernians; (4) the Catholic Order of Foresters; (5) the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

In all over 300 men and boys were in line and the sign presented was such as to testify that Catholics and Catholicity is certainly on the increase in Perth.

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BALD KNOB SNOWSLIDE

"Of course I am going to be brave about it!" Honor said, holding fast to the lapels of her father's overcoat. "Did you think I would fret and cry as if we weren't partners in business? If there isn't money enough to carry out the plans of the firm, then the firm must make retrenchments. Here's your lantern. Be careful on the step there, dear. Will you want some coffee when you come back?"

Her father turned at the foot of the steps to look back at her bright face, framed in the light in the doorway. "Not to-night," he said. "I'll be back before ten. Don't wait if you're tired."

Honor shut the door, and mended the fire, and hung up the tea-towel carefully before she dropped into a chair by the table, hiding her face in her arms. It was necessary to be brave in the presence of her father, who had had more than enough of sorrow and disappointment in his life. But when a girl is safely alone she may surely be allowed to cry over the downfall of her dearest plans.

Honor had kept up a home for her father, in this two-roomed log cabin at the edge of a Montana mining camp for the three years since her mother's death. She still had memories of the city life which her people had left when she was a girl of ten.

The rough life of the mountains, drifting from camp to camp as he found employment in assaying, had agreed very well with her father, building up his feeble health. But the mother had pined away beneath the hardships and homeliness.

After she was left alone, Honor began to dream the dream which had brightened these last three years. She would go to a normal school and fit herself for teaching, and in due time she would find a situation where she might make a home for herself and her father, taking him from the rough, strange world of the mining camp into that other world of culture and beauty for which her soul was hungry.

She went back and forth at her work, singing to herself resolutely, through more than once she dashed a suspicious moisture from her lashes. Once she paused by the tiny window, peering out anxiously into the darkness.

"I wish father hadn't been obliged to go to work to-night," she thought. "Mr. Weston might wait a few hours more for that report! I heard some of the men to-day talking about snowslides. But we haven't had any this winter, and I don't believe they will come now. I wish we didn't live where there were snowslides and mine accidents and smelter accidents and no doctors to speak of!"

At nine o'clock she folded the last piece of ironing, and set the flat-irons carefully on the ledge to cool. As she came back to the table a dull noise struck her ear faint at first, but horribly familiar. She sank on her knees, clutching at the ledge of the window for support, while the cabin rocked beneath the sudden roar, and sweep of the avalanche thundering past, not fifteen feet to the right.

The branches of a tall pine, carried down on the extreme edge of the slide, crashed through the window beside which Honor knelt, grazing her shoulder, but she felt no pain.

Before the roar of the slide had died away as it dashed itself against the opposite wall of the canyon, Honor had sprung to her feet, and was tearing madly at the fastenings of the door, which, twisted in the jarring of the cabin, refused to open at first.

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which groups of men were pouring with flickering lanterns and hoarse shouts which came to her across the snow. But the smaller building, which contained her father's office and workroom, had stood directly in the track of the slide. It was blotted out completely—whether crushed beneath the mass of rock and snow or carried on with it, she could not see.

"Here, Honor!" rank out a voice from the darkness, and her father's arms were around her, lifting her tenderly. "Thank God, you're safe, and the cabin, too! I had just left the office and stepped into the boarding-house when the slide came. No, not a soul hurt this time, for a miracle. It just swept down between the main office and the boarding-house—carried off the kitchen, but Sing Lee was in the dining-room. He's sputtering down there now, because he won't

have any stove to get breakfast on to-morrow. No more will I have any chance of assaying for a week, at least!"

Honor clung to his arm, laughing and crying, while they went up to the cabin together. She tried to tell him of the regret and self-reproach that had overwhelmed her, but he would not listen.

"Nonsense!" he said. "It's no wonder you wanted to get out of this country. But you must rest to-night, and keep quiet, and we'll have a good time together while this vacation of mine lasts."

They did have a good time, and the vacation made necessary by the repair of the assay office lasted more than a week. The spring came on while they were waiting, and the sweet, early mountain flowers began to bloom, pushing up the side of snowdrifts. Honor sat with a handful of these in her lap one day, arranging them in a little glass of water. She was thinking that there were compensations, after all, in this mountain world.

"Honor," her father said, coming in, "I've something to tell you."

"She looked up at him almost in fear, for his voice shook."

"I didn't want to tell you until it was all settled, but I've just signed the papers. It was the slide that did it—in two ways. It came around the edge of Bald Knob, and tore away a bit of ground, and uncovered the prettiest lead of ore that was ever seen in this part of the country, and it smashed my office, and left me free to go browsing about among the hills and find my claim and stake it out. No, don't look so worried! I'm not going to stay here and develop it in opposition to the company. They have been too good to me for that, and, besides, I've been thinking about you. I've sold out to the company and it's enough to take care of us. You can go to school whenever you like. Honor put her arms around his neck.

"What a beautiful snowslide it was to make you rich, dear!" she said. "But it did more than that for me, father. It showed me how rich I was before!"

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THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Territories, excepting 6 and 26, which has not been homesteaded, or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the District in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situated, request authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans: (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If a settler has obtained a patent for his homestead, or a certificate for the issue of such patent countersigned in the manner prescribed by this Act, and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.

(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land. The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of Clauses (2), (3) or (4) must cultivate 30 acres of his homestead, or substitute 20 head of stock, with buildings for their accommodation, and have besides 80 acres substantially fenced. Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

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