

THE TWO COUSINS.

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When scarcely in his teens the boy left his mother for the first time to commence his studies for the priesthood...

Her boy was home now to remain with her until the autumn, and on the Sunday before the fever broke out her heart had been thrilled with pride...

When the fever broke out Mrs. Conroy had great fears for her son, whose health had been impaired by constant study, and she begged him to return at once to the North...

When his work among the patients was done, Father Conroy went to the Chapel and found Sister Agnes Bernard, who at his entrance had flown hither to escape the man who had once sought to win her...

"Yes, father," she replied faintly, "I feel that my strength is failing, and I would like to receive the Sacrament."

Her request was granted, and for nearly an hour after receiving her Lord she remained at the altar railing, then with a feeble, unsteady step she made her way to the nearest dormitory and threw herself upon a bed as she promised herself for a few hours' rest.

Morning dawned upon the stricken city and the sun shone with a more lurid glare than before, which gave promise of another day more fatal than the last. As the burning rays stole in through the window of what only a few days before had been a class room, they rested upon the cold forehead of a man whose soul had taken its departure a few hours before, but death had failed to rob the serene countenance of the peaceful smile that told that he was at rest.

Far away from the graves of his beloved wife and daughter Andrew Hurley was laid in the burial plot for the unknown, and before the sun had set another grave was in the Sister's lot and the cross which was soon erected above it told that the sleeper was she who had once been known as Alexia Grey.

A few days later the dreadful disease had subsided, leaving many a stricken home, but in the city there were but few sadder hearts than the poor widow who stood alone by the graves of all who had once been dear to her, but what was the loss of the others compared to that of her son, who, less than a month after his ordination, had laid down his life in the cause of the afflicted.

On the day that Sister Agnes Bernard died a far different scene was being enacted in the dear old Church at home, where she had spent so many hours in prayer. It was Agnes Malloy's wedding day, and well it was for the lovely golden-haired bride who in her snowy robes of satin entered the Church at the side of her father, that she knew nothing of the fate of her dear friend.

Agnes had lost none of her early piety, and many had thought that she would choose a religious life, but while she loved the Sisters devotedly, she felt that she had no

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such vocation. When her hand was asked in marriage by the son of the head of the firm of which her father had become a member, she accepted him.

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The End.

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Without seeking to disturb the harmony that should mark the intercourse of Catholics with their non-Catholic fellow-citizens, or to impair the union of true patriotism that should bind all classes and creeds together for the good of the commonwealth, it behooves Catholic youth to look for their society among members of their own faith.

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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

(By an Occasional Contributor.)

As in our last issue we gave a number of events that are commemorated during the month of March, principally connected with Irish history, and as this is our first issue for the month of April, we will do the same for the coming four weeks.

First April—Prince John's fleet arrived in Waterford, 1185;

Second April—St. Patrick preached at Tara, in 433.

Third April—The poet Goldsmith died, in 1774.

Fourth April—The first baptism was performed by St. Patrick in Ireland, in 433.

Fifth April—The famous battle of Cappelquinn was fought in 1645; Lord Essex landed in Dublin to make war on Hugh O'Neill in 1599.

Sixth April—St. Patrick's Church, Dublin, burned, in 1862; in 1782 the Grand Jury of the County Cork passed the following resolution: "That the claim of the British Parliament to bind this kingdom by laws is a claim disgraceful and unproductive; disgraceful to us because it is an infringement of our constitution; unproductive to Great Britain because the exercise of it will not be submitted to by the people of Ireland."

Seventh April—The Treason Felony Bill introduced into the House of Commons by Sir G. Grey, 1848.

Eighth April—Monster banquet to O'Connell, with Smith O'Brien in the chair, in 1844; Special commission for trial of Fenian insurgents opened in Dublin, in 1867.

Ninth April—Thomas Addis Emmet imprisoned at Fort George, in Scotland, in 1798; the Catholic Relief Bill became law in 1793.

Tenth April—Great speech of William Smith O'Brien in the House of Commons, against the second reading of the Treason Felony Bill, in 1848.

Eleventh April—Rt. Rev. Dr. England, a native of Cork, died at Charleston, in 1832.

Twelfth April—Galway surrendered to Coote on terms in 1652.

Thirteenth April—First stone of Trinity College, Dublin, was laid in 1591; the Emancipation Bill received Royal assent, in 1829.

Fourteenth April—Charles Gavan Duffy was released on bail, in 1849; Lady Morgan died, in 1859.

Fifteenth April—Essex landed with 20,000 men in Dublin, in 1590; the Repeal Association was founded, in the Corn Exchange, Dublin, in 1840; Rout of the Williamites from Lifford to Derry, in 1699.

Sixteenth April—Henry II. left Ireland, in 1172; the Declaration of Irish Rights moved by Henry Grattan in the Irish House of Commons and carried unanimously, and Ireland's independence won—for the time being—in 1782.

Seventeenth April—Monster Repeal meeting at Clones, when fifty thousand were present, in 1843.

Eighteenth April—The feast of St. Lascian, the Patron of Leighlin; William Molyneux, the famous author of "The Case of Ireland Stated," was born, in 1614.

Nineteenth April—The monster Repeal meeting at Limerick, the greatest of all O'Connell's monster meetings, when 120,000 people were present, in 1843.

Twentieth April—The siege of Derry commenced, in 1689.

Twenty-first April—The death took

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NOTES

A CRIMINAL ACT.—How members of the press who claim to be honest, can possibly lend the circulation of truth about escaped nuns, and they surely are aware no longer any credit they are not so stupid them themselves; they are very evil-intentioned, and for their business.

example of this in Press despatch from Burlington, Ia., had Archbishop Keane to her vows that she might her music pupils, Haro The story has been proved absolute falsehood. The approaching truth in it, ter Annette is a teacher Dubuque; but she never of that name. Legal been taken to make one that published the story same. But, what is more to consider is the fact could thus be concocted at this late period of history. Every one knows anything, that are not now believed by greatest enemies of Catholic publication of them is a the honesty, or the sane writers and publishers.

CHURCH PREFERENCE.—this peculiar term the Statistics of Labor, of designated the different creeds of the people in They say that "preference pressed for 85 churches recognized standing," by suppose they mean that—numbering 241,651—questioned expressed their to this number of church ligions. Here, however, sage that we quite under which speaks well for Church, her teachings are

"The section of the to the attendance of in very imperfectly filled, as ed by the report of 78, ly one-third of the persons answering this inquiry, one-half of the number c regular attendants at their preference, and th tion leading in this respect Roman Catholic."

Whatever the value of tics may be, they certainly a fact that needs no great evidence, namely, that church attendance goes t lead in every part of the ton included.

A COMPLIMENT.—upon the question of div gard to Canada, an Am temporary says: "Divorce is very hard t Canada and one of the why so few divorces are in the Dominion is the P provision that publicity all the proceedings for st is devoutly to be hoped provision may be introd these States, since that a rush to the divorce m break down the whole n While this is quite a co Canada, inasmuch as it i divorce is hard to procu that our people, even w divorce, shrink from pu to be exact we do not m publicity for six months