

Wayside Song.

BY EDWARD WILBUR MASON.

O Morning Hope, lift thou my soul on wings... One moment to the infinite afar...

Curious Wills.

A case which will involve some legal points for the consideration of members of the Bar and Bench of Portland, Me., is described as follows by an American journal:

Some weeks ago Mrs. Elizabeth Bibber, widow of Capt. Albert P. Bibber, died at her residence at the Palomoth "Foreaside," and the next day Capt. William Griffin, her friend during more than 50 eventful years...

Born in Bristol, Me., Mrs. Bibber left her home while a girl of 13 and obtained work in the Bibber clam house, on Mill creek, in Falmouth.

The youthful couple worked hard, and saved their money. After they set up housekeeping William Griffin, then a boy, secured work in the clam house and lived with the Bibbers.

Albert P. Bibber had been a sailor and after his marriage went to sea for some years, taking Mrs. Bibber and the boy, William Griffin, with him.

They traded in every part of the world, and were always willing to take a freight, no matter where to.

After many years of life at sea, Capt. Bibber retired, having built a nice house at a cost of about \$10,000.

Capt. Griffin followed the sea for a short time after the retirement of his friends, and then sold out his interests in a number of vessels, and himself settled down, going to live with the Bibbers.

After the death of Capt. Bibber the two surviving partners of the firm, Capt. Griffin and Mrs. Bibber, continued to live in the pretty and old manor house, Mrs. Bibber aged rapidly after the death of Capt. Bibber and grew very feeble.

The poor health of Mrs. Bibber forced her to remain at home, and Capt. Griffin led a very secluded life, seldom visiting Portland.

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the distribution of the estate of her father. Capt. Griffin never showed the least interest in his relatives, and only cared, as far as could be seen, for the Bibbers.

There is as yet no sign that the will of Mrs. Bibber is to be contested but it is understood that there will be a fight over the will of Capt. Griffin.

Harry F. R. Dolan, a Boston attorney, representing Caleb Griffin, a brother of Capt. Griffin has entered an appearance in the Court of Probate, and came here this week to investigate the matter.

He retained Hon. J. W. Symonds, and there is every indication of a big legal battle ahead. The estate is represented by Benjamin Thompson, attorney and administrator.

Capt. Griffin added a codicil to his will the day before his death. He was unable to sign, but laid a dying hand on that of one of the persons in the room at that time.

The value of his estate is said to exceed \$50,000.

What's the Harm? What's the harm in publishing the details of crime in a newspaper that is taken into the family circle?

Is there any harm in admitting to the home one who, habitually talks scandal and gives full details of crime? Do not the careful parents wish to send the children out or to bed before the old man opens his mouth?

Certainly. They will know that "evil communications corrupt good manners and that familiarity breeds contempt and leads persons first to pity and then to embrace crime.

Is not the newspaper that gives the full details of crime and which dresses it up in a sensational manner more dangerous and destructive of morals than the man who comes to the family circle with his sensational or nasty talk?

The man may come uninformed, but the newspaper never does. The parents are responsible for the open admission of the newspaper which corrupts by its sensationalism.

The editorial columns may attack cherished principles of faith, not always, but now and then, and sometimes frequently. The news columns give full details of police or divorce court news.

The advertising columns tell of methods and medicines that presuppose sin and crime. Is there no harm in this? Is there no responsibility on the part of those in charge of the household? Thieves are not permitted to handle the family jewels, yet the more precious jewel of childhood's innocence are exposed to the polluted columns of unprincipled journals.

Perhaps not unprincipled, as the ruling principle is to make money at almost any cost by means of sensational news and immoral advertisements.

A prominent non-Catholic educator said, in a late address in New York city: "One of the most usual and most continually operative causes of crime is the vast volume of criminal suggestion flowing in upon the public mind through various means, and especially through the public press.

In the detailed accounts of criminal actions in the average newspaper there is minute instruction in crime as a fine art. The reader is taught both how to evade the criminal part and how to evade his merited punishment."

This is the opinion of President Hopkins, of Williams College. The New York Globe admits that there is some truth in the indictment, but denies that it runs against all papers.

The real offender says the Globe, is the yellow journal seeking to produce sensations rather than to print news.

The fault of the depraved press lies not so much in the prominence given to police annals as in its treatment of them. To journals that belong to this class the murder, or assault, or theft which is reported in the news of the day is regarded merely as material for "a story" in which, if the victim is not a person of importance, the criminal is made the central figure, the hero of what is in many cases turned into a mere romance.

Hence every detail, whether real or imagined, that will heighten the effect is brought into requisition, the sole effort being to produce in the reader a thrill of excitement. The plain record of an

ordinary crime has no value for this purpose.

There is as much reason in many places for the Church newspaper as there is for the Church pulpit. This fact is recognized by the Holy Father by the Bishops and by the priests. It should be recognized by the Catholic people. The flock must be guarded, while the wolves are prowling—Catholic Universe.

Entrance to the Vatican As to the facility or the reverse of obtaining entrance to the Vatican, it is a curious fact that a Protestant lady, one of the many who have undertaken the arduous task of converting the Pope, did actually penetrate into the sanatorium of the apartment of Leo XII. (1823-1829.)

Almost as incredible as the thing may seem, it is vouched for by Cardinal Wiseman in his "Recollections," and, I fancy, by A. stand de Mentor. None the less, as things are, approach to the Pope is not easy. The Vatican has its bronze door and the gate of entrance opposite the Mint, and besides these two it has doors communicating with St. Peter's; that of the sculpture galleries and others. Of the two public entrances, one is for carriages, the other for pedestrians. Outside the latter, the bronze door, there are Italian carabinieri and Roman police in uniform and in civilian's clothes; doubtless the police take note of Vatican adherents from what they see, but their principal and obvious duty is that of public order, and they exercise it regularly.

At the door stands always a Swiss who, unless he recognizes a person, inquires the purpose of each one entering. Near him is a picket of the same guard. If those entering go up the stairway of Pius IX, on the right, they find a posse of carabinieri who question them more closely. If they can pass these, they find more carabinieri or Swiss at the foot and on the landings of the grand stairway leading to the Papal apartments. To enter the last they must cross a redoubting of guards of various sorts, chamberlains, lay and clerical, and intelligent servants, all in goodly number.

Each anteroom thereafter has its chamberlains of various order. The master of the chamber, the majordomo, or some other prelate or functionary of about equal rank, is generally on duty, as are the commanders of the various military corps. I will not speak of the watchful, incredulous eyes of Mgr. Bressan, the Papal private secretary nor of the second private secretary, Don Pessini. Of course, everything is possible, even that the lofty walls built by medieval Popes around what is now the garden villa, should be scaled, but this story of anarchist or similar outrage at the Vatican is one of the commonplaces which are treated expressly as jokes in the telegraph room of the press at San Silvestro, and which have been used as summer time "copy" for English and American papers year in and year out.—W. J. D. O'Keefe, in Standard and Times.

Ex-Queen Isabella Dead. By the death of ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, which event took place in Paris on the morning of the 29th of April, a striking figure in the royal group of Europe has passed from the scene. The former Queen had been suffering some months from a severe attack of grippe, and finally she succumbed on Saturday morning last.

The Infanta Isabella, Balalaie and Marie, her daughters, were by her bedside at the last moment. She was grandmother of the present King of Spain. She was in her seventy-fourth year, being born in 1830. She was the eldest daughter of Ferdinand VII. of Spain, and was born in Madrid on the 10th October 1830. In 1846 she married Don Francis D'Assisi, who died at Epinay, in France, April 17th, 1902. She and her husband were expelled from Spain as a result of the revolution of 1868. Her abdication of the throne was made from Paris on the 25th June, 1870. She resigned in favor of her son, the late King Alfonso XII., who was father of the present King. About a year ago the ex-Queen expressed a desire to visit her grandson King Alfonso, but the Queen mother in formed her that if she came to Madrid she would not be received at Court nor allowed to live in the palace giving as her reason that she wished to keep Alfonso in ignorance as much as possible, of his grandmother's past life. She was certainly the innocent victim of an unfortunate marriage. It must be remembered that no matter how her marriage upset the plans of statesmen, she was not yet sixteen when she entered upon that matrimonial alliance which was destined to play havoc with her own life. Although she had the great humiliation of having to fly from the country and to abdicate the crown, she eventually had the gratification of seeing both her son and her grandson war it. She was a striking example of the uncertainty of human affairs, and of the proverbial maxim:

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ness of the heads that bear the weight of crowned authority. Personally she was a model woman, and in dying, the Vicar of the Church of St. Pierre, Paris, administered to her the last Sacraments of the Church, of which, in life, through good or ill fortune, she had been a faithful and exemplary child.

The Sleeping Sickness. A member of the missionary order known as the White Fathers writes as follows from Southern Nyansa, in Africa:

"The sleeping sickness has made cruel ravages on the shores of the Victoria, Nyansa for the past two years. Some villages have lost half their population; others have been completely depopulated.

"It is certain that the disease of sleep is contagious. It may be contracted by contact or even by sleeping in a bed that has been occupied by one of its victims. The natives isolate those afflicted most rigorously and even refuse to use a pipe that has been smoked by one of them. The sick die as often of hunger and neglect as of the disease. Until now the scourge has been confined to the blacks, but physicians say there is no reason why the whites may not contract it. No cure has yet been effected. Death results at the end of a few months or after one or two years.

"There are different phases of this terrible malady. The first symptoms are slightly inflamed eyelids that refuse to open wide, making a patient look as though he had spent a bad night and needed sleep. During the course of the day he succumbs easily to several attacks of a heavy sleep. A short time afterwards the glands of the neck begin to swell and sometimes the groin. This symptom is not general.

"During the first stages a patient suffers from loss of appetite, then he wakes up ravenously hungry; the intervals of awakening become rarer and emaciation follows. The patient then complains that his legs refuse to carry him or that he is too weak to get up. Headache, vertigo, sometimes severe cramps set in, followed by restlessness and even fever, until a sleep comes on from which there is no awakening.

"Alarmed at the increasing ravages of the epidemic, Bishop Streicher, vicar apostolic of Northern Nyansa, has ordered a triduum of prayers to be held in all the missions of Uganda."

Items of Interest. A papal bull was received at St. John's, Newfoundland on April 2, creating Newfoundland an ecclesiastical province and elevating Mgr. M. F. Howley, Bishop of St. John's, to the Archbishopric. Mgr. Howley is the first native of Newfoundland to attain this dignity. He will not only be the first Archbishop of St. John's on September 25, 1848. He is the son of Irish parents.

The foundation stone of the Cardinal Newman Memorial Church was laid on March 26 by Dr. Illey, Bishop of Birmingham, in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk and a large and influential company, representative of the Catholic life of Birmingham and district. The event marked an epoch in the history of the Oratorian community which in 1847 was founded by Cardinal Newman. The majority of those forming the community at its foundation comprised former members of the Anglican Church.

In an article on the life and work of Right Rev. Dr. Torreggiani, whose death occurred recently in Australia, the "Freeman's Journal," of Sydney, New South Wales, calls him the "Angel of Armidale." The Bishop, as is manifest from our contemporary's remarks, won golden opinions in Australia. For four and twenty years, it says, his missionary life was a benediction to the homes of his diocese. On Christmas day, 1883, when Bishop Torreggiani was saying the opening prayers of the Mass at his Cathedral, a religious mania made a large at him with a sword and then fired a revolver bullet. The bullet passed through the vestments, but the Bishop escaped with out hurt.

The death is announced of Mother Mary Michael Maher, of the Sisters of Mercy, Callan, Ireland. The deceased religious, who had well nigh completed her golden jubilee in the Order of Mercy, be longed to a family which gave many able and distinguished members to the Church. She was niece to the Very Rev. James Maher, for many years parish priest of Graigue, Carlow, a priest well known not only in his native diocese, but throughout Ireland for his action and writings in defense of Church and fatherland in stormy days. Mother Mary Michael was also a relative of Cardinal Callan, and of the present distinguished Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney.

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A witness was called upon to give evidence in a shooting affray. "Did you see that shot fired?" asked the magistrate.

"No, sir, but I heard it," replied the witness. "That is not satisfactory. Step down."

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