

ETHAN ALLEN'S DAUGHTER.

THE FIRST AMERICAN NUN.

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IN the town of Burlington, Vermont, 1785, was born Frances, or Fanny, Allen, daughter of the celebrated American revolutionary hero, Gen. Ethan Allen, and of his second wife, Mrs. Frances Buchanan, whose maiden name was Montrose.

Fanny Allen, who even in childhood gave evidence of the powers of mind by which she was afterwards distinguished, was early imbued with skepticism.

AN OLD MAN, IN A BROWN CLOAK, carrying a staff, stood beside her. She had not seen him approach and knew not whence he came.

Yet notwithstanding her expressed belief in the fundamental doctrines of Christian faith, the young girl was so true, so honest, so rich in all womanly qualities, that her mother could not feel seriously alarmed for her future.

A BOOK FELL INTO HER HANDS, which, in the then less advanced state of civilization and amongst simple people was read with avidity.

THE OLD CONGREGATION CONVENT, on Notre Dame street, which is so intimately associated with the memories of the past, of the pioneer days of Ville Marie and the noble, gentle, yet commanding personality of Sister Marguerite Bourgeoys, foundress of the Congregation de Notre Dame.

Fanny Allen gave such scandal during the first weeks of her Convent life, by her open profession of unbelief, that, fearing the effect upon the other pupils, the religious had determined to dismiss her quietly.

ged a respite, saying that she was sure Our Blessed Lady would convert the girl, if necessary by a miracle.

THREE TIMES SHE STROVE TO ADVANCE and on each occasion was held back by a mysterious power.

She did not at first tell what had happened to her, but very soon afterwards asked to be instructed in the doctrines of the Church.

by whom anyone who logically exercises that prerogative is anathematized. Strained from her mother, treated with severity by her stepfather, who was most bitter of all, ostracized by her former associates, she had to endure a thousand and one petty persecutions, which but strengthened her faith.

THE HISTORIC HOTEL DIEU, which was, then, upon St. Paul street, adjoining the Convent of the Congregation. Above the altar was a printing of the Holy Family.

THE story is traditional in Vermont, wrote a gifted Vermont lady, who has since passed away, herself a convert to the Church, and in Chittenden County, with people who knew the Allens and Pennimans—a few of whom, the aged, yet live.

On presenting herself for admission to the Hotel Dieu, the Superior, Mother de Celozon, advised her to return to the Congregation Convent, perfect herself in French, study the religion she had just embraced thoroughly and reflect upon the important step she meditated.

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month, 1808, she entered the Hotel Dieu as a novice. In the following spring she was visited by her father and mother, who were so delighted with their first glimpses of a convent, with the order and regularity, the calm and peace, the cheerfulness and self-devotion, the holy atmosphere of forgetfulness of self and of sublimest charity, that they congratulated their daughter upon having chosen the better part.

IMPOSING SCENES EVER WITNESSED in the conventional chapel was the ceremony of Sister Allen's profession. The place was literally thronged, and amongst the audience were numbers of Americans, Miss Allen's former associates or admirers of the hero of Vermont, the far-famed leader of the Green Mountain boys, Ethan Allen, of whom the daughter was now about to renounce the world, with all its allurements.

THE LOVELY AMERICAN NUN. At Sister Allen's request, the Superior was finally forced to refuse them interviews with their country-woman. During the eleven years of Sister Allen's convent life—she died at the comparatively early age of thirty-five—she edified everyone by her zeal, her regularity in the observance of the rule and her absolute submission to its requirements.

In her last illness she was attended by a Protestant physician, who was at her request present when the last prayers of the Church were said.

He had solemnly promised to renounce everything and become a Catholic. Shortly afterwards, he came to take leave of the Nuns, saying that he was going to make himself worthy to meet them in heaven.

REV. VIRGIL HORACE BARBER, S. J., built the first Catholic Church in the State at Claremont. Most of his parishioners had formerly attended the little meeting house across the river, where his father, the Rev. Daniel Barber, had so long ministered.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, NEW YORK, became a Catholic, as well as the Rev. Mr. White, of Waterbury, the Rev. Mr. Noyt, with his family, and some others.

NOTES ON CATHOLIC NEWS

The feast of St. Patrick was celebrated with more than usual solemnity in Rome in the chapel of the Irish College. From an early hour in the morning Masses were being celebrated in the sacred edifice, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and continued without interruption up to twelve o'clock.

The Cistercian Order, which is celebrating the festivities of its eighth centenary, numbers about 4,150 in its communities of men, and about 3,750 those of women.

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phenomenal, and its steady progress keeps pace with its good works. His Holiness Leo. XIII. has granted a special indulgence to all those who pray for the conversion of England in the Chapel of St. Paul of the Cross, in the Church of the Passionists, in Paris.

The Rev. Edward L. Buckley, until recently rector of the fashionable Zabrick Memorial Church, which many summer residents attend, has been converted to the Roman Catholic faith.

His parish, holding him in high regard, offered an extended vacation that he might have full opportunity to consider the matter and return, if he wished, at its expiration. He answered that his conscience would not permit him to do that, and he left for Rome.

The Catholic Church, says the Freeman's Journal, N.Y., has received two more converts in ex-Mayor A. Oakley Hall, and his wife.

An interesting ceremony took place in the little chapel attached to the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

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It is now claimed that the name 'Home Rule' was not as generally supposed first applied by the late Mr. Isaac Butt, but that it owes its origin to the late Rev. Joseph Allen Galbraith, a distinguished fellow of Trinity College and Professor in the University of Dublin;

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founders of the Home Rule Association in 1871. Mr. Galbraith used the term 'Home Rule' at a meeting in Wicklow street, Dublin, in 1870, and further Mr. Butt never laid claim to have first used the happy phrase.

FROM PAIN TO HEALTH. THE REMARKABLE CASE OF JOHN HENDERSON OF DESERONTO JUNCTION. ALMOST HELPLESS FROM SCIATIC RHEUMATISM, THE EFFECTS OF WHICH SHATTERED HIS CONSTITUTION—HE THOUGHT DEATH NOT FAR OFF WHEN FRIENDLY AID PLACED WITHIN HIS REACH THE MEANS OF RECOVERY.

It will be remembered that during the past winter reference was several times made in the 'Personal' column of the Tribune to the illness of John Henderson, a well known and respected farmer of the travel route, township of Richmond, about half a mile from Deseronto Junction.

Mr. Hall's three terms as Mayor of New York were in the seventies. He became a newspaper man later, and acted as London correspondent for the New York Herald from 1883 to 1888.

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