

ended his wishes, and his faithful brother Daniel, consented to his going there, though they required to pay for his education. This they willingly did, and they received a happy recompense, by reason of his success. It could not be otherwise, for in order to attend more assiduously to the work he had commenced, he made it a point of duty to shun idle company; and at times he would bring his class-books to the garden summer-house, in order that he could be in complete retirement. He studied under able Professors at this College, and in the course of three or four years, he completed his course of classics and polite literature. Patrick now conceived the wish of entering Maynooth College, but, as means were wanting, he found himself necessitated to await the will of Divine Providence. It was not long, however, until he succeeded in finding a situation as teacher in the family of a private gentleman in Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, and by this he raised some means to advance himself further in his studies; but owing to an incident of a religious nature which, as we learn, happened to him at this time, he determined to leave for America and continue his course of divinity there. Were it not for the occurrence of that circumstance, which he made known to his parent, he would have appeared to be acting imprudently, if not rashly—for it was with some reluctance that his mother and brother gave their consent to his departure, and Father Carroll, the Parish Priest of Mooncoin, offered to take it upon himself to see Patrick advanced in the study of Divinity, in case he remained. Even the Right Rev. Dr. Marn, Bishop of Ossory, requested him to remain with himself and pursue the study of Divinity in the College of Kilkeany. The impression that God had called him to America, and that there should be the field of his real usefulness, was deeply made and it remained.

THE YEARS OF HIS PRIESTHOOD.

IN the year 1821, when the news of his intended departure spread through the parish, it caused much regret and sorrow that one who had already rendered himself so useful to both parent and child, and who promised to be an ornament to the church, at some future day, should snatch himself away from so many fond friends and relatives, and seek his fortune among foreign strangers who perhaps could not furnish one solitary acquaintance. His virtue however could not remain hid, and the consequence was, he found friends and a home every where he went. On the day of his departure not less than five hundred persons of the Parish and vicinity assembled, through love and respect, to convey him on his journey, and they accompanied him as far as Castle-Comer. Here, at the urgent request of Patrick and his brother Daniel, they stopped and prepared to return, after bidding

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