



GERTRUDE MANNERING

A TALE OF SACRIFICE BY FRANCES NOBLE

CHAPTER XXI.—CONTINUED
"God grant it, Gertry," echoed her father solemnly, thinking in his heart of hearts that the example of his little girl might go far to work that for which she prayed.

Then she went up-stairs, to take possession once more of her own little room, which she would never want to exchange now for any other better one.

And she sent the note in to Father Walmsley on ascertaining he was at home when she arrived at the presbytery.

He had listened to everything, not with much surprise perhaps, as Gertry felt before he told her so, and had with his kind smile satisfied her by speaking the words of forgiveness for the alienation she had shown towards him, for her rejection of his kindly invitation to confidence.

course of sermons about it, my child; you have done it with God's help, granted to prayer.
"Oh, yes, father! without that, what might I have been now?" And she shuddered, and then added: "Can you go into the church for a few minutes tonight, father? I should like so much, if I may, to go to Communion tomorrow."

Her confession over, Gertry did not wish to keep the carriage waiting; but she followed Father Walmsley back into the house, where he shook hands with her very kindly and earnestly as he bade her "Good-night."

And the next morning when she awoke, still tired and weary, as Father Walmsley had predicted, that first waking at home which she had so dreaded was rendered easier and scarcely terrible at all by the thought of the all-powerful Consoler who was coming into her heart this morning, who had Himself given her the sweet grace to turn to Him thus early for strength and solace.

"I shall not be more than an hour away, papa," Gertry said, as the carriage being announced, she rose and kissed him with a yearning fondness.

"Dear Father Walmsley: I have come home unexpectedly, and would like to see you now if I can. Have you a few minutes to spare for your affectionate child."
GERTRY

STORY OF HESTER'S PICTURE
As Hester stopped by the hall table looking for mail, Edith Rowe came by. She looked prettier than ever in a new spring suit, the smart lines of which made Hester catch her breath.

She thrust the letter into her pocket. Why, oh, why did they have to be so poor when other people, like Edith Rowe, had everything? Of course she could get along without more money, but that meant no new paints, and some of her tubes were empty. She needed a dress, too. If only she could win the Anson prize, which the Academy offered for the best flower composition!

Opening the door of the third floor back, Hester stepped on the threshold in blank amazement. What had happened to her bare little room? It seemed twice as large, and there were embers in the grate! A chair lounge, bright rug, old mahogany, flowers—had some fairy godmother been waving her wand there? Then she realized the truth: she had come up the wrong stairway.

"What bad advice, Father Walmsley! You never gave it me before in your life!" And something of the old playful look flitted for an instant over the pale face.
"Can't you see it's a mistake?" he said, with his sweet smile. "or I shall be angry, you know. You will be very tired and exhausted tomorrow, my child; so only get up to be just in time for Mass."

"So this was Miss Rowe's room! Of course, Miss Rowe was rich—and beautiful into the bargain. For a long time Hester had admired her without daring to make friendly advances: Edith Rowe was several years older than she. Well, there was no harm in resting in the room for a minute: Miss Rowe had said she would not be back until evening. Hester set down her battered paint box and stretched out her cold hands towards the embers of the fire. Then turning as if to admire the things about her, she saw, carefully arranged on a model stand, a great vase of exquisite snapdragons; the long stalks were plumed with harmonious shades of pink, yellow and rose. And this was February! How beautiful they were, with that bit of dark old tapestry behind them!

At that moment the late February sun cast sudden yellow beams across the flowers. It was Saturday and the Academy classes were closed. A thought came to Hester. "I'd love to stay a while and sketch them!" she murmured.
An instant later the girl was on her knees getting out tubes of color. She had wall board to work on, for the morning sketch class had been for work in oils.

Hester painted swiftly. Beginning with no idea of making more than a rough sketch, she was soon completely absorbed. It seemed that she had never worked so well. Before her the flowers fairly budded and bloomed in glowing and translucent colors that blended beautifully with the altered shade that she decided to give to the background. An hour she painted, two hours, three. The sunlight was gone; the hearth was black, and the room had grown cold. With a start Hester realized that the picture was complete except for such finishing as she could give it at leisure. A sense of guilty alarm seized her. What had she done, staying all the afternoon in Edith Rowe's room? "What would Miss Rowe say if she returned and found her there?"

Hester hastily gathered up her materials and, carrying the wet from the palette, stole down the stairs. No one was in the hall; she went on up to her own room, unobserved. Once there, she stood the picture on her bureau and gazed at it appraisingly. Yes, it was good! A few accents here, a deeper tone in the background, and it would be the best thing she had ever done!

learn to draw, but because her parents insisted that she study something, and art was more fun than anything else she could think of.

"Hello, Hetty!" she cried. "I've got two passes for that concert you were telling about. Come on!"
Then, spying the picture on the bureau, she stopped short, suddenly serious. "Why, Hetty, how stunning! The best looking thing I ever saw!"

Hester flushed with pleasure, "you think it's good?"
"Good! It's simply ripping!" exclaimed Peggy. "You'll win the Anson prize. Nobody in the school can do so well!"

But on Monday at the Academy Peggy was not to be restrained. Paying no attention to Hester's pleadings, she announced to her friends that Hester's picture was absolutely stunning! Sure to win the prize! Under the fire of friendly queries and comments Hester found it hard to repeat her statement that she would not enter in the contest. She resolved to paint something to take its place.

But assembling a flower composition from desultory sketches was not easy. All the spare time that she had she spent in trying to achieve another study as good as the first. But her pictures were lifeless, compared with the glowing bit of color to which Edith Rowe's charming room seemed somehow to have lent its mellow, beautiful spirit.

She rose and took the snapdragon picture from a peg along with her two weeks she had not looked at it, and now to her freshened eye it appeared better than ever; there were just those few details to attend to. She didn't like the vase she would alter that. She got out her brushes and set at once to work.

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As Edith Rowe listened her sweet face clouded.

She was older than Hester and had travelled and seen much of human nature.

"I thought some one had been there," she said simply.

"I thought, if it were you that you would explain to me, but you didn't.

"Well," she said, "no one could be more ashamed than I feel, Miss Rowe.

"You see, the flowers were so beautiful that they carried me away—made me forget where I was;

"I will," she said eagerly, "on one condition. If I win I'm to give part of the money to the Babies' Hospital.

Edith Rowe nodded. She was perfectly well aware that the money meant a great deal to Hester.

"The first words of Jesus are few and simple, very much like those of John."

"Very well," said Edith, quietly. "If you choose to do that, it will be fine.

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As soon as Jesus came again among men, He learned that the Tetrarch (second husband of Herodias) had imprisoned John in the fortress of Machaerus.

He had done his work and was now to give way to a more powerful voice. John waited in the blackness of the prison until his bloody head was carried on a golden platter to the banquet—almost the last dish served to that evil woman, betrayer of men.

Now Jesus understands that His day is at hand, and crossing Samaria He returns into Galilee to announce at once the coming of the Kingdom. He does not go to Jerusalem, the city of the great king, the capital. Jesus comes to destroy that Jerusalem of stone and arrogance, proud on its three hills, hard of heart like the stones.

At Jerusalem live the powerful of the world, the Romans, masters of the world and of Judea, and with soldiers in arms. Jerusalem is ruled by the representatives of the Caesars; of Tiberius, the drunken assassin, the perfidious heir of Augustus, the hypocritical voluptuary, and of Julius the adulterous spendthrift.

Jesus comes to combat all these. He comes to conquer the masters of the world—the earth which belongs to all; to confound the masters of the word—the word which should be spoken freely wherever God wishes; to condemn the masters of gold, base, perishable and fatal element.

He does not wish to begin His message in Jerusalem where His

enemies, gathered together, are the strongest. He wishes to surround the city, take it from the outside, arrive there later with a following behind Him, when already the Kingdom of Heaven has begun slowly to lay siege to it.

Jerusalem like all capitals—great sewers to which flow the refuse, the outcasts, the rubbish of the nations—is inhabited by a mob of frivolous, elegant, idle, skeptical and indifferent people, by a ceremonious patrician class who have kept only the tradition of ritual and the sterile rancor of their decadence;

A man from the provinces, therefore healthy and solitary—He goes back to His province. He wishes to carry the tidings of good news to those who were to be the first to receive Him, to the poor and the humble because the tidings are especially for them, because they have long been waiting for them, and because more than any others, they will rejoice.

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Christ describes the Kingdom of God as opposed to the Kingdom of Satan, as the antithesis of the Kingdom of Earth.

The Kingdom of Earth is the Kingdom of matter and of flesh, the Kingdom of gold, hatred, avarice, sensuality, the Kingdom of all things loved by evil and distraught men.

It is true that Jesus added "repent," but the old word has been distorted from its true and magnificent meaning.

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The present General Intention is due to the personal initiative of Pius XI. When the list of intentions for 1924 was submitted to him for his approval and blessing, there was nothing special in them touching conditions in Russia.

One would like to know how history will judge what has been taking place in Russia during the past years. Just as we shudder when recalling the horrors and excesses perpetrated during the French Revolution in the eighteenth century, and judge that nothing quite so dreadful ever happened before, it may be that this judgment will be reversed by those who come after us.

he made to raise the drooping spirits of the desolate Russian people. Those who were unable to profit by his generosity were encouraged by his words to bear their sufferings patiently; for so deep down had they sunk in their despair that for them nothing further mattered. It was a revelation to them to realize that there was someone in the world who thought of them. Encouragement given in trial is a source of spiritual strength, as we know from what happens in other spheres.

And yet it labored under handicaps of many kinds. So grotesque could human aberration become that while the Papal envoys were at work feeding the starving poor of Russia, they were not allowed to mention the name of Christ or let the people whom they were serving know they were priests.

The great example of Pius XI. gave a fillip to the rest of the world. Notwithstanding the universal penalty which followed in the wake of the War, nations began to think further than their own frontiers and to pour supplies into Russia. The poor, famine-stricken people of that country were thankful to the Holy Father, for they realized who was the prime mover in the great world-wave of charity which helped to save them from death by starvation.

In all truth, the Holy Father succeeded in what he aimed at accomplishing. This was neither religious propaganda, nor the elimination of sickness or death or tyranny from Russia; his aim was merely to make less intolerable the burden Russia had to bear. It was to revive hope in their hearts and, above all, trust in the kindness of him who represents on earth the Father in Heaven.

and eighty millions of souls. In the whole empire, outside the Polish provinces, the Catholic Church had only two dioceses, one of them extending from Mohileff to the Sea of Japan, the other embracing all the Black Sea provinces watered by the Volga. To complete a desolate picture, the Bishops were expelled from these two dioceses and it is questioned whether, at the present time, twenty priests can be found outside of prisons in all Russian territory.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE ROAD OF ONLY ONCE
'Tis a solemn thought to ponder
'Mid our daily joys and cares,
Whilst we work, or weep, or wander,

I can tread it once—once only;
Tread it well—or tread it ill;
Wend my selfish course; or lonely,
Join the many of good will;

There are sick ones by the roadside,
Weary pilgrims, crippled sore;
There are poor ones, there are sad ones,

There are sinful ones galore,
Shall I bring them help or hindrance?
Bless or ban the helpless crew?

If the good that there awaits me
Be neglected or ill-done;
If the evil that tempts me
I have no desire to shun;

Woe is me! alas! forever,
My lost graces shall I rue,
Heav'n or hell must end this pathway
I shall never more pursue.

WHAT WE OWE TO FRIENDSHIP

We do not know how much we owe to our true and pure friends—
how much they add to our joy;
what they do toward the formation
and the adornment and enrichment

A MAN'S EXAMPLE
"Father," said a convert, "do you know that I and my family are Catholic because once I met a manly Catholic? I was going to one of our medical conventions.

My companion was a young Catholic doctor. There was a banquet on Saturday night and we had planned to take the 8 o'clock train on Sunday morning. It was midnight when we reached the hotel and I was requesting the desk clerk to have us called at 7 o'clock, when my Catholic friend quietly instructed the clerk to call him at 5:30, so that he could hear Mass at 6 o'clock and be back in time to meet me.

"He smiled at me good-naturedly and that was all. I heard him slip quietly off to Mass, and instead of enjoying an hour and a half of extra sleep, I lay there thinking that this man's religion must mean something to him. That started me in my study of the Catholic religion.

"Father, had that man been a moral coward and stayed in bed, my family and I should not now be in the one true Church of Christ. That man brought me to the Church, and I hope to imitate him. That is why I condemn the apologetic type of Catholic. We hope that those Catholics who miss Sunday Mass for little or no reason are not keeping earnest seekers after truth out of the Church.—The Pilot.

BE COURTEOUS

There are a few things in the world which wound us so deeply as the feeling that we are ignored by our fellowmen, that we are looked over or passed by. We all appreciate little attentions, and yet it is marvellous how few people properly recognize attention when it is shown to them. We take too many things in this world for granted as if they were our due, as if it were only right that they should belong to us.

Nothing in the world is so discouraging in extending a courtesy, as to feel that the thought which inspired it, or the trouble it costs, is taken for granted and not considered worth acknowledgment. This is to be noticed in many ways, especially in regard to little things. Some people seem to think that gratitude is only called for when the courtesy is one of magnitude, whereas very often a little kindness costs more personal effort than greater ones.

The majority of us take things too much for granted. We receive favor as a right, forgetting too often that a courtesy extended, no matter how trivial it may be, is meant as a politeness, and ought as such to be suitably acknowledged, even at a little inconvenience to ourselves.—The Echo.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE WILL OF GOD

I worship Thee, sweet Will of God!
And all Thy ways adore,
And, every day I live, I seem
To love Thee more and more.

When obstacles and trials seem
Like prison-walls to be,
I do the little I can do,
And leave the rest to Thee.

I know not which it is to doubt,
My heart is ever gay;
I run no risk for, come what will,
Thou always hast Thy way.

I have no cares, O blessed Will!
For all my cares are Thine;
I live in triumph, Lord! for Thou
Hast made Thy triumph mine.

And when it seems no chance or change
From grief can set me free
Hope finds its strength in helplessness
And gaily waits on Thee.

He always wins who sides with God,
To him no chance is lost;
God's will is sweetest to him when
It triumphs at His cost.

Ill that He blesses is our good,
And unblest good is ill;
And all is right that seems most wrong,
If it be His sweet Will!

GIVE THEM YOUR LOVE

Some day, boys and girls, your mother and father will leave you behind to go to a better home. That parting is always heartbreaking and sad for you, but the sharp edge will be taken off after a while if you have no regrets about the respect and love you have given them.

A BRICK

Carl did something uncle liked, and his uncle patted him on the head and affectionately said: "I'm proud of you, son, you're a brick." "A brick!" echoed Carl.

"Now I'm going to hear a story," cried Carl in glee, drawing his chair up to his uncle's.

The origin of the expression dates back about nine hundred years before the common era. It was in the time of Lycurgus, the great Spartan ruler.

"But we have walls," replied the ruler of Sparta, "and if you will come with me I will show them to you."

He took his guest out upon the plains where the army was drawn up in battle array, and pointing to the rank of soldiers, he said: "These are the walls of Sparta, and every man is a brick."—Catholic Bulletin.

TRADITIONS OF FISHES

Fishermen have legends all their own. They say that the reason why the flounder has one side white is that the Blessed Virgin once placed her hand upon it, and that the spot where her lily hand rested has been the color of snow ever since.

An ancient tradition is to the effect that it was the haddock in whose mouth St. Peter discovered the tribute-money; that the spots upon its body near the gills were caused by the pressure of the Apostles' fingers.

The pike, like the passion flower carries upon it the marks of the Crucifixion, such as the cross, nails and sword. This is, the sailors will tell you, because the pike remained above the water when all the other fish fled to the bottom of the sea in panic when they found that the Saviour of the world was to be put to death.

The Blessed Virgin has always been considered the special patroness of those "going down to the sea in ships." To her they appealed when in danger of shipwreck, and

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ships sailing past any of her sanctuaries used to salute her by striking their topsails or clewing up the royal sheets. Most of the ships in the royal navy of England were in Catholic days given one of her sweet names.

While Our Lady as Star of the Sea has ever been the protectress of all sailors, St. Nicholas has in a special sense been the patron of fishing towns. Many caves along the coast of France have been used as chapels in which both the Blessed Virgin and St. Nicholas have had especial honor.

Formerly it was considered a token of great good fortune when mackerel fleets could arrange to start out on May day; and the sailors took delight in decorating their day gariands. When the mackerel nets, with floats attached, were thrown into the water, the sailors would sing:

Watch, barrel, watch, mackerel for to catch!
White may they be like a blossom on a tree!
God sends thousands, one, two and three!
Some by their heads, some by their tails—
God sends thousands, and never fails.

Then the captain would cry, "Seas all!" and over the nets would go.

Ships of the olden time often bore an image of Our Lady as a figure head. With her leading them, they never lacked courage to fare out into the wide waste of waters.—Catholic Bulletin.

Go to bed at night with at least one thing learned and accomplished. The next day will dawn in finer garb.

Image of a bottle of Padre's Pencil & Pen.

Answer for last week: Curing of deaf and dumb man was Gospel at END of Mass last Sunday.

Image of a religious scene with figures.

AN AMERICAN SAINT

Here's a great Saint of L.—.u. And her name? I'll not tell it to you!

For her flower blooms in June, And to know her name soon, Sing "The last — of summer," please do!

The three words missing in the above limerick are hidden in the following sentence in the same order they should occur in the verse:

WELL I'M A CITIZEN OF EITHER UPPER OR CENTRAL AMERICA WHERE I AROSE. Can you tell from her habit (dress) to what great Religio-Order this illustrious Saint belonged? When is her feast day? Answers next week.

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