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MADONNA OF THE EMERALD.

HOW FRA ANGELICO CAME TO PAINT THE PICTURE OF THE MADONNA AT FIRSOLE From the Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

One afternoon, about five hundred years ago, the podesta or mayor of Ficsole, was making a tour round his city—for Ficsole is a very old city, as the appearance of its great thick walls now testifies. Ficsole rests upon one of the lower ridges of the Appenines, and looks down from a distance on the Arno and on Florence the Superb. But the podesta had no thought just then of admination for the beautiful panorama thus unfolded. In his journey he passed by the garden of the Friars Preschers. It was not yet strictly enclosed, as the monestry had only been recently built, and locking in he saw that the sons of Saint Dominic had a garden of roses which he thought unmatched for beauty and fragrance.

These roses were due to the care of Brother Simpliciue, who, by his Prior's orders, devoted his time to watering the young plants and flowers. Simplicius was not a dector of canon law. He was only an humble and faithful lay brother, who wrought out his perfection by drawing water from a fountain. He was a candid, simple soul, beyond reproach, who counted the Are Marias of his rotary by the number of times his watering-pots were emptied and filled.

If ever a sin has stained his robe of innocence, it must have been a sin of pride, in locking at the sweet-scented flowers which he lovingly prepared for the decoration of the sanctuary. At the legistation of the sanctuary.

the decoration of the sanctuary. At the recitation of the Office, when he saw them admining the Tabernacle or blossoming like a purple carpet under the celebrant's feet, he found it hard to repel a temptation to vanity. It received to a temptation to vanity. It seemed to bim that the cloister Madonra used to him that the cloister-Madonna used to smile with more than her usual complais ance on his garlands. He thared, of course, the enthusissm of Tuecany for the delightful frescoes, which a young monk, Fra Giovanni, had profusely laviated on every ceiling and wall of the new monastery; but at times he was ready to this k that the hemage of these roses was purer and sweeter and more tenderly received by the Queen of nature.

ture.
Poor Simplicius! What anguish would have risen in his soul, so crystal like in its innocence, could be have known that the success of his gardening was going to give such a turn to the musings of the mayor.

The mayor had stopped, as we have

teen to admire the roses,
"How this piece of ground has been
improved!" he murmured. "Formerly
nothing but rocks and pebbles were here.
I see the city did not know how to get I see the city did not know how to get her lawful prefit from the place, and that is why I let the fathers install themselves in this forsken spot without protest. If I had imagined they could make such a becautiful garden of it, I should certainly have saked of them a hundred gold crowns. The money would be very handy just now in our treasury; for down at Foligno they are asking us for sixty Romen crowns to paint the Madonna, which we want on the high altar of our cathedral! cathedral!

"But stop a bit. Is it really too late Not a single document confirms the surrender of the city property. It would be the duty of a good executive to require some compensation before acknowledging as lawful the settling of the Friars Preschers in this place?" These thoughts continued to fill the

podesta's mind on his way home, and during his supper, and even. I must confees, during his evening prayer. As how-ever, he was not an unbeliever, he deter-mined, before he exposed his plan to the

and the Prior was overcome with embar-rassment. He was not a politician, and easily granted the rights of the city of bad occupied a deserted and uncultivated piece of ground, concerning which the benevolent silence of the authorities had the effect of a tacit surrender.

"All will happen," he concluded hum-bly, "as it may please G.d and your Lordship. But your Lordship knows that we are merdicants by vow and by pro-fession, that our holy Father Dominic has forbidden us to make bargains, and that we have not a penny nor a sword. If we we have not a penny nor a sword. It we are driven out, we will leave you our poor garden and buildings, and go to fix our tent where the good God wishes!" The podesta had not considered this side

of the cts.—that the Friar Preachers might leave Fleeole. They were very much beloved in the city, and he himself had only respect and attachment for them.

He protested, therefore, with sincerity that he expected nothing of the sort.

'Yet," he added, "your Reverence must want a title to the property, and, in spite of our good-will, the state of our treasury will rot allow us to make you a true donation. So let us try to avere on. pure donation. So let us try to agree on a compromise."

A compromise was accordingly effected, and the first one informed of it was the young painter monk. The Prior went to find him on his ecasfold in the chapter-

"Brother," he said, "leave that work for "Brother," he said, "leave that work for the present. The gift of art which God has given you must now be employed for the safety of our house. The authorities of the city ask for an important picture—a picture of the Virgin Mary, one into which you must put your whole soul. We are to off rit to the city for the high altar in its cathedral, and the city will give us in exchange the ground on which our monastery stands, which, it seems, is not yet ours. Shall you need a model?"

"The model is there," said Giovanni, looking with a seraphic gez towards

looking with a seraphic geze towards

heaven.
"Be quick, then," said the Prior. "Brother Simplicius will be under your direction, to break the colors and other-

faith and plety lit up by his artist's fancy, the type of the Virgin seemed to rise up before him. With his eyes fixed upon his Divine model, he seized his palette and brushes, and began to show forth in his composition the exquisite grace and tender mysticism which gushed from his heart. Nothing was earthly in that sweet, ethe real figure which he traced. One might easily have believed that as he knelt, the lovely Madouna had appeared to him, smiling upon him amidet a heavenly cloud. Simplicius, meantime, was filled with awe and amazement in presence of the artist and this picture, which he saw endowed every day with a life more real and intense. While he prepared on the palette the pink of the tunic or the blue of the cloak, he felt moved with a religious respect as in the presence of an actual vicion of our Lady, and when he elipped out in the evening to water his darling goes, would exclaim to the brothers who questioned him in the corridors about the mysterious work:

mysterious work:

"It is an angel who is painting!"

He would speak to the picture. He even came to confound it with its heavenly model. He loved it, and his feelings

enly model. He loved it, and his feelings graw more and more exalted as the day approached when the artist was to lay down his brush.

The day came at last, and Fra Giovanni went to inform the Father Prior that the work was finished. The monks were at once assembled, and crossed the threshold of the studio. Enthusiasm seized upon them all. All felt something of the emotion of Simplicius, and fell on their knees exclaiming: "Ave Maria! Ave Maria!" while the poor Brother's word passed round as the expression of their common sentiment:

while the poor Brother's word passed round as the expression of their common sentiment:

"Angelico! Angelico! He is an angel!"

"Angelico!" repeated the podesta, also, who had been notified of the completion, and in the excess of his joy he ordered that the picture should be carried to the cathedral on the morrow.

The city council and the whole populace of Fiesole came in solemn procession to receive the new Madonna. Simplicius, glowing with love, opened to them the doors of the chapter room, where the picture had been piously placed. A cry of admiration burst from the people, but, to the poor brother's horror, was almost at once followed by a howl of rage. A sacrilegious hand had pierced the convas and had placed in the Madonna's hand a rose still wet with the morning's dew. It was the innocent homsge which Simplicius had thought worthiest of his dear Madonna, and with which be thought to lovingly adorn her as he bade her adieu.

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lovingly adorn her as he bade her adieu.

The humblest of the people, we know, are artists in Italy, and now, despite the sanctity of the place, the crowd would certainly have laid violent hands on Sim-

certainly have laid violent hands on Simplicius if Fra Giovanni had not hastened to throw his white robe around him.

At the sight of the holy artist one shout arose from all: "Angelico!" and the ovation with which they received him caused them to forget for the time the unfortunate Simplicius, who made good his escape through the garden. Thus it was that Fra Giovanna became Fra Angelico—a sweet name which he bore through life—at the monastery of St. Mark, in Florence, which he afterwards adorned with his master pieces; at Orvicto, where he painted the cathedral; and at Rome, where Pope Nicholas V. confided to him one of the chapels of the Vatican. It was not, however, until after his It was not, however, until after his death that the Madonna at Fiesole took the title of the "Madonna of the Emerald." The authorities of the town would never allow a stranger's brush to repair the rent made by Simplicius, and so it remained until Fra Angelico had breathed his last. He had refused a mitre, and even the purple, and, to day, only a modest slab in the Church of the Minerva at Rome marks where he lies builed.

Five centuries have rolled by since then. Many revolutions have swept over Fiesole, and its people now are comparatively few and not one of them could tell me what became of the emerald or even of poor

Simplicius.

BISHOP BAGSHAWE BOYCOTTED. "A Lover of Ireland" writes to the Liverpool Catholic Times: A few weeks ago I noticed a report of a generous donation to the Very Rev. Canon Monahan to show esteem for bim and the reverend Bishop of Nottingham. I was indeed glad to see it; but may I venture to suggest that anyone wishing to show their esteem and appreciation for the Bishop of Nottingham for his manly and courageous sympathies to a poor and u. j. stly treated nation, should send donations to himself personally. Very few people are aware of the real and hard loss that the Bishop has had to bear because of his sympathies; has had to bear because of his sympathies few realize that he has been practically boycotted by the rich and unsympathetic of England in their to be expected assist-ance in the general work of religion in the diocese and its institutions. The Bishop is too noble, too manly, and too humble ever to make allusion to it, but but note ever to make allesson to it, but there are some few at least who cannot but feel that, like poor Ireland, he would be more largely helped and liberally dealt with if only he was less Irish. Lovers of Ireland, do not forget that this love for resurgements has not been marroly or Ireland, do not forget that this love for your country has not been merely expressed in words, but, to use a vulgar phrase "he is heavily paying the piper." Do not let it be so. Come to the rescue!

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"Brother Simplicius will be under your direction, to break the colors and otherwise help you in the material preparation of your work."

The young monk bowed and started away immediately to lock himself up with his assistant in his humble studio. He first knelt down and prayed most fer vently, and gradually, as the heat of his

NEW IRELAND.

CARDINAL MORAN'S PICTURE OF THE CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA-DESTINED TO CARRY ON IRELAND'S WORK,

On August 14, Cardinal Moran reached On August 14, Cardinal Moran reached by Bishop Brownrigg and his flock. An address was presented to him by the people of his Dioceses. In reply the Cardinal made the following address:

"My Lord BISHOP OF OSSORY, REVEREND FATHERS, MR. MAYOR, AND DEAR EREND FATHERS, MR. MAYOR, AND REAL COMMENTS." In garge know what to gay to

EREND FATHERS, MR. MAYOR, AND DEAR CITIZENS:—I scarce know what to say to reply to those addresses, so full of piety and affection, which you have been pleased to present, and yet I am no stranger to the virtues from which such piety and affection proceed. It was my privilege to be for twelve years associated with venerable clergy in laboring amongst you, and I am an authentic wit ness of your earnestness and devoted ness in every work of religion and eduness in every work of religion and education and charity. I am witness of your piety, of your unbounded generosity, and of your ever-abiding lively faith. It has pleased Providence that I should now labor in a distant field; but I can now labor in a distant field; but I can assure you that in that distant field of my spiritual labor I find the same faith, the same piety, the same devotedness. It is not, I am happy toray, in a material way that we have a new Ireland under the 'Southern Cross.' We have not those coercion laws that oppress this country. We have not that toppress this country. We have not that the industry and weighed down the energies of your people. We enjoy equal laws, and thanks to the wisdom that has guided our great colonial empire, we have our own Parliament, make cur own laws, and all enjoy the biessings, the material blessings of peace and prospertive. material blessings of peace and prosper-ity. But it is of the spiritual blessings I would wish particularly to speak. "There would seem as if a new Ire land, destined to fulfil Ireland's mission

of old, to be the centre of civilization, the great centre of Catholic piety for the whole southern world, had been transplanted to these distant lands. It would seem as if a fruitful branch of a fruitful tree had been wafted to a genial soil and there had taken root, and was soon clothed with blossoms and with fruit. The same virtues that have adorned your diocese, that have shown such fruit-fulness in decking this country with schools and churches and religious in stitutions, the same fruitfulness marks

DISTANT NEW IRELAND. under the Southern Cross. Some fifty years ago there was but one vicariate apostolic in all Australia, now there are twenty-five full organized dioceses in the same territory. There was then one school conducted by an ex-convict with a handful of children. In the one Diocese of Sydney alone there are at present about 20 000 children receiving the blessings of Catholic religious instruction. We have not as yet celebrated the jubilee commemoration of the landing of the first nuns upon the Australian shore. And here I must award a due meed of praise to these heroic ladies, who, coming from their tranquil convents in Ireland, landed upon at that time an almost unknown region, to bring the blessings of their devotedness and their enlight ened piety to instruct the children of that land. We have not as yet, I say, commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of their landing upon the Australian shore, and yet in the one diocese of Sydney alone we have now more than sixty convents, all flurishing in their number and fruitful in their virtues and their good works. But you are not to suppose that if Irish faith has been so fruitful on Australian land that it has mincd, before he exposed his plan to the city council, to have an understanding with the Friers, and in this way, perhaps, be able to offer his fellow-citizens a solution which would at once conciliate all interests. The next morning he called at the convent to open his thought to the Reverend Prior.

His demand was wholly unexpected, and the Prior was overcome with embarrassment. He was not a politician, and the Church of the Minerva at Rome marks where he lies buried.

When, with his death, all hopes of repairing the picture by the hands of its painter were lost, the old podesta plucked a sparkling emerald from his cap—a sparkling emerald from his cap—a when conferring its choicest blessings. You have had here your ages of persecution, and those ages of persecution, will produce their abundant and that it has had no difficulties to contend against where lost, the old podesta plucked a sparkling emerald from his cap—a will produce their abundant and those word of the way Providence pursues when conferring its choicest blessings of persecution, and those ages of persecution, and those ages of persecution will produce their abundant and that it has had no difficulties to contend against where he lies buried.

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> YOUR SUFFERINGS AT HOME have been fruitful of blessings in our distant land. I should rather say, per-haps, that the first buds of this faithful ness that is in store for Ireland should appear under the "Southern Cross" on the distant shores of Australia. The the distant shores of Australia. The first Catholics that came amongst us, perhaps I should say the first fruits of Catholic piety that were witnessed in Australia, we owe them to what is popularly known as the Rebellion of 1798. It is easy to brand the action of those devoted men with the name of rebellion, but avery student of history shall as but every student of history shall acknowledge that most of those who then took up arms in defence of their country were impelled by the result of prety and true patriotism, and it is to those devoted men who were sent as exiles to inhospitable shores, that we are indebted for the first foundations of the Catholic for the first foundations of the Catholic Church in Australia. The foundations were laid in sorrow. They were watered by the tears of the suffering exiles of Ireland, and those foundations thus cemented were blessed by God, and blessed is the sacred edifice that rests upon those foundations. These exiles had no consolations—no cutward consolations of religion. They could only had no consolations—To outward con-solations of religion. They could only at night stand together and gaze upon that constellation that adorns our south-ern hemisphere. They would look to the sign of the cross set in the heavens, and they would pray aloud to God that that sign of the victory of faith would not have been set forever in vain in the southern skies, and their prayer was

ence permits that

IN THOSE EARLY DAYS it was no unusual matter for a fervent Catholic, through the agency of an imper-ious master, to receive fifty lashes because he would refuse to attend at Protestant he would refuse to attend at Protestant services. For more than fifty years that sort of rule held undivided sway. But this was only one feature of the terrorism that then prevailed. Catholics were obliged, when journeying to distant Australia on board the ship, to attend at Protestant services. Their children when they landed was not into Protestant. Protestant services. Their children when they landed were put into Protestant orphaneges and were reared by Protest-ants. Many such still remain amongst us. When it was proposed to permit the When it was proposed to permit the

Catholic children to receive a Catholic catechism for the instruction they received the official reply that there were no such Catholic children, that the State regarded all the children in the orphanage as Protestants, and all should be rearred as such and every communication that would and every communication that would tend to revive their Catholic faith in their hearts was regarded as an act of treason and was punished as such. But all this has passed away. Those were the days of storm, the days of winter; but springtime came, and with springtime came the summer sunshine. And, thanks be to God, the clouds of winter have forever passed from the Australian Church. We see it the clouds of winter have forever passed from the Australian Church. We see it on every sidenow, and radiant with plety, walking abroad in all the splendor of religious worship, and impressing friends and enemies aliks with the conviction that it is the only stay of social order throughout the Southern world. You will perhaps say to me that it is unwise to recall these harrowing memories of the past, but I do so as a lesson to you, who have suffered so much and continue to suffer so much, here on this dear motherland; it is that you may see what fruitfulness of blessings in the ways of God repays those sufferings that are endured for concience sake; and, I must add, that so far as our Protestant fellow-cit zers in Australia being severed from us by those memories, they themfrom us by those memories, they them-selves are the first to be ashamed of those selves are the first to be ashamed of those penal enactments of past times. They are united with us at present in every bond of social fellowship. In every good work that is being carried on there are none more prominent than our Protestant fellow citizens to aid us and assist us in fellow citizens to aid us and assist us in the good cause in which we are engaged." His Eminence then returned thatks for the beautiful address presented to him, and was glad to see that the confraternities had not decreased in numbers, and that new sodalities were springing up on every side. He rejoiced particularly that the beautiful cathedral was being every day perfected by their zealous and venerable bishop. He had seen a great many cathe drais, but never yet one that surpassed St. Kieran's. Nowhere could be found a more earnest, pious, and devoted people than in Kilkenny.

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My boy lay cradled for his last long sleep, On the white pillow of his coffia-bed With rose buds in his hands; I came to

weep
Above the stricken glory of his head,
And "Oh! I cannot have it so," I cried,
"Come back to me from heaven, my babe, my own. No sorrow such as mine the whole world Has ever seen!" was my unreasoning

Above me where I wept my precious child, The blessed Virgin clasped her infant

Son, And thus she seemed to say—that Mary

And thus she seemed to say—that midd—
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"Oh mother, loved I not this little one?
Yet through a life of pain I saw Him go,
Till on the cruel cross I saw Him die?
Be still and think, is this thy weak heart's Nervous Debility, Nausea, or Vomiting, &c.

Like my pierced soul's long pain and agony Such gentle pity seemed her lips to move, The Blessed Mother of our blessed Lord,

Her accents seemed so full of tender love. From that dear heart once pierced sorrow's

I said, "Oh Mary! as thou lovest thine, Guard thou the treasure I entrust to thee, Fold thy fond care as I had folded mine About my boy and keep him safe for me!" And so I yielded him to her embrace. I know she'il keep him through the years to come.

to come.
I charge thee Mary when I see thy face,
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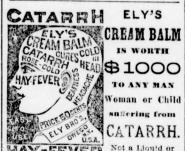
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