

A HERO IN A SOUTANE.

Among the curates who some thirty years ago were attached to the Church of St. Paul and Louis in Paris was a Spanish priest whose unusual height, splendid head of black hair, and grave countenance, somewhat swarthy in hue, invariably attracted attention.

After spending some years as a curate at St. Paul and Louis, where he was universally esteemed, Father Capella was appointed pastor of a little parish in the environs of the French capital.

Falling seriously ill, Father Capella was visited by almost all his flock; even the least practical Catholics made it a point to call at the presbytery and inquire as to his condition.

"Father, Mr. X., whom you know well, is very ill. It is even said that he is going to die. We are at a loss what to do, for he refuses to receive any priest."

"What a pity! So fine a fellow, too!" replied Father Capella. "Ah, if I were not myself dying I would go, and perhaps would get a better reception!"

"Ah, you, Father! The man loves and esteems you too much to treat you like that. But, alas!"

He did not finish the sentence. A sublime thought inspired the priest. Raising himself with a mighty effort in his bed, he clasped his hands and exclaimed: "God, I beseech Thee grant me still a little strength!"

After a moment of recollection, he suddenly addressed those who surrounded him. "Dress me!" he said to them.

Not one stirred. Listening to the dying man's voice, which had recovered the tone of command, they thought him delirious, and so remained passive.

"Dress me, I say!" he repeated, with an accent of authority that there was no resisting.

Exclamations of astonishment were heard on all sides; but the moribund, whose residue of life seemed to have taken refuge in his indomitable will, held out his trembling arms and legs, already numbed with the death-chill, so that his orders might be obeyed.

"And now," said the priest, "carry me quickly to the sick man."

"Good heavens! he will die on the way!" was the despairing cry of the bystanders.

Paying no attention to their remarks, Father Capella ordered his men to appear before him. A few hours more and all will be over with us. Are you not willing that we should make the voyage together? Here I am, come to give you succor in this last hour."

An articulate cry escaped the sick man, and, unable to utter a word, he seized his pastor's hand and reverently raised it to his lips.

"My friend," said Father Capella, "the time is short. Trust yourself to me and don't refuse to make your confession."

Subdued and quite overcome by such heroic faith, Mr. X. burst into tears, and exclaimed:

"Oh, yes, yes, I'll willingly confess to you, who are so good to me!"

A heavenly smile passed over the pastor's lips. He waved the bystanders aside. The two dying men conversed in whispers for some minutes; and then, with a supreme effort, the priest raised his hand above the head of the penitent and pronounced the words of absolution.

Calling next for the holy oils, he said to one of the neighbors: "Take my arm and guide my hand." The man did so, and the sacred unctions were applied. The divine act accomplished, Father Capella bent over him whom he had just anointed and murmured with a sigh of relief: "Au revoir, my friend! And let us pray for each other. Now, Lord," he added, in a firmer tone, "Thou wilt let Thy servant depart in peace!"

A few hours later he was dead.

The Ave Maria.

A TEACHING MACHINE.

Some time ago a teacher of languages in this city found that his time was so filled by professional engagements that he had either to refuse new students or else turn them over to an assistant. At this juncture it was suggested to him that he could multiply himself indefinitely by using the phonograph. He tried the experiment, and after a little prac-

tice found that he could make a record which would enunciate as clearly and sonorously as himself. This was the beginning of a new system. When he announced his invention to the public it met with a smile, and now and then an expression of incredulity. Curiosity seekers and students who came to hear the records, however, were agreeably disappointed and surprised. The moment they applied the ear-pieces to their ears they found that the voice was almost indistinguishable from that of the professor. It had one great advantage over the man. Whenever a student desired to have a special sound repeated, it was no longer necessary to interfere with the tenor of the discourse. All he had to do was to stop the motor and move the cylinder back a few spaces. In this way he was able to have the vowels and accents which pertain exclusively to other languages repeated indefinitely.

The system as finally evolved is very simple. The student receives a language-phonograph with the receiver, tubing, ten records, and a text-book. The latter gives the grammatical and theoretical knowledge and the former the practical part of the instruction. The books educate the eye and the phonograph the ear. One may study as he pleases. He may give himself a course of ten lectures and conversations, or he may repeat each separate lesson until it is so memorized as to become a part of his mind. While he is learning, the members of his household may join him in the acquisition of the tongue. A family of moderate ability can in this wise master a fair knowledge of any of the European languages within a year. The language-phonograph seems to afford the right method of attacking the numerous tongues of the far East. These at present are a sealed book to the Western world on account of their having no alphabetic characters, but only ideographs. In addition to this difficulty are the singular accents or intonations which are such a stumbling block to the Caucasian ear. The language-phonograph enables the amateur Sino-lingue to progress fivefold more rapidly than under any other existing system.—New York Post.

PRIEST'S NAME USED IN FRAUD.

Father James J. Dougherty, of the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, New York, has asked the police to apprehend a young man, who, it is charged, has made a practice of collecting money since last June by means of forged letters purporting to come from Father Dougherty.

Francis A. Doyle is the name given by the man, and he represents him-

self as a collector for Irish nationalist papers. He collects subscriptions for them under the pretence, Father Dougherty says, that the proceeds are to go toward his edu-

cation for the priesthood. He has been in the habit of fleeing servants and others, who cannot afford to lose the amounts he invariably asks—from \$5 to \$10.

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Name your nearest Express Office: Your name, Post Office, Montreal True Witness, Name Reference, Mr., (Please state how much time you can devote to the work and how you wish to be paid—weekly, monthly or as you send in the work)

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Sentence of five years' penal servitude was passed at the Old Bailey on Wednesday on Maria Abbott for having thrown a corrosive fluid on her husband with intent to maim or disfigure him. The injured man, who is a retired inspector of the City Police, has lost the sight of both eyes as a result of the prisoner's conduct.

Religion is simply the way leading to the Father.



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