from intruding upon this first sacred interview between those two so strangely brought together by the holy death of the one so dear to both, as they might never have been had she lived.

And surely Gerty, looking down from her heavenly home, must have smiled in rapture to see already so soon her last wish and prayer granted for that dear father left lonely upon earth; so that even with a natural yearning he felt he must love this stranger, who had been called in such a special way by God, for whose soul his darling had so imitated her Divine Saviour and fulfilled the sacred saying, hath, that a man lay down his life

Four days later, on the eve of Gerty's funeral, Stanley was baptized by Father Walmsley in the little church where she had prayed for him so long and so often, taking the name of "Xavier," in obedience to her wish confided to Rupert during their last conversation together, though he of himself felt unworthy of so glorious a name. There had been a feeling in his heart that, if possible, he would wish to be already a Catholic, even outwardly received, when he assisted as mourner at the funeral of her whom he now revered as a saint, who had loved him with such a pure, unselfish, generous love—a love of which he had been wholly unworthy, and for which he must spend his life in thanking God.

He had not wished to intrude upon them by remaining at the Grange during the interval, but Mr. Mannering had besought him so earnestly to do so, joined, too in his entreaties by Rupert, that Stanley not refuse. How could he when the request was that he would stay so near the dead, and when those who asked him were her dear ones, whose kindness and forgiveness had been so great and so unlooked for? And so every day for two hours he had gone down to Father Walmsley to receive instrucand unquestioning faith. The good priest found the instruction an easy task, for Stanley had read and learned so much of himself. even while he had yet hated the faith, that it was not knowledge he faith, that it was not knowledge he had wanted so much, but only God's grace to make him see and prize it aright—to turn, as it had now done as if by miracle, what had been all darkness into glorious light. And as Lady Hunter watched him day by day, seeing the change, independent of his sorrow, in him whom she control of the faith to which he had been so wondrously called, visiting nowhere but at Whitewell Grange, and once or twice very control of the faith to which he had been so wondrously called, visiting nowhere but at Whitewell Grange, and once or twice very control of the faith to which he had been so wondrously called, visiting nowhere but at Whitewell Grange, and once or twice very control of the faith to which he had lived quietly at Briardale the life almost of a religious in the world, spending his wealth upon the Church and the poor, and employing his intellect in writing in defence of the faith to which he had been so world, spending his wealth upon the Church and the poor, and employing his intellect in writing in defence of the faith to which he had been so wondrously called, wisiting nowhere but at Whitewell Grange, and once or twice very like the life almost of a religious in the the church and the poor, and employing his intellect in writing in defence of the faith to which he had been so wondrously called, with the church and the poor, and employing his intellect in writing in defence of the faith to which he had been so wondrously called, with the church and the poor, and employing his intellect in writing in defence of the faith to which he had been so wondrously called, with the poor with the church and the poor with th ent of his sorrow, in him whom she had known so long and so well, while scarcely yet able to realize it, she was filled with a strange, holy envy, to which she wanted courage to yield truly and bravely, which made her often hold painfully aloof, as though divided by an indescribeble barrier.

And when all was over-when Gerty had been borne from her dear old home, as sweet and true a martyr as any of her ancestors— when she had been laid in the vault by her mother's side, with the simple inscription on her coffin:

divided by an indescribable barrier

their love for the dead.

"GERTRUDE MARY MANNERING, Aged 19 years and 9 months," with the date of her death, there was not a dry eye in the church, even among the villagers and simple poor. They knew now, most of them, and were proud with a holy pride, of the history of their much-loved young lady's death; for Stanley, regardless now of what might be thought of himself wished it to be told to every one, they him it to be told to every one, that his darling might receive, at least after death, the honor he had not paid her in life, and that her father

long years—since Gerty Mannering was laid in her early grave; and he for whom she offered up her sweet young life has received the utmost plenitude of grace she ever asked for in her untiring prayers for him; tion—he, proud Stanley Graham, to listen reverently to every word of the humble priest's, to become a child again, as it were, in docility to pass; for Stanley Graham, once that which was surely foreshadowed to pass; for Stanley Graham, once the proud, scornful unbeliever, is now a priest of the Society of Jesus, that glorious order which he had once so detested and maligned.

quietly at Nethercotes. The world, which had been his world once, called him mad and eccentric, having always suspected, so it said, that he would do something peculiar one day. But if in the past he had been able to despise it in merely a human sense, the world could not frighten or shame him now, when from the three who were united now by a holier bond than even grace had won his heart and con-quered his intellect, when God had given him the victory in the struggle with pride and human respect. Then, listening to the Divine Voice, which was calling him still further, he did not shrink or resist, but, like Rupert Mannering, gave up his ancestral home and inheritance to one who was a strang-er (his uncle being now dead), and became a humble novice among the sons of St. Ignatius—a Xavier truly now in his renunciation of the world and its honors, which his intellect and wealth combined might so easily have won for him. And after the years of retirement and secluded study, he comes out to the world again at times—as Father Graham now—to try and win souls for God. For though he holds an important post in one of the colleges, though his head and intellect are those of a writer and scholastic,

will be always our—little Gerty now, always young and girlish—as she died; who can never change to us now, even if God leaves us years yet on earth."

"Mr. Mannering, may God heal your pain, as you are doing so nobly for one who is so unworthy!"

And so for three or four weeks that were to intervene before he that were to intervene he to wish that he that were to intervene he to wish the heart of the heart of the that were to

figure, and is happy for a while in the life-like vision, and scarcely sad

who is awaiting him, together with her mother, still earlier taken from him. He sits for hours, on days when he is too feeble to go out, alone in the old dining-room, peo-pling it with the shadows of the past, in different ways to God, trying not to be weary of his desolation, but to accept it thankfully even, as the way by which he may be more quickly fitted for heaven before death comes, then him to go and the comes of the alement of the death to the comes of the alement of the comes of the alement of the comes of the alement of the aleme For two years after Gerty's death he had lived quietly at Briardale death comes; thanking God also, with all the fervor of his truly religious heart, that the relative to whom the old house must pass after him, though a stranger almost, is a Catholic good and true; that the relative to whom the old house must pass after him, though a stranger almost, is a Catholic good and true; that the Religious conduction of the company of the him, though a stranger almost, is a Catholic good and true; that the Russell, "If it wasn't for that pup," sighed Russell, "If don't mind delivering papers but to Catholics in the glorious days of persecution will own one of the true faith still for its master. And if he can think always of his darling's of icy water. This, he had learned, holy, martyr like death with consolation, it fills him with a sweet zest of life at dawn.

once when, in company with Rupert, Father Graham came for an hour's "This is pay-day and I'll have my rather Graham came for an hour's visit to the Grange when they were traveling together in the neighborhood. For in his gratitude Father Graham could not neglect the opportunity of offering up a prayer of thanksgiving on the spot to which he award his conversion and year.

"This is pay-day and I'll have my ten dollars complete. I can hardly wait to take the money around to Mrs. Smith. She was afraid I'd made that much."

The pleasant little town was given by year.

waning life. leges, though his head and intellect might have at least this holy consolation when all earthly brightness was fled.

That afternoon Lady Hunter had to bid them adieu, to return home to Nethercotes, and Stanley and to bid them adieu, to return home to Nethercotes, and Stanley went alone with her to the station.

"Pray for me, Stanley!" she wispered amid her tears, as her hand rested in his at parting.

"Lady Hunter, can you doubt it?" And his voice shook with emotion. "Can I ever cease to pray that the grace which has been given to may come to you in God's good time?—you whom He made so great an instrument in my conversion, and but for whom my darling would have died without the knowledge of it—but for whom I might not even have looked upon her in death." And a minute later the train bore Lady Hunter away from his sight, back to the world which But one thing more remains to be about the lawn.

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GERTRUDE MANNERING

A TALE OF SACRIFICE BY FRANCES NOBLE

CHAPTER XXVIII.—CONTINUED It seemed to give the old man strength, to make him merge his sown grief in the other's greater one of self-reproach, thus to take upon himself to reverse their positions, and be the consoler of the very one whom once in his anguish, before grace had conquered, he had styled his darling's murderer. He was calmer now than he had been throughout the day, with all Lady Hunter's sweet, kind efforts, and Rupert's and Father Walmsley's attempts at consolation. For an hour or more they sat there alone together, the rest purposely keeping from intruding upon this first sacred interview between those two and so for three or four weeks that were to intervene before he was received to the holy table. The was received to the holy table was taken in its was taken in the care were to intervene before he was received to the holy table. The was received to the holy table was taken in the was taken in the was taken in the was table to the Catholic Church we was received to the satonished world. Stanlev stayed quietly at Whitewell With Mr. Mannering, becoming deerer every day to the old many even for his own sake. Perhaps work might be fullfilled and bout him, for with the old charm was blended now the sweet yet and the sunded his heart his unworthiness of the graces, to which such as something irresistibly winning about him, for with the old charm was blended now the sweet yet and the seen well as the seen well as the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the great soul for which such as loving heart had so joyfully given up its life. Every morning the total the turned now with all the ardor of the great soul for which such as loving heart had so joyfully given up its life. Every morning the bent form of the elder, who was an older the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the young man supporting the bent form the elder, who was an offer the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the great so the condition in so that the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the great so the way to Mass, the tall, noble one of the great so the condition in so that the way to Mass, the tall noble one of the great so the condition in so that the condition is the proper of the proper o simple little convent girl—bright, merry "little Sunbeam" — has proved "worthy of her race." - has now when it goes; only weary with a patient yearning for his darling

THE END

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pling it with the shadowsof the past, with the echo of children's merry voices, the children both now given in different ways to God training area. It was much too early for

pride and triumph when he thinks of what it has won for Stanley Graham, whom he has never ceased to regard as a second son, whose aintly repute fills him with joy, though he has seen him but twice since his ordination—once on the happy day itself, when he left his seclusion to be present at it, and once when, in company with Rupert, plump puppy.

And, through the process of brushing back his black hair, his mind dwelt happily upon the airdale pup. As he regarded his head in the mirror he fancied chuck's merry brown eyes met his, and he seemed to hear again the gay thumping of the dog's tail, the welcome always given him by the plump puppy.

thanksgiving on the spot to which he owed his conversion and vocation, the spot which could raise no mere human feeling now, but only heavenly joy in his heart; and so, together with him who was his brother really now in religion, he went to gladden the old man by the brief visit, which he might never be able to repeat during that feeble, waning life.

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