

HAWTHORNDEN

A STORY OF EVERY DAY LIFE

BY MRS. CLARA M. THOMPSON

CHAPTER IV. PRAIRIE LIFE

We shall pass over the first trials of the strange new home on the prairie; the dreary heart aching for absent ones, and the oppressive home sickness...

A streak of light came with the dear home furniture, when in the breaking up, Colonel Hartland, with true tact and refinement, had selected such articles as he knew would be most prized...

The new home was in the midst of a vast rolling prairie, known in Illinois as the "Grand Prairie," from its superiority over all others in extent of surface...

When the mother and father were restored to you, to the prayers of our Blessed Mother. Your father and Willie called here that week for the last news from the dear Home...

As Mrs. Benton folded this letter, her husband entered the room to which she had retired. It was dusk, she could not see his face, but she knew by his step and manner that he was in a state of excitement...

father and child was a constant source of anxiety to the mother, who saw the noble nature of her boy in danger of being turned into gall and bitterness. It was after an outbreak between them, when Harold had declared he would serve in this way no longer...

late years you have been so absorbed in business, that Harold has been left during the time when whipping might have benefited him, and now do you expect, by one chastisement, to subdue what it takes a lifetime to govern?

At the mention of his absorption in business, Mr. Benton sunk into a seat, his proud, haughty manner vanished, and his head bowed upon his hands.

"I meant no reproach, Philip dear," said the wife, sinking on her knees beside him, "you know I would not be so cruel; but pity this dear boy, by the memory of the past."

"Yes, Lucy," he said, bitterly, "what right have I to punish him, who got free myself by a mere act of friendly compassion? O God! would that I had died in early childhood. I hope Harold and Willie may both go before their manhood. To live, marked with such a stigma as I have brought upon them! Why did you come to me? Without me, perhaps, in time they might have recovered from the disgrace; with me it clings to them forever. Good God! what shall I do?"

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And sloping up from the water's edge, steep and rugged and majestic, rises the beautiful old rock built City of Queenstown, and against that sombre, jagged background, over the narrow, irregular streets, tier on tier, ledge on ledge, rise handsome mansions, all bordered in ivy and set in a wilderness of flowers.

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BETWEEN TWO STOOLS It will be a long time before the history of the Great War can be written and a much longer time before the meaning of that which has passed into that history will be adequately or rightly interpreted.

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will any Gentile except the corner policeman, and a Kentucky mountaineer, who had been reared with the idea that Jews have horns...

But the influence upon the chaplains themselves he finds comes from the respect for religion which was enforced by the position assigned to them in the military establishment.

"One evening Chaplain Paul Moody of the senior chaplain's office gave us an inspirational appeal derived from his own experience and his observation of so many successful chaplains at the front."

Here we have it. The Jewish Rabbi had something definite, something tangible, "Shema," the ancient creed of Israel, with which the dying Jew could make his act of faith, and with which he could pass unafraid into the presence of Jehovah of Sabaoth.

It is because nineteen centuries ago the "Star rose out of Juda" and because the Prince of Peace and the Expected of Nations came to dwell among the children of men.

No, men themselves are to blame. They refused, and many still refuse, to walk the ways that lead to individual happiness and to social peace and progress.

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all things unto Himself." In Him and in His Church alone is there any hope. May we never be slack in our duty to proclaim this before all men and offer them that haven which so many earnestly desire...

BLESSINGS OF THE XMAS SPIRIT

By the Rev. Albert Muntach, S. J.

The face of the earth has not yet been renewed, the dawn of blessed peace has not yet broken over the whole world, the sons of men have not yet tasted the sweet fruits of the period of the universal brotherhood.

And why is it that men today after so many abortive attempts to inaugurate that day of universal peace and harmony, after so many sanguinary wars, still have hopes of the promised period when men shall beat their swords into plowshares, and that they will confidently await the coming of the time

"When the war-drum throbs no longer And the battle flag is furled; In the Parliament of nations, The federation of the world?"

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

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LESSONS FOR OUR TIME

In these days of social upheaval and revolution, of strikes and labor unrest, of class hatred and of race riots, we too need the spirit of the gentle Christ.

The value of the lessons of poverty and mutual helpfulness taught by the Infant Saviour accounted for all thinking men as of the highest consequence in all real social progress.

The Catholic people have then a splendid opportunity to spread abroad the charity of Christ, and to work for social peace and progress by learning once again the practice of the "social virtues" from the Infant Saviour.

THE MASS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

In Scriptural proof of all the Sacraments we find that our Lord first promised either in words or in parables that He would institute the Sacrament and later on we would find the actual fact of institution.

We read in the Gospel of St. John that our Lord with His disciples was passing through Samaria and came to a city which is called Sichar, near the land which Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

Many Biblical students find another proof that the Eucharist is a real Sacrifice in the words of Saint Paul to the Hebrews: "We have an altar whereof they have no power to eat who serve the tabernacle."

The great proof for the Sacrificial character of the Eucharist is found in the words of institution and most clearly in the words of consecration that are pronounced over the Chalice.

From these texts three conclusions are drawn by Catholic theology. The "shedding of blood" spoken of took place at the Last Supper. This "shedding of blood" was a true and real Sacrifice and was considered a permanent institution in the Church.

Blood appears as taking place directly in the chalice. That the phrase "to shed one's blood" for others unto the remission of sins is genuinely Biblical language relating to sacrifice and in particular to the sacrifice of expiation, is freely admitted by the Protestants.

The four passages that were quoted from the Synoptic Gospels and Saint Paul speak of the "Blood of the New Testament." We find a parallel in the Old Testament.

There is scarcely need to add that Christ intended this Sacrifice to be a permanent institution in His Church. The Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrifice of the Mass endure together.

GOD SAVE ALL HERE

There is a prayer that's breathed alone In dear old Erin's land; 'Tis uttered on the threshold-stone With smiles and clasping hand; And oft, perchance, 'tis murmured low, With sigh and falling tear.

THE PRAYER, "GOD SAVE ALL HERE" In other lands they know not well How priceless is the lore That hedges with a sacred spell Old Ireland's cabin door; To those it is no empty sound, Who think with many a tear Of long-loved memories wreathing round.

THE PRAYER, "GOD SAVE ALL HERE" Live on, O Prayer, in Ireland still, Live on for evermore, The echoes of her home to fill When uttered at her door, And guarding by its holy spell The soul and conscience clear, Be given on each heart as well, The prayer, "God save all here!"

SICK CALLS

Every Catholic will, at some time in his life, be called upon to care for a sick friend or relative. It is therefore of great importance that every one know just what to do when the emergency arrives.

When should we send for the priest? Generally speaking, whenever it becomes apparent that there is danger of death.

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instance, if we know the sick person to have been careless in religious matters, and probably to be in the state of mortal sin, the priest should be acquainted with the conditions, and will be able to decide whether or not a visit from him would be advisable.

But perhaps there is a Catholic in your home, whom you know to be dangerously sick, but refuses to have the priest come until he expressly sends for him. In such cases be it remembered that the sick, very seldom know the dangerousness of their ailment, and they refuse to believe that there is a possibility of an early demise.

BOYS AND THEIR READING It matters very much what a boy reads. If his eager and impressionable mind be filled with deleterious trash which, masquerading as literature for boys, throws a glamour over crime and criminals, harm must be done him.

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from 1898 to 1914. At the time of his death, Mr. Mitchell was Chairman of the New York State Industrial Commission.—Our Sunday Visitor.

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BY REV. M. BOSSAERT

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BRINGING UP CHILDREN IN THE RIGHT WAY

"And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age, and grace with God and men." These are the concluding words of today's Gospel...

All Christian parents, who regard their responsibilities seriously, act like Joseph and Mary in bringing up their children...

Therefore, Christian parents, and especially mothers, never fail to pray earnestly and regularly for your children...

Now, we Catholics believe, as do you Protestants also, that God's attitude to us is a reasonable and consistent attitude...

We Catholics, then, hold that if those penalties are not paid in this world they are in the next; that this drunkard of ours, or let us say, a proud, spiteful, revengeful man...

Now, please do not be alarmed at the word. The word is nothing. Put out of your mind all the things you have heard said about these things...

It thus, Christian parents, you follow the example of Mary and Joseph, and pray with and for your children...

INDULGENCES

A LETTER TO A PROTESTANT INQUIRER

From The Universe, London

My dear Sir:—I am glad that you think that I have made the doctrine of penance appear to you, at any rate, rather reasonable...

You have put your finger exactly on the point when you raise the question of indulgences, and you very properly say that you do not understand how it can be that if absolution really forgives sin, anything like an indulgence is required...

Now, you will pardon me for saying in return that I gather you have not quite grasped what it is that Catholics mean by an "indulgence."

Imagine, if you please, a drunkard of fifty years' standing who repents with his whole heart and amends his life. Such a man as this is at once, according to both Catholic and Protestant doctrine, forgiven by the power of the Precious Blood...

Very well then, the Catholic Church has drawn up a list of such "good deeds" which no one is bound to do, but which will certainly please God if they are done in a proper spirit...

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if he does that his soul is washed in the Precious Blood and is saved. But supposing his repentance is exceptionally fervent; suppose that, having the thought of his past selfishness and loving God as he never thought God could be loved...

THE MIRACLES AT KNOCK

By John A. Gilroy, in the Irish World

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least he has repented, and at least he is anxious and willing to do what he can to make up. Out of his love, such as it is, at any rate, he says his Rosary every day; at any rate, he has been to Holy Communion; at any rate, he has given of his pocket money to help to build a church for Thy glory...

Well, that is the doctrine of indulgences. Does it not seem to you reasonable and in full accord with all that we know of Christ and His love? I am yours very truly,

ROBERT HUGH BENSON

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of the church. "What is the matter?" I inquired of a young lady lying on a couch before Our Lady's altar. "A cure, a cure!" she replied. The young lady was a Miss Jane O'Neill, who had come from distant Montana with her sister...

INCURABLY ILL, RECOVERS

On the following 8th of September (that is, on the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin), she was miraculously cured, and the medical appliances that bound her fragile body for so many years were suspended at the gable by a Dublin gentleman who is happily with us to bear witness to this wonderful cure...

It was my privilege to remain three or four consecutive nights within the church, and to witness some miraculous happenings. Personally I was not among those who got cured, or even relief, the first night of my visit. I suffered from an incurable disease, and some time before two eminent Dublin doctors gave me only a short time to live...

During my subsequent visits I was restored fully to health—health I have enjoyed now nearly forty years. During my visits I observed that many of the cures were from diseases of an incurable character, such as spine trouble, heart disease, hip joint disease, deafness, blindness, withered limbs, etc.

AN EASILY ACQUIRED HABIT

Have you gotten into the habit of constantly complaining about trifles? If you have you are in a fair way to ruin many of your chances of success. It is a fact that is being constantly demonstrated that we get very much what we look for, and if you are constantly complaining you will be more than apt to always find something to complain about.

Perhaps there is no habit in the world which so easily grows upon one as the habit of complaint. If one chooses to look for trouble, from the time one rises in the morning until one goes to bed at night, one may find innumerable things over which to fuss.

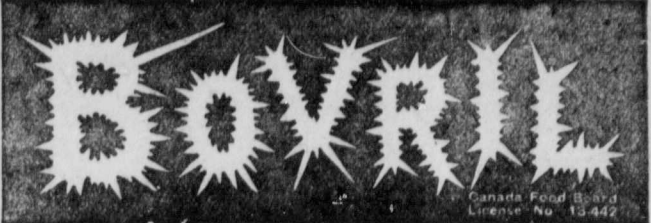
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CATHOLIC ARMY HUTS

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to the Pacific, through which thousands of Canada's fighting men have been cared for. These Huts are still in operation, even though most of the soldiers are home.

THE GREAT CARDINAL

(Editorial in Cincinnati Enquirer, Oct. 26, 1919) Perhaps no man living has exercised such momentous moral force in behalf of humanity as has this gentle Churchman who defied all the emperors of Rome and his misguided allies.

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And the soldiers in hospital, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliaries paid a visit, every man receiving a box containing articles which no soldier could do without. From hospital beds, from grateful mothers, and from the discharged men in Toronto, letters are being received daily—even the childish scrawl of the little one whose daddy will never come back, testifying to the work of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Army Huts on Christmas Day.

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