

The Waiting Angel.

BY MAURICE F. EGAN.

There is a small cemetery almost under the eyes of the chapel, where little children are buried—as if they would be lonely out yonder in the plain—Charles Warren Stoddard's "Lepers of Molokai."

The little children lie beside the sea— The ever-changing sea—an argent field At night,—by day of gold, whose depths shall yield

Both good and evil when the end shall be. It sparkles and it glows, as when in glee The children played, and glad their voices pealed

From careless lips that now in death are sealed— Sealed stiff and silent, though their souls are free; Could they be lonely, though no gentle hand

(Imagined by the poet) gave them mate? Ah, no; their angels—seen not while they played Beneath the palms, in their delightful land—

They see and face to face; and so they wait— Our angels—for us, patient, undismayed! —Ave Maria!

THE BOAT RACE.

BY WILLIE B.

Many years ago Robert Williams and Harry Doyle lived on the banks of the noble Potomac, a few miles from Piney Point. They had been intimate friends from their earliest childhood and never dreamed that the bright current of their mutual friendship could ever be disturbed.

Their fathers had presented each with a yacht, which the boys sailed with great skill, considering their ages—Robert was fourteen and Harry one year his junior. Harry's yacht was the fastest of the two, and was the cause of much jealousy on the part of his old friend. This feeling was at first suppressed, but finally became so bitter that it was noticeable to all.

One bright summer's day a trial of speed was to come off between the rival boats. The evening previous Robert, at a late hour, went to the river and, by the aid of a confederate, succeeded in attaching to Harry's yacht a large stone. The chain which held the stone was carefully concealed, and was so arranged that it was with the greatest difficulty that the rudder could be changed.

The morning of the race the shores were lined with the friends of the two boys, and raptures were anticipated. The yachts started on time. Soon, however, Robert was in the lead, and to the surprise of Harry and his friends, the latter was unable to manage his boat. They had reached deep water when a sudden squall, which soon blew into a gale, giving evidence that danger was lurking in its path.

The boys, discerning the approaching storm, at once endeavored to change the course of the little vessels and return to the shore. Robert had no difficulty in managing his craft, but Harry was helpless. Despite his greatest efforts his boat refused to change its course and rapidly drifted before the wind.

Robert, observing the perilous condition in which Harry was placed, immediately realized the enormity of his crime, and determined to rescue his victim even at the cost of his own life. Again changing the course of his boat, he started in pursuit. The wind favored him, and he was soon even with Harry. Un fortunately he was unable to control his craft, and before the eyes of the boys approached the shore, he was hurled into the water, and struck Harry's amble, upsetting it and throwing the lad into the river. The speed was so great that Robert was unable to seize the now drowning boy as he rapidly passed him. The crowd on the shore were horrified at the spectacle, and yet they were powerless to render the slightest assistance, as the boys were at least a mile from land.

It would be impossible to describe the thoughts which, in an instant, flashed through Robert's mind. Above the howling wind he heard the cry of distress which came from the sea his own crime had consigned to a watery grave. In that trying moment his remorse was so intense that willingly would he have given his own life to save the poor boy. He made the greatest effort to direct his boat to the place where he had seen Harry sink, but his nervousness prevented him from accomplishing his purpose.

At length, hopeless though he knew the attempt, he determined to leap into the river and swim in search of Harry. What he would do should he succeed in reaching him, he had no time to inquire. His only thought was that it was his duty to die in the effort to save his old friend. Diving himself of coat and boots, he leaped into the water and, after a terrible effort, reached Harry, who had risen to the surface, and telling him to put his arm around his neck, he started for the shore.

The two boys were devout Catholics, and in that trying moment begged the intercession of the Blessed Mother. After contending with the waves for a full half hour, Robert found that he could no longer support his almost drowning companion.

"Harry," he managed to say, "I am the cause of your death; I weighed your rudder. Can you forgive me?" A faint "Yes" was all that Harry could say, but it was sincere.

Robert continued: "We will die in each other's arms."

And indeed, they would soon have sunk had it not been for the assistance sent them from a steamer which had suddenly come upon the scene.

The boys were picked up by the life-boat and carried ashore. It required careful nursing before any signs of life were visible, and many days before they were enabled to converse with their friends.

Harry was the first to recover and begged to be taken to the bed-side of his companion, who, in his delirious moments, constantly asked: "Harry, can you forgive me? I am your murderer."

The parents of the unhappy boy were greatly distressed at this, and were at a loss to account for it. Gradually Robert's fever left him, and when he once more became rational, he asked for Harry

and would not be pacified until he was permitted to enter the room. Throwing himself upon the neck of his friend he said:

"O, Harry, what a wretch I am and how mercifully has the Blessed Mother saved me both from death and me from eternal punishment! O, Harry, can you forgive me?"

Harry replied by kissing the almost broken hearted boy, while tears rolled down his own cheeks, mingling with those which flowed copiously from Robert's eyes.

A brief explanation was made to Robert's parents concerning the mystery, and the unpleasant subject was spoken of no more.

From that day the two boys became as brothers, and when they were through their parents gave them new boats, which they often raced, but with the kindest and most noble feelings of honest rivalry.

Years passed by, and Robert became a prominent physician and Harry won honors at the bar and in the legislative hall at Annapolis. The lesson that Robert was a severe one, but was the means of destroying his jealous disposition, and changed his selfish nature into one of the purest and most unselfish. Although he never forgot the lesson he learned at such a fearful cost, he could not fail to rejoice that heaven had permitted him to pass under the rod, as by the experience gained in his early years he was enabled, during a long life, to throw aside all jealous feelings and to share in the success which came to his numerous acquaintances. From the day that the astrophical boat-race he had realized that some heroic remedy was required to destroy his selfish pride, and he thanked God that the remedy had been applied before it was too late.

FOR THE CATHOLIC RECORD. A TRIP OVER THE ATLANTIC.

A bright October morning saw us assemble at the little station, ready to start for the long trip across the Atlantic. Many kind friends were there to wish us bon voyage, and helped make our parting moments bright and cheerful, which otherwise would have been sad indeed.

Soon the sound of the guard's shrill whistle put an end to our lively chatter, and with loving messages to Canadian friends, and promises of long letters to all, the train started, tearing us away from kind faces and from the view of the blue hills of Tipperary that for months to come we should see only in dreams when far away from the Emerald Isle. A pleasant run brought the tower of Limerick into view, and after a short delay we started for Cork. The scenery as we went southward was very pretty; beautiful scenery and fine old castles rose up through the trees, and winding streams sparkled in the sunshine, on the banks of which the farmers were busy gathering in the hay crop, whilst the fragrant perfume of the meadows was wafted through the carriage windows, as the train rushed past. At Charleville we witnessed one of the most beautiful scenes, alas! so common in our country. Some young girls were leaving for America and the moment of parting with their relatives was a scene one could never forget. The grief of fathers and brothers would touch the hardest heart. The long and dreary journey, as the train steamed out bearing away their loved ones, perhaps forever, reminded me of Milton's lines, on our first parents leaving the Garden of Eden:

"Some natural tears they shed, then wiped Their hands in hand with wandering steps and slow, Through Eden took their solitary way."

As we neared Malrow we were charmed with the picturesque beauty of its woods, glens, and murmuring streams. The town and its surroundings are very romantic; a fine bridge spans the river which runs onward to the Lee. Beyond in the distance, with its historic castle, and more prosaic factories nestling near it, were seen Malrow, from a grand view of the "Beautiful City" burst on our vision. Very fine it looked rising along a hill crowned with luxuriant woods and blue mountains in the background. After a short delay in Cork we started for Queenstown. The trip down the river is charming; it is one uninterrupted scene of natural beauties; fine woods in their lovely Autumn tints grow down to the water's edge, while the magnificent mansions greet the eye on all sides. The Cork park runs along the river looking pretty from the steamer as groups of citizens wandered through its lawns and avenues. As we near Queenstown the view really grand, the houses rise tier upon tier, while the magnificent cathedral towers above all, giving to the continental appearance to the town. At night when seen from the harbour with all the lights glinting and glimmering, together with the many colours lighting on the moonlit waters, it is certainly equal to scenes in Venice. We arrived next morning at early morn. We would, in that I am glad to say is at length about to be completed, thanks to the benevolence of an American lady.

Eleven o'clock saw the tender leave for the Atlantic. We were greatly pleased with the first sight of the White Star Company's splendid steamship, the passengers crowded on deck to see us go on board and seemed for the most part to be Americans returning from Europe. After a hasty run through the vessel visiting the first dining saloon, library and sleeping berths, all wonderful of elegance and luxury, the time for saying farewell to the dear friends who came from home to see us embark was now at hand. With hurried adieu the tender moved off while we watched it dance on the waves, dim and shadowy through the mist of blinding fogs.

Seated on deck we tried to while away the time watching the busy life around until the bell rang for luncheon. Soon the vessel weighed anchor, and we were ploughing the waves with a stiff breeze in our favor. The evening was fine and clear, the distant coast bathed in the bright rays of the setting sun, the waves dashing showers of spray into the air which fell again like countless diamonds into the green seeking waters below. A brisk walk on deck while I enjoyed the varied scene before me, completed

my happiness, and banished that feeling of loneliness which comes to every Irish heart as the last glimpse of Erin fades from view.

Alas! for human hopes. In the midst of my poetical dream, I felt the first awful sense of coming we—my head grew dizzy, my feet tottered, my tongue became as a dead member, and I felt all the horrors of sea-sickness gathering close upon me. The call for dinner increased my misery. All went down happy and rejoicing while I lay on deck, determined to conquer or die. Half an hour passed and resistance was no longer possible; I rushed down through the saloon, where all were enjoying the good things set before them, as if sea-sickness was unknown and unheard of, little dreaming how soon they were to follow in my footsteps. I managed to reach my berth; then followed a night of woe and chaos. Morning came and I must get on deck or suffocate. To picture my misery is impossible. However, I mounted and lay on deck for the next two days without sense or motion. "Oh, I think of it, oh! to dream of it, to think of it with tears." Day followed day before I was capable of doing anything but gaze on the huge waves dash over the ship and scan the distant horizon on the look out for a steamer on its homeward way.

At night I watched the Great Bear and Castor and Pollux shining down like old friends, sending my thoughts far over the lone ocean to other scenes and other days.

The weather became very cold, making life on deck a sad affair indeed. Sunday dawned wet and dreary; after breakfast the steamer passengers enlightened the gloom by singing psalms to the accompaniment of a concertina; the voices were very sweet and they kept up all day in spite of the rain. At night in the saloon a Protestant clergyman suggested some hymns, which were at once taken up, nearly all joining in various keys, which brought to my recollection the old Yorkshire rhyme:

"I thought once sang vera well, but others die and go to heaven, Every one sang what he would, while I sang Dobby and Joan."

As we neared the banks of Newfoundland we were enveloped in thick fogs which lasted for two days, causing some alarm, as the vessel went very slowly and had to anchor one night owing to the density of the atmosphere, while the fog horns kept shrieking discordantly every five minutes. It was a dismal time, having a depressing effect even on the most light-hearted; as the fogs cleared a little, though rain came down in torrents, followed by lightning and thunder. The rain lasted all day, while the waves lashed to fury, rolled mountains high as I lay in my berth. Though lightning flashed and thunder crashed, I did not unlike anything I ever heard in the old tales, it was grand to hear, and I dropped into a sound sleep, lulled by the wild fury of an electric storm at sea. I was on deck next morning at six fresh and bright after an early bath, the sun was rising gloriously high, clouds of crimson and orange, and a large vessel was appearing above the horizon. 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