

Joseph Burns and his wife had been constant attendants with Barbara at our little church in Sea cliff. Our dear June feast of Corpus Christi was once more with us especially holy and happy this time, for Barbara, and my Agnes, were admitted to their first Communion with the children of the parish. Joseph Burns and his wife were baptised before Mass, and they also knelt for the first time, at the table of the Lord.

If After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament was carried in procession, around the spacious enclosure in which stood the church, the parsonage, and the school.

At a rustic altar under the trees, the Benediction was given. The Children's Rosary Society led the procession, carrying white banners, on which were pictured the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary. Barbara carried the banner representing the fifth joyful mystery; "the finding of the child Jesus in the temple."

A lady and gentleman who had arrived by the morning train, and went directly to the church, were conducted to a place near the rustic altar.

When the procession halted for the Benediction, they knelt beside Barbara.

After Mass, they went to the sacristy, where the gentleman introduced himself, and his wife, to Father Newton, thus.

"Sir. — My name is Alfred Thornton: and this is my wife, Barbara. — We come in response to your advertisement in the newspapers, concerning a child named Barbara Thornton.

"Thank God, said Father Newton. — She is now in the church, making her thanksgiving for her First Communion. — I will bring her at once."

Returning to the church, he quietly summoned Barbara, also Joseph Burns, and wife, and myself. — As we entered the Sacristy, Mrs. Burns exclaimed. "Oh my good God! Mr. and Mrs. Thornton! There is your baby." And she placed Barbara in her mother's arms. — Mr Thornton clasped them both, and there was silence.

Soon Mrs. Burns removed the veil from Barbara's head, and showed them that she was wearing on her first Communion day, her baby cross and chain.

*(To be continued.)*