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THE APOSTOLATE OF A LITTLE

When I first became acquainted with Maggie, she was a red-haired, good-humored girl of nineteen. Her face was full of freekles, and her eyes were bright blue, and the wildest stretch of affection could never call her beautiful. But Maggie's heart beat with kindness and charity, which made one for-get all about her want of beauty. Her

hands were ever ready to do service to others, and taking her all in all, she was as cheery and wholesome a little servant as could be found in all

Her early life had not been an easy

one. Her childhood had been marred by the crushing poverty of Ireland, her girlhood oppressed with the knowl. edge that things were growing worse instead of better. Her resolution to instead of better. Her resolution to seek a new country, of which such golden tales were told by other girls who had gone before, though seeming the dawn of a millennium of comfort and affluence, brought the bitterest sorrow of her life—parting with home and family. So that, despite the brave heart that tunned as convergence to heart that turned so courageously to battle with an unknown future, it was two very tear stained eyes that watch ed (as she told me) the shores of old aroland fading away from view. No one was there to notice the pathetic droop of the curly red head, so Maggie cried "the heart out of her" for a day or two and then gathered herself to gether, and her smile and cheery voice were the most prominent memories which visitors to the sceerage quarter carried away with them.

There was one tall, beautiful weary faced girl who saw the little Irish maid feeding a baby whose mother was ill, and after this delicately reared girl went back to her own luxurious state-room she could not get Maggie's state-room she could not get Maggles 8
face out of her mind. (All this was
told melong after) "Why, she looked
absolutely nappy!" said the tall girl,
with a sort of irritation at the perverse sunshine, which seemed to shed its brightness so plentifully over the poor Irish girl's life, while she could not coax one single ray to touch her

own surroundings into brightness.

When the vessel landed, Maggie was met by two older companions, who had made the venture a year or two before. Their homes had been near "her pare" in the old country, and their letters were largely responsible for her coming

They gave her a rapturous welcome, and took her to a safe home, and then with the warm heartedness of their race, got her a place as maid-of all work with a lit le widow in Brooklyn. It was not always light work, either, but light or heavy, Maggie's smile and good humor sweetened it, and these became so pleasing to the widow and family that her newness to the ways of American housekeeping was overuntil she developed into as deft and capable a little maid as the most cap-tious mistress could desire.

Of course, she made some acquaintances among the neighors, and one of the first results of this was her joining the Sodality of the Children of Mary in the parish church, under the direct tion of a nun from the convent at the corner; and here it was I made Maggie's acquaintance. A retreat was given to the Sodality, and the evening sermon was devoted to the working girls. I don't know how it

was, but somehow one evening these words came to my lips: "Each of us has some special mission to perform in this world. The mission of a priest or a nun is easy to see, but there are other hidden missions in some lives—work to do—not recognized by the world, but which make one's life perfect and pleasing in our Lord's eyes. Some girls think that their lives are commonplace and tiresome; they long for great things to do, when all the time they may be passing by some little work sent to them specially by our Lord Himself We should be watchful for opportun-ities to do good to every one whose life touches ours. Think how happy we will be at the hour of death if we know we have never left even the smallest mission unfulfilled. This hap piness, remember, is possible for each one, as there is no life devoid of mis

sions sent us with a special purpose and meaning in each."

That week I had a talk with Maggie. I found out the bidden treasures of virtue in the girl, and we became fast friends. She often visited me after retreat, and always referred to the evening I spoke of the special mission of each one as a great en ightenment to her life. One day she came rather early, after Mass of a summer morning. "I want to say good bye, your rever-

"Good bye? Why, surely, Maggie, you are not going to leave us?"

'Yes, your reverence, but only for the summer sesson. Mary and Katie (they're my friends, father; came from the same place at home) have got places as chambermaids in a hotel down at the sea hore, and they be down at the seashore, and they be thinkin' I need a change, and so they got me in, too. But, father, it's just for the summer. I'm coming back in Ostober, and the missus she says she wants me back again then."

"Well, good-oye, Maggie. Be a good girl. Do not miss Mass, and go to the sacraments regularly. Pray for me, and don't forget to look out for your mission."

"I do be thinkin', father, my mission

Is to sweep and dust I never can think of anything else for me."
"Well," said I, "that is a very good mission in itself. Maybe God wants you to help keep this old earth clean. ee that you do it we l. Don't leave dust in the corners and some day you may find another little mission or two clinging to your broom or hid en in

Maggie went to the seashore, and maggie went to the seashore, and was assigned, with her friends, the task of caring for the rooms of a certain corridor filled with handsome apartments, occu ied for the most part by the girl butterflies whose wings flatter so busily and brightly during the summer time. These rooms

were filled with daintiness and frippery, shining silver articles scattered over the toilet tables, and the thousand and one things that belong to the paraone things that belong to phernalia of the modern girl.

There was one room, Maggie told me alterwards, where she delighted to dust and to linger. On the dressing table was a gilded frame containing an oval ivory miniature of the Madonna. The beautiful, sorrowful face was painted with rare delicacy, every detail of frame and a containing an oval ivory described by the containing the containi tail of form and color was brought out, the whole thrilling the gazer with the mingling of human and divine which is the result of prayer and inspiration in an artist.

At this picture Maggie never tired of gazing. The room seemed to gain a sort of sanctity from its mere presence, when she dusted the articles on the dressing table her hands touched with reverence and her

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lips formed a prayer.

One morning she was standing gazing at the picture, her duster tucked under her arm, her hands clasped, when the owner of the room, who hap, when the owner of the room, who hap. pened to be the same tall, weary-looking girl who noticed Maggie with in-terest in the steamer which brought ooth across the sea, entered suddenly. Her memory brought back the pang of envy which she had felt at the first sight of the blithsome little maid in the steerage She looked at her with unusual interest. Maggie was too much absorbed to hear the light cotfall, and it was not until the girl poke that she started, and blushing up to the roots of her ruddy hair,

apologetically, hastily resuming her dusting, "that I couldn't help looking

"It is beautiful," assented the other girl, looking curiously at Maggie. You way look at it whenever you wish. That is what beautiful things are for to give pleasure to every one.
This was painted by a great artist in
Rome, and I think it is the most beautifulface I ever saw. It is only a dream, however. No human face could ever

"The dear, blessed Mother of God nust have been that beautiful, even nore so," said Maggie shyly, yet with

direct simplicity.

"Surely you don't believe such a person ever lived?" said Edith abruptive timpules which made her forget position, education, habit, everything, save the d sire to argue with this creature who held a belief she could not share.

The astonishment and dismay in the wide open blue eyes which Maggie turned on her gave her a curious thrill, half amusement, half pain.
"Not to believe—" Maggie was too

horrifled to finish the sentence. "Our dear, blessed mother! O, miss surely you know about her?'

Poor Maggie! In all her life she had never been in contact with unbe lief, and this coming face to face with an open doubt of the very existence of the dear, blessed Mother was a shock.

Edith laughed, but she was impress ed in spite of herself by this evidence of absolute taith in what she had never considered more than a poetic myth. Born of a father who was an avowed ambeliever, deprived of her mother beore she could well utter her name, she ad beed reared in a fashionable atmosthere of conviction that religion was but a sentimental creation of saints and angels. She had been her father's constant companion, mingling but little with other girls; and in the society that always gathered about the brilliant physician she blossomed into a radiant womanhood without one stone of found

ation on which to rear the structure of faith and religion.
Edith had visited the cathedrals of the Old World, She had knelt under the gentle benediction of the Holy Father; she had answered the silver chimes of many a church abroad and assisted at sacred pageants, but had looked on with the eye of an artist, and sometimes smiled a little cynically. It was to her love of beauty she attributed she witnessed a ceremonial benediction at St. Peter's. Once, when she was in Fiorence, she had stolen into one of the lofty churches there. The dim light, with the shalts of amethyst and gold taining the marble floor, the sanctuary lamp hanging in mid air like a jewe alive, stilled her heart for a mo she knelt, and then she ran away, trightened. In the bright sunshine outside, filled with the glow of Icalian color, she laughed at herself, and thought she was growing emotional. But the memory had never left her, and comething of these thoughts and inci dents flashed through her mind as she looked at Maggie. There had always seemed a sort of reverence about. When she reached the Madonna Edith

saw her lips move as she touched it tenderly, and she said gently:
"You handle that picture almost as if it were alive.

"I couldn't be rough with it, miss," was Maggie's answer, and she glanced ander her lashes to see if the proud ace had the amused scorn it wore the day before. But no, it was grave, and even a little sad, and the sadness melted Maggie's quick heart and stirred her

"Pray to her, miss. She's God's blessed Mother. She holds the heart or her blessed Son in her hands, and He can't refuse anything she asks."
"Pray, child" said Edith. "I?

Why, I never prayed in my life. not know what the word means. How should I pray ?

And then Maggie forgot she was a poor little servant; she only thought of the depths of the stormy heart thus haid bare, starving for faith and love. She laid her red hand, hardened by toil, on the soft white one of Edith and said with sweet solemnity:

"Say, 'Mother of Christ, pray for le l' and you il get the grace of pray ing and believing, for she never lets a prayer go by unheeded." And then Maggie took up her duster

and west quickly from the room, leaving Edith gazing at the picture, while the little aspiration rang through her heart like s deep toned bell—only for a moment, however, for she dashed the tears from her eyes angrily.

"What am I thinking of to let the aroma of an old superstition enthral me? Edith, you are a fool to let your motions run away with you so! when Maggie came back later to finish her work she found the Madonna lying

face downward on the table. That night when Maggie's duties were finished she slipped away to the church, and kneeling in the dim light. she looked straight up at the white agure of the Immaculate Conception and recited the resary for the strange be so unhappy, and who did not know how to pray. "Mother of Christ, pray how to pray. "Mother of Unrus. Little for her," whispered Maggie. Little for her," whispered Maggie. did she know that at that moment Edith was kneeling at her window with the Madonna clasped tightly in her hands, murmuring over and over again
"Mother of Christ, pray for me!
Mother of Christ, pray for me!"

Each morning it was the same. Edith lingered to ask questions, and Maggie, whose direct answers, clear and con-clusive, with the simplicity of perfect faith, carried conviction to the heart trembling between doubt and desire. Maggie never hesitated; she never wavered. To her the unhappiness of not knowing the blessed Mother seemed so vast that her whole endeavor was turned to a prayer that Edith might learn. For wasn't the Blessed Virgin close to God in heaven, her Divine

All Edith's half-cynical arguments against the unreason of blind faith were met with the indestrictible weapons which that faith puts into the hands of stopped her praying. its weakest soldier. Maggie's untaught "It's so beautiful, miss," she said language had about it a rude, pictures. its weakest soldier. Maggie's untaught que beauty, especially when she grew interested and forgot her shyness. And as she spoke she made the great truths of faith doubly dear to her listener.

And as every morning found Maggie-nswering Edith's questions about religion, so every evening found her kneeling before the altar in the little seaside church praying with all the strength and fervor of her simple heart for the gift of faith to this other heart blindly groping in the dark.

And so the summer days dawned an died. Edith's friends wondered at her pre occupation, and Maggie's compan ions accused her of being in love until they found out about the daily visits to the church, and then they said she was cultivating a vocation to be a nun.

The culmination came on the evening of the 15th of August. As Edith knelt at the window, while Maggie was going to confession in the church, intending to offer her Communion next day for her beautiful friend, something seemed to float through the starlight down upon her. "Mother of Christ, pray for me!" she murmured. And suddenly the tightness about her heart loosened; the darkness became light, and, laying the dear picture against her cheek, she burst into tears.

"Oh, I know! I know!" she cried to berself. "She has prayed for me.
Dear Mother of Christ, I believe in
His one true faith!" And in peace with her tired soul she laid her head on her pillow.

The next morning, as Maggie passed Edith's door, going to early Mass, she heard her name called, and a moment later she was gazing into the radiant face of Edith, who laid her ban is on the little servant's shoulders, whispering, "Maggie, Maggie! Pray for me at Mass. I am going to be a Catholic. The Mother of Christ has indeed prayed

This was only the beginning. The end was when Edith was baptized on the 21st of November, Feast of the Presentation, and Maggie, more smil-ing and blushing than ever, was her god mother. When we went into the sa risty I said:
"So you found your mission hidden

in your duster, after all, Maggie?"
"Ah, your reverence," said Maggie,
"I forgot about my mission. I was too busy with my work and telling Miss Edith about our Lord and His blessed

Mother. And then I thought, as I looked at humble, ruddy head the Master's work in the guise of common things. Blessed be God in His saints. She is a true apostle!"-Rev. Blessed be God in His R W. Alexander in the Standard and

GREAT ST. AUGUSTINE.

There are few more interesting figures in the history of the Church than S. Augustine. As one of the greatest thinkers of all time, he well deserves to be called "the Great Doctor." The following somment upon his surpassing wisdom and ability is taken from the second volume of the Cath olic Encyclopaedia:

It is first of all a remarkable fact that the great critics, Protestant as well as Catholic, are almost unanimous in placing St. Augustine in the fore most rank of doctors and proclaiming him to be the greatest of fathers. Such, nim to be the greatest of lathers. Such, indeed, was also the opinion of his contemporaries, judging from their expressions of enthusiasm gathered by the Bolandists. The Popes attributed such exceptional authority to the Doc tor of Hippo that, even of late year , it has given rise to lively theological con-troversies. Peter, the venerable, accurately summarized the general sen-timent of the Middle Ages when he ranked Augustine immediately after the apostles; and in modern times. Bossuet whose genius was most like toat of Augustine, assigns him the drst place among the Doctors, nor does he simply call him "the incomparable Augustine," but "the Eagle of Doc-Augustine," but "the Eagle of Doctors." If the Jansenistic abuse of his works and perhaps the exaggerations of certain Catholics, as well as the attack of Richard Simon, seen to have alarmed some minds, the general opinion has not varied. In the nineteenth century Stockl expressed the thought of all when he said, "Augustine has justly been called the greatest doctor of the Catholic world."

And the admiration of Protestant oritics is not less enthusiastic. Mo e than this, it would seem as if they had in these latter days been quite speci-ally fascinated by the great figure of

have they studied him (Bindemann chaff, Dorner, Renter, A. Harnack, Sucken, Scheel, and so on) and all of em agree more or less with Harnack hen he says: "Where in the history hen he says: of the West, is there to be found a man who, in point of influence, can be compared with him?" Lather and Cal vin were content to treat Augustine with a little less irreverence than they did the other fathers, but their de scendants do him full justice, although cognizing him as the father of Roman Catholicism. According to Binder ann, "Augustine is a star of extraordinary brilliancy in the firmament of the Church. Since the apostles he has been unsurpassed." In his "Histoire de l'Eglise" Dr. Durtz calls Augustine "the greatest the most recent page "the greatest the most recent page." ine "the greatest, the most powerful of all the fathers, him from whom proceeds all the doctrinal and ecclesi astical development of the West, and whom each recurring crisis, each Schaff himself (Saint Augus ew orientation tine, Melanctuon and Neander, p. 98)
s of the same opinion: "While most is of the same opinion: "While most of the great men in the history of the hurch are claimed either by the Cathdie or by the Protestant confession, and their influence is, therefore, con fined to one or the other, he enjoys from both a respect equally profound and enduring." Rudolf Eucken is bolder still when he says: "On the ground of Christianity proper a single ilosopher has appeared, and that is gustine." The English writer, W. ningham, is no less appreciative of

extent and perpetuity of this ex-ordinary influence: "The whole life the medieval Church was framed on es which he has suggested: Its re-ous orders claimed him as their con: its mystics found a sympathetic e in his teaching; its polity was to e extent the actualization of his ture of the Christian Church, it was ts various parts a carrying out of as which he cherished and diffused. does his influence end with the line of mediavalism: we shall see sently how closely his language was n to that of Descartes, who gave the t impulse to and defined the special aracter of modern philosophy." And or having established that the doc-And e of St. Augustine was at the tom of all the struggles between senists and Catholics in the Church rance, between Arminians and Calsts on the side of the Reformers, he and when a reaction arose against ationalism and Erastinianism it was to e African doctor that men turned with enthusiasm: Dr. Pasey's edition of Confessions was among the first fruits of the Oxford Movement.'

But Adolf Harnack is the one who has oftenest emphasized the unique role of the doctor of Hippo. He has studied Augustine's place in the his ry of the world as reformer of Chris ian piety and his influence as doctor of the Church. In his study of the "Confessions" he comes back to it: No man since Paul is comparable to him "-with the exception of Luther, he adds. "Even to day we live by Augustine, by his thought and his spirit; it is said that we are the sons of Renaissance and the Reformation, but both one and the other depend upon him."

MORE ABOUT FRANCIS THOMPSON,

Francis Thompson has been so in telligently seen from the outside, says the London Tablet, that it is a great pleasure to give a closer Catholic view of him expressed in a private letter from which we are able to quote. It comes from a priest, one whose words are especially precious: "I loved the poet well, as you know; loved not only his undounted genius, but also his poor self that was so entirely unfitted to battle with life. My poor Francis, how I longed to see and serve him, and yet he always eluded me and ded himself dilanca Ha made one's life, apart from duty, bear able and ple sant. Never will I forget the old happy days we passed together when my plain philosophy seemed to give him pleasure, when his brilliant thoughts and suggestions used suddenly to light up my whole soul, and over the gorse and threatening the rocky hillthat showed us the sea, we discussed all things in heaven and on earth, and life seemed worth living. My prayers will follow Francis to the other world; and there will be few in heaven whose conversation I shall more eagerly seek

Another priest, to whom the poet wa a stranger in the sense that they had never met personally, writes: "For never met personally, writes: "For many years I have read and quoted him to all who had any ear within the ear and many have responded. It was in 1899-1900, when agone on a wild, very poor mission scattered over a doze walands, and too sore and tired on a Sunday night to eat or speak to any-one that Thompson's great Odes used to open to me like clear skies when the Yet another priest, one sun is gone." by whom Francis Thompson has been quoted in his public addresses—jewels placed in a fine gold setting—has writ ten to a friend: "It was a part of him to die in the month of the dead. All he did was finished. His death was the last resolving harmony of a life of clashing discords. And he has gone to the nursery of Heaven to have his voice perfected in the heavenly choir. To ne he is a prophet as much as Newman. No one has given such expression to man's true attitude before God. New man's life and work are a commentary on the 'Credo.' But I can recall no one who has equalled Francis Thompson as a commencator on the 'Confletor.'
Newman is the seer of taith. Thomp son the singer of Contrition. Some day, I hope, fragments of his song may be heard with the 'Stabat Mater' and the 'Dies lrae' in the Church s prayer; and he, on hearing it, will sing a new song, 'Domine non sum dignus'—his last, and sweetest, and strongest, in the ally fascinated by the great figure of Augustine, so deeply and so assiduous-

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THE JEWS AND THE PUBLIC

SCHUOLS. The Jews, as Mr. Dooley remarks, are a "splendid race that has been crooly persecuted an crushed f'r manny inchries but are still far fr'm broke F'r a race that has been throd nadhe ot so long, our fellow-dimmycrats fr m a few miles east iv Ireland are far fr'n weak in the great centres iv our fi-nan cial disturbances. Names endin' heimer' are far more frequent on the 'heimer' are far more frequent on the windows iv banks thin names beginnin' with 'O' or 'Mac.' Their names are seen on th' iditoryal pages iv many newspa-apers an' on th' more allurin' advertisin' pages iv all.'' This last fact noted by the humorist explains why the New York dailies have published to a work of editions. lishe; not a word of editorial commen on the Jewish demand for the suppres sion of all songs of a specifically tian character in the schools. And in their news columns they have tried to make it appear that the question been totally misapprehended. W we come to examine the misapprehen sion, we find that it consists in this that it was a year ago, not the other day, that the Jews made their protest, and that the Board of Education has only by implication forbidden the use of Christmas carols in forbidding the singing of nymns or songs of a sectarian or denominational nature. In one sone book it was found necessary only to cut out two pieces, viz., Aiblinger's "Holy Night," and Schubert's "Ave Maria." these being the only hymns which made any mention of the Redeemer. "Lead Kindly Light" and "Come, Thou Almighty King" were allowed to re main. Why not? Since Christian, Jew, Mohammedan, being all believers in God, can interpret them to suit themselves. The director of music for the elementary schools of New York City explained the matter frankly enough: "Our purpose has been simply to omit instructions of songs in which there is mention of Christ. Naturally that shuts out practically all Christmas It is a case of a misapprehen songs sion which did not misapprehend,-Casket.

CRIME IN IRELAND.

The Catholic Standard and Times. It is an old, old story and probably will be "continued in our next" so long as the Irish-hating London We have what we call vellow journals in this country. They are looked upon as well up in the art of lying; but the old Thunderer may be classed as the very Ananias of the

newspaper world. The Times (airly revels in the "crime and lawlessness of Ireland." and not finding great result, it im agines. Of late, there has been cattle driving. fearful high handed outrage. Times, evidently, has gout or dyspep-sia. If a youngster is spacked for mis-eat and drink and be drunk? country; if a vagrant is caught pil fering a potato, the land is steeped in crime.

always have been. In an address recently delivered in Merthyr, Hon. John Redmond said that everywhere he tory.

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went in Ireland he found the jails shut While there was neither crime nor outrage, there was widespread unnor outrage, there was widespread un-rest and impatience, and there were over a certain section of the country, taking place constantly, technical breaches of the strict letter of the law shape of what was called cattle driving. In no instance, however, had a single beast been injured, nor had there been an instance of malicious injary to property or life, either of man or

Ireland to-day is practically a crime less country, and, as Mr. Redmond said in another address, this fact can be proved from Government statistics. Papers in this country almost every day print lying cablegrams on this sujbect of cattle-driving. Their methods of treating the matter are in-sulting in the extreme. Surely it is bad enough to have English p pers thus libel a nation. Cannot the out-rageous proceeding in this country be halted? A little unanimity on the part of our people will do it. What irish society will start the movement?

CARDINAL NEWMAN ON CHURCH SCANDAL.

The Church has scandals, she has reproach, she has shame; no Catholic will deny it. She has ever had the reproach and shame of being the mother of children unworthy of her. She has good children—she has many more bad. Such is the providence of God, as de clared from the beginning. He might have formed a pure Church; but He has expressly predicted that the cockle, sown by the enemy, shall remain with the wheat, even to the harvest at the end of the world. He pronounced that His Church should be like the fisher's net, gathering of every kind, and not

examined till the evening.

There is ever, then, an abundance of material in the lives and histories of Catholics, ready to the use of those opponents who, starting with the notion that the Holy Church is the work of the devil, wish to have some corroboration of their leading idea. Her very prerogatives give special opportunity for it : I mean that she is the Church of

ail lands and of all times.

If there was a Judas among the Apostles, and a Nicholas among the deacons, why should we be surprised that in the course of eighteen hundred years there should be flagrant instances of crueity, of unfaithfulness, of hypocrisy, or of profligacy, and that not only in the Catholic people, but in high places, in royal palaces, in Bishop's revels in the households, nay, in the seat of St. ss of Ireland." Peter itself? . . . What triumph one of the few and gradually disappearing personalities whose friendship and finding great result, its it, though in a long line of between martyrs, confessors, doctors, sagerulers This throws the London and loving Fathers of their pe paper into spasms. It fumes and frets
and almosts explodes because of this
Lord's description of the wicked ser-The vant, who began "to strike the man-dyspep-servants and the maid-servants, and to deed, Ireland is filled with crime; if a will come of it, though we grant that couple of loafers come to blows, it is a at this time or that, here or there, miswave of crime that has engulied the takes in policy, or ill-advised measures, country; if a vagrant is caught pil or timidity, or vacillation in action, or secular maxims, or narrowness of mind crime. Crime, crime, everywhere—a have seemed to influence the Church's action, or her bearing toward her children? I can only say that, taking man as he is it would be a miracle were such offenses altogether absent from her his-

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