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THE PORTRAIT OF A SAINT.

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A Beautiful Life Sketched by the Stern Limner Sorrow.

After making his childish confession

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The light on the pictured Christ

glowed for a moment with softened

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BY KATHERINE TYNAN.

I saw to day the wicker cradle of her son, her one child. For nearly a lifetime none saw it but herself, and I should not now have looked upon it but that she is in her new grave.

It was locked away at the very top of the tall house, in the nursery, gray with the dust of years. She kept the key till she died, and I am not sure that she did not lock the door even upon herself. Annie, the servant, who loved her, and keeps the house a little longer before strangers enter it. brought me into that quiet place. It is a big room with wide windows looking over woodlands to the sea-an ideal nursery, so high is it in the air and But what tragedies were acted there

Here where the child had played he met his sudden, awful death; on that little bed by the wall he lay dead and piteous; and when they had carried him out to his grave his mother had flung herself down there with her face to the wall, in a dumb madness and despair that said, "There is no God."

There was a gray drift of velvety dust about our feet when we entered The windows had been opened, and the draught from the door stirred the curtains and shook a powdery film from their folds. The bed was neatly made, and when we opened the cupboard doors we saw little garments moldering, quietly on their shelves. The child's bath was there, and the picture screen, and the toys he had played with. His tin soldiers in forlorn ranks on the table : his picture book open as he might have left it; his rocking horse by the wall; on the floor the battered tin trumpet on which he had blown with a martial pride. Were he living now he might be a bearded man with his children grow ing tall about his knees. Forty years ago-a very lifetime; and few of those to whom her face brought sunlight and moonlight knew that she had ever borne a child. Even the one or two whom she had taken to her strong heart to be their stay and shelter knew of it but as a shadowy tradition. had locked that tragedy away in her heart as she had locked the nursery door ; and who that looked at her face, mild with ineffable calm, could imagine that she had endured an anguish beyond martyrdom, and had in the end

uttermost darkness? asked the question with a great bitterness of sympathy for that woman of forty years ago, who lay long endur-ing the fire in her own heart, and all her soul turned from the Hand that reached to her through the darkness. With such despair God must be infinitely patient, infinitely content to The rebellion in this strong soul was as great and supreme a thing as, in time to come, was to be its faith and love. Of great sinuers are made great saints; or great temptations, great victories; of great anguish,

great joy. I had never guessed at that hidden To me the house was like the golden spring day outside—"so cool, so calm, so bright." When I recall my visits there it seems as if it were always spring. The house stands high on its hill, and was there when the city staircase. I always look back on the house as full in her life-time of air and light, with great shafts of pure sunshine flooding the rooms from the west sky, and never a mote of dust floating in that cool radiance. Now the chill of the house smote coldly. Outside the hard purple buds were on her chestnut tree. Every bough of the almond was crocuses stood in ordered rows.

A day of nest-building, tho' the leaves were not yet come that should screen the wattled houses or the little masons at their task. But every one was courting a brown sweetheart with the most dulcet coaxing and promises. anguish, all were in that look. But dows to the distant sea, a silver-scaled thing, alive in the March sunshine.

The woods between were softly blurred to have been already baptized. If I have been already baptized. If I have been already baptized. If I have been already baptized for in good faith, should that was leading Lot, to look back on the things that perish. St. Paul said, Most certainly not.

noment, but still studying wistfully with coming leafage. An early bee the pangs of shame in her presence, the ineffably holy face. Then, with buzzed into the room. Divine Easter but breaking into tears under her sudden energy, "I say, teacher! I weather, full of hope and promise, and kind eyes, would sob out their trouble, know now 'at there'll be room fer even reminding me somehow of her face like the miserable children so many me—allus—room—fer—one—more." gone out in the darkness. The floods of them were. of sunshine will never be again in of faith he lay very still, so still that those rooms, where one used to drink most needed. In hospital and work-the girl bending over him drew back in her beauty of holiness, never house wards she was as well known as

ago went over her head. Because her son died so long ago you must not think of her as looking sunlight. She had her capacious bag, like an old woman. She never looked which seemed to hold gifts for every shadows lurking in the ward free to close round the cot; but its little old. She had a beautiful skin, of a singular smoothness and transparency, and a warm color. Her eyes—I think paper. She knew what every one they were darkest gray—were quite splendid, they were so large, so clear, desires and tastes with marvelous exat once so brilliant and soft. Those actitude. It is hard to realize that she eyes could never grow old. Her gray is gone, and so many lives bereft of hair was parted over her broad, beautiful brow, and was in bands, after the dignified fashion of her young matronhood. She had at once the most in tellectual and the handsomest head I have ever seen. But none of these things made her beauty. It was her soul that irradiated all her body, and shone on one with that exquisite impartial light of kindness. Nature had made her for a nobly handsome woman, but God had given her the elect beauty that belongs to the gentlehood of Heaven. No wonder she was the light of her husband's eyes.

> But I am thinking of her in later days, the days of her great calm. cannot realize her in those days, when she stared at the nursery wall-in just such spring weather as this-not eat ing, not speaking, her hands clinched, her eyes wide open and full of an un-utterable horror. She was long like this, drifting every hour nearer madness, noticing none of those who would comfort her, turning away in dumb apathy alike from prayers and tears. Then God sent his messenger. It was woman, great-natured as herself, one childless also by the will of God, one who had satisfied the hungry heart of motherhood, and the empty bosom by gathering there the poor, the sick, and all afflicted, and all orphans. None ever knew what she said, or how she wrestled, God arming her, for soul and sanity and life. She closed the door of the desolate nursery behind her when she went in. Some hours later she came out, leading a new woman, with the dumb madness gone from her face, and on her eyes the soft dew of tears. They were close friends till the elder

woman died — if friendship, indeed, ends with death. What ways she led the

younger to seek for comfort! My saint

learned there the ease, the balm of mothering those who are orphaned and cast out. Whither she went she brought her own heart's ease, I doubt not that, like the story of St. Elizabeth, the bread of help and comfort she brought the needy was sweet as roses. Her ministrations were not only of the kind that any gentle and sheltered woman can perform—that many do perform, happily. She feared not disease in its worst form, nor the pes-tilence of sin. Her strong soul, her strong hands were made to meet the dragon on his own ground, and in the name of Jesus Christ to confound and strangle him. All the sweet offices of alive, out of the very jaws of wild beasts, and the horror that lurks in orphan babies at a breast forever ma lasting. And yet our happiness through all eternity depends upon the use we make of this short probation ternal - for motherhood, thank God On the door is a framed picture of the Angel Guardian—a tender faced spirit, brooding, with hidden eyes of sweetness and dropped wings, over a system of the saints. But the door is a framed picture of once conferred, can never be with spite of the delusion and vanities of the always necessing the saints. But the door is a framed picture of once conferred, can never be with spite of the way of the world, in spite of the way of the world, in spite of the way of the world, in spite of the delusion and vanities of drawn—; she fed the hungered, and life, in spite of the delusion and vanities of seven and appetite, the great mass of the people would say, in view of the saints. sweetness and dropped wings, over a stumbling little one. But where was the child's angel that evening when the fire caught him and made a pillar of flame above his head; and while he ran shrieking—poor little helpless one!—there was none nigh to save? I which never had a touch of condescentage with rate and penitentiaries by her kindness, which never had a touch of condescentage with rate and penitentiaries by her kindness, which never had a touch of condescentage with rate and patience were of the saints. But shortness of our probation and the length of eternity and the immense interests at stake, they would say—what would they say? That it is better to drop everything and save your soul! A condition that is not only formulated in the mind, but also formulated in the things with rate and of the people would say, in view of the shortness of our probation and the consider the meaning of the proposition. An explicit hypothesis or condition is one that is distinctly stated—drop everything and save your soul! 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An explicit hypothesis or condition is one that is distinctly stated—are the proposition and the patient is true; but let us care sion; at the jails her face was better known than the faces of officials, and infinitely more welcome. They called her to hopeless cases, where the poor human animal, savage as a "rogue elephant, or mad with shame and sin, blasphemed or raged silently. As none was so twisted or deformed or Saviour said, "Be not solicitous, thereblurred in body, beyond her recogniz-ing them as members of Christ, so no woman was so shameless, so stained, so flushed and disheveled, as to be outside her tender comprehension, beyond her human sisterhood. It was she who understood, as none of those men did, the nervous horror of the dark in those poor things who had the feminine nerves without the fem-inine purity that steadies a girl in the dark with the sense of God's angels at hand. Alone The house stands high in the night, what horrors lurked in d was there when the city those dark cells for the creatures on its hill, and was there when the city at its feet was a little smoke in the distance beyond a strip of intervening in shame and sin. When there had country and the river marshes. An been a worse outbreak than usual, country and the river marshes. An been a worse outbreak than usual, old house, well built and guaranteed to last out many a human life yet. The rooms are lofty and well proportioned. The high windows let in an abundance remitted, she nerved the half-mad crea of light. There is no skimping of ture for her time of fear with a cool hand good wood in wainscoting, door or on the hot forehead, and words of on the hot forehead, and words of sweetness that constrained the shattered will to quiet submission. She never made them feel that they were outcast. I doubt that in her intense sympathy she ever felt them to be so. 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A day of past-building, tho the peace on her quiet lips. The girl's glance revealed a thousand things the self-contempt of a stormy soul, its momentary hatred toward her whose worms crawl and are masters. whiteness made its own blackness more dense by contrast; shame, rebellion,

Divine Easter but breaking into tears under her

She was most at home where she was in her beauty of holiness, never house wards she was as well known as dreaming of that closed room upstairs in the prisons and refuges. I have and the waters of affliction that long seen her on a wet winter evening, ago went over her head. bare hospital walls, come in like the one-an orange, a bit of tobacco, a is gone, and so many lives bereft of her light.

I wonder what they will do with the cradle and the toys? Will some one hoard them for her sake, or will they go to the Children's Hospital, where the babies are unexacting and will not discover them to be old-fashioned and out of date? Perhaps this latter would be best-for what are relics but as dried rose-leaves whose fragrance is piteous?-From the Independent.

THE SPIRIT LIFE.

Things of the Body and Those of the

How few ever think of the mystery of our dual being. How few ever reect when studying the figure of flesh before them that the real form is in-We read that when our Lord breathed the breath of life into man, he became "a living soul." The soul is the man; the body is the tenement, outer semblance. The soul, which is the spirit, is the real substance and form of the human body. It is present and fills the members in every part, and if we had the eyes of the spirit it is the soul form we would see. The soul is the essence of our being, and does not change. The body, like all material substances, is subject to change. At the last day it will be changed for the last time, as St. Paul says, "into a spiritual body," such as our Saviour exhibited at the transfiguration, or such as passed through the shut door and stood among the apostles (St. John 20, 19). After the body is spiritualized here will be no more change, and it will live in bright companionship with the soul in that fair world where there can be no alteration. This life is the flesh which we value so much, and of which ninety nine in a hundred of us only think will appear so short in the presence of eternity and one thou sand millionth part of a second would seem an age by comparison, and there is no doubt that all the angels have been wondering for 6,000 years that man should set such value by this short span of life. Who would guess by our present desires and occupations that we are destined to a spirit life to last for ever, to commence for many of us with in the year, and for some this very night? After we have lived a hundred thousand millions of years in eternity it will seem as if we had just made the commencement of life ever lasting. And yet our happiness In spite of the way of the world, in

the things which perish. THINGS OF THE BOBY Our Saviour said: "Be not solicit ous for to morrow," yet thousands die of worry, but not for their souls. It is enough to live well to day. Our fore, saying what shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewith shall we be clothed?" (St. Matt. 6.) Yet how many are carried away by the vanity of dress and the enticement of the table. The unnecessary cost of dress would clothe all the poor. Clubs and associations have been formed for the sole purpose of eating, where many courses are indulged in. We should eat to live, but these live only to eat. The cost of luxury in eating would feed all the poor. This is a purely feed all the poor. This is a purely Pagan rule; the Christian ideal is selfdenial. Our Saviour said to the man who was intent on building (St. Luke, 12): "Thou fool, this night do they require thy soul of thee, and whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" "So is he that layeth up treasures for himself and is not rich towards God." "The life is more than towards God." the food and the body is more than the raiment." "Seek ye first the king-dom of God." My friends, if we consider the shortness of our probation and the uncertainty of there being more time than we need to acquire graces for all eternity, it might inpenitentiary a handsome, fierce, black-browed girl flash from under her know that none of these things have

THE SPIRIT LIFE. How little interest we take in the

"Who will deliver me from the body of this death?" Who will separate us Bishop, in view of the admitted, and from our appetites and the desires that perhaps, insoluble difficulties of the subare merely sensual? We scarcely think of our relatives and friends and companions who are in the spirit world, and are forever. You are startled at the immensity, the beauty and the variety of created things in the material order. You gaze into the telescope and you are bewildered at the wonders of planet and star and nebulae. You take up the microscope and a new addition of created splendor on a scale that is minute awakens astonishment. Yet these creations are but temporary. Beyond and around and above us there is a spiritual kingdom which is to exist forever. How little we know of the created spiritual life If future investigation should raise around us! The spaces which to us a reasonable doubt as to the seem infinite are filled with bright intelligences ministering to the glory of God. Just now when your thoughts are busy, not on your spiritual life, but of how to enjoy yourself in this, there is a spiritual being near you that has no vulgar appetites, but feeds on the love that flows from the Father and Son. Its will is absorbed in the will of God. Its simplicity, humility and purity is perfect; it is filled with grace : This creature is your model. guardian angel is so chaste that it is permitted to gaze upon God and His wondrous throne. It is near you, and yet you scarcely deign to think of it, or its numberless companions that circle everywhere, although if it was to appear to you in all its radiance you would fall down like Joshua to worship it. We must register a new desire for spirit lore and turn the mind from carnal things and awaken thoughts of the supernatural kingdom, and the ditions are investigated, the clearer it spiritual life towards which we mov with every pulse of the heart.—Philip O'Neil in Catholic Mirror.

ANGLICAN ORDERS.

New York Freeman's Journal. Prof. Starbuck, in his letter to the Freeman of last week, refers to the Catholic attitude in reference to Anglican orders, and in view of the fact that the Church has given no formal decision as to their validity, asks, "In the meantime, what can she (the Church) do but reordain?"

She simply ordains unconditionally To reordain implies the recognition of a prior ordination. But if the ordain ing Bishops recognize a prior valid ordination, they would be guilty of sacrilege if they were to ordain one whom they recognize as already or-

But, asks our correspondent, would they be guilty of sacrilege if they did not know that the person was validly ordained? They would not, because sacrilege, like every other grievous sin, supposes knowledge. When they have no knowledge of the prior valid ordination, it is to them as if it were not, according to the axiom, "De non ap parentibus et de non existentibus eadem est ratio." The Church practically holds that the validity of Anglican or dination is "not apparent," and hence treats it as "not existent."

If the ordaining Bishops had a rea sonable doubt as to the validity, they would ordain conditionally. But, as a matter of fact, they do not do so.

"I observe," says the professor, that Catholic theology declares that, to avoid the pain of sacrilege, it is no always necessary that the second ad ministration should be explicitly hy

words—expressed. In other words, an hypothesis, or condition, may be exishioners, no proselytizing Lady Bounpressed or understood, but in either case it must be real. It must not be a vague generality. When the Catholic theologian says that the administration of a non-repeatable sacra ment need not be explicitly condi-tional, he simply means that the condition need not be expressed or for-mulated in words. It is enough that it be formulated in the mind. Take a case where there is a doubt whether a person is baptized or not. If a priest baptize such a person he uses the form, "If thou art not baptized, I baptize thee." The Catholic theologian says that this verbal expression of the condition is not necessary to the existence of the condition. It exists if it be formulated in the mind, and is real and valid if retained there while the priest repeats the words, "I baptise

thee, etc. Now, in ordaining one who has received Anglican ordination Catholic Bishops ordain unconditionally; they no condition, either mental or make

verbal. There is no reason why the Pope should not permit and thank the French priest you refer to for writing an essay o prove the validity of Anglican orders We doubt not that the Holy Father would be well pleased if their valid ity were clearly established, as it would remove obstacles to a reunion. Every good, sincere man wants to get at the truth of the matter, and every one who helps in that direction is praiseworthy But in the meantime as long as the validity of Anglican orders is not ap parent, it must be dealt by ordaining Bishops as non existent, according to the maxim already quoted, "De non apparentibus et non existentibus eadem

est ratio." The Professor says: "I once, through an innocent misunderstanding, came very near rebaptizing a anguish, all were in that look. But spirit life to which we are tending lady whom, just in time, I discovered my saint, with her kindly human every second. Like Lot's wife, we to have been already baptized. If I

Then how can a Roman Catholic ect, be impeached of sacrilege for making sure by ordaining Anglican clergymen, admitting all the time the abstract possibility that they may have already

been validly ordained The ordaining Bishop cannot be guilty of the sacrilege of repeating the sacrament or orders so long as he believes the person has not been already ordained. Just as you would not have been guilty if you had baptized the lady, who, up to a certain point, you believed to be not baptized. Your bona fide ignorance in the case would have saved you from sacrilege, just as it would have an ordaining a reasonable doubt as to the validity of Anglican orders, Catholic Bishops would ordain conditionally If further investigation should remove all doubt and establish the validity of Anglican orders, Bishops would not attempt to re ordain, but would treat Anglican clergymen as already ordained. But a mere abstract possi bility that Anglican orders may be valid is not enough to raise a reasonable doubt in their favor. "Ab esse ad posse valet illatio," is a scund prin-ciple, but its reverse, "A posse ad esse valet illatio," is of no value. The fact that a thing is proves it to be possible, but the truth that a thing is possible does not prove that it is. We venture the prediction that the Church will never recognize the validity of Angli-can orders. Not because of any apparent or supposed advantage her present position gives her, but because

IN AN IRISH VILLAGE.

the more the historical facts and con-

will appear that they are not valid.

We cannot say that our conviction of

this matter affords us any gratifica-

Father Tom is King, and a Much Beloved Ruler He Is.

We live twenty miles away from anywhere — our way of expressing complete out of the worldness. We are eight hundred strong (our village, not the parish) all told, and Father Tom, the parish priest, is King, and a kindly hearted, mild-mannered ruler he is He christened us all, married all of us burdened with matrimony, and the pity is that death, now rapidly approaching will prevent him giving most of us the Viaticum. His kindly face and parting blessing, uttered in his sympathetic brogue, almost makes death sweet. Father Tom has two troubleshis "crosses," he calls them-his servants, Biddy and Larry, who quarrel from morning to night about anything or nothing. The priest says they remind him of the Protestants and Catholics of the North each recurring 12th of July -if one dossn't raise the row the other will, but, he adds, with a hopeless little sigh, "every hour of the day is a 12th of July in my house." And yet he would not part with either of them for the world. Biddy is a perfect grenadier of a woman, while Larry, "the priest's boy," a hardy chap of fifty, is 5 feet nothing. On the kitchen dresser are two rows of pewter plates, for orna ments, not use, on which Biddy scrub her temper away, and they are gener ally shining. They are an unfailing barometer of Biddy's temper. When they shine with a dazzling lustre the lady has just been in a fierce tantrum; when they are any way dull and laden weather has been fair for some hours.

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