

THE LEGEND OF THE LACE.

Sacred Heart Review.

A long time ago, in a village not far from Brussels in Brabant, lived a little shepherdess called Micheline. She was an orphan, had never known a mother's love, or indeed the love of any human being, for the old aunt with whom she dwelt was avaricious and unkind, and poor little Micheline was brutally treated, ill fed, ill clad, and forced to work from daybreak until night taking care of the sheep in the lonely woods, where in winter, when the ground was covered with snow, the howling of the wolves used to fill her with terror. And that was not all, for after her miserable supper, when she was weary and exhausted, she had to spin and weave far into the night by the light of a smoky lamp, until overcome by sleep she would let spindle and distaff fall from her fingers stiffened with cold.

never consent to such a marriage—and then followed a torrent of contemptuous remarks about her poverty, her occupation, her rags! It was a great trial for the brave Norbert to find his father so implacable, and still greater trial to hear the invectives which he launched at her who was all the world to him. He cast aside his pride, and kneeling before his father, he wept bitterly, but the Baron remained inflexible before this great sorrow and humiliation.

Then Norbert arose, and drying the vain tears which covered his face said: "Father, since you will not be moved by my sorrow you will see me no more; I will follow my lord to the wars where the arrows fall so thick and fast that even the swallow in her lightning flight can not escape them, and it can not be long before I fall with my death-stroke."

Three days after, on the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, the Countess Gudule de Lobermunde went in great state from her castle to assist at High Mass in the parish church. The Countess was a noble and beautiful woman, with a tender affection she loved her brave husband, Lord Godfrey de Lobermunde, and she sought to please him in every way, not despising the little adornments which she knew gratified him. Hardly had she taken her place in her sculptured pew, than she found her eyes wandering from her illuminated missal, and could not fix her attention on her prayers, so fascinated was she with a veil which draped the forehead of a young girl who sat next to her.

Micheline in the midst of luxury never lost the virtues which adorned her youth. She taught all her daughters the art of making the beautiful lace, and established schools for teaching the same to poor girls; for the lace of Brussels had become famous, and every lady of fashion wanted some of it; even a queen would consider her outfit incomplete without this lovely and most costly lace.—Translated from the French by E. McAuliffe.

Micheline had reached the age of sixteen, and in spite of the faded hood which concealed her golden hair, in spite of the expression of suffering which saddened her face and veiled the light of her blue eyes, in spite of the coarse rags which enveloped her graceful figure, she would have appeared exquisitely lovely to any one who would take the trouble of looking at her for a minute, and one could not help thinking that among the dames of fashion in their velvets and jewels, she would be a queen of beauty, if one ray of happiness illumined her features or a smile parted her rosy lips. But was it possible, was it likely that capricious fortune would seek her out in her obscurity? Dare she ever dream of any other destiny than to continue as she had done for so many years, to wander all day long in the woods where the wolves howled and in the evening to be met at the door of the hut by her aunt, always with reproaches, sometimes with blows!

THE STOLEN ROSARY. A TRUE STORY BY REV. RICHARD W. ALEXANDER IN THE MISSIONARY. Sunshine and balmy breezes, sweet with the odor of spring blossoms, made the May afternoon like a dream of lost Eden. The Southern city of Richmond was all astir in the beautiful weather; the streets were filled with active men and gay women, who, with alert step and keen gaze, scanned the cloudless sky, were on pleasure, or on business bent, with that elasticity and vitality of movement which the glorious day had evoked even since early morning.

AT THE GREAT EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AT COLOGNE.

By the Irish section of the Eucharistic Congress which is being held in Cologne, Germany, under the presidency of Cardinal Vannutelli, the Pappal Delegate, Father Ambrose Coleman, O. P., of Dublin, Ireland, read a paper on "Mass in Penal Times in Ireland."

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. Apostolic Delegation. Ottawa, June 13th, 1909. Mr. Thomas Coffey. My Dear Sir—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satisfaction that it is directed with intelligence and ability, and above all, that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit.

Mr. Thomas Coffey. Dear Sir:—For some time past I have read your estimable paper, the CATHOLIC RECORD, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published. Its matter and form are both good, and a truly Catholic spirit pervades the whole.

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DEATH OF FATHER CONNOLLY.

After a long illness, borne with Christian fortitude and patience, Rev. John Connolly, parish priest of Ingersoll, diocese of London, breathed his last on the morning of the 24th ultimo. The deceased had for a generation and more been a prominent figure amongst the priests of western Ontario. Close resemblance he bore to the typical Irish priest whose sole ambition and whose every energy are employed in the work of building a sterling Christian manhood amongst his people.

Mr. Thomas Coffey. In a late issue we published an extract from an address delivered by Dr. Thwing, a Protestant gentleman, President of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, in reference to the Catholic Church.

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years ago, he died, and his three acres fetched £45,000, or £15,000 an acre. Though the owner did nothing to bring about improvement in the district, his estate got unearned increment of £36,000 on three acres of land.

THE RETURNED missionary who brings with him a generous bag of anti-Catholic bigotry and misrepresentation with a view of opening wide the missionary safe at home, will feel sorely aggrieved on reading the following statement made by the Rev. Peter McQueen, a Protestant preacher of Boston, who recently made a tour of Africa.

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More than 60 per cent. of those enrolled as connected with Christian churches in Massachusetts belong to that body. In Rhode Island the per cent. is 74. No more notable change than this has taken place in the religious history of the United States.

THE MEMBERS of the Masonic order in New Zealand have shown their good sense by making it a rule to blackball Catholics who seek admission to their order. They recognize the fact that bad Catholics who have proved false to their baptismal vows, cannot be trusted with Masonic secrets.

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the voice of the people is supreme, but if the people, when voting time comes, cast their ballots for the professional politician who is amenable to the influence exerted by the wealthy, they will have themselves to blame if our ship of state goes upon the rocks.

IN ANOTHER column we give an account of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Father Lacombe, the great pioneer missionary of the Northwest. Few men have been spared so long in the priesthood. His life work brings strongly to mind the magnificent achievements of the Jesuit Fathers in the early days of Canada.

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FIVE-MINUTE SERMON. Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

To-day, my dear brethren, is Rosary Sunday, and we cannot do better than to consider this morning the excellence of this popular devotion and the spiritual advantages that flow from its cultivation.

The prayer of the Rosary is offered up to Almighty God through the invocation of the Blessed Virgin, and six long centuries bear witness to its efficacy.

With this end in view he has established the October devotions, and he implores the faithful throughout the world to say the Rosary every day during this month for the general good of religion.

There is no household worthy of the name of a Christian home in which the Rosary should not be recited every evening as a family prayer; and there is no individual Catholic man or woman, no matter what their station or condition may be, who should not carry their beads, and say them regularly; nay, more, all good Catholics ought to have their names enrolled in the Confraternity of the living Rosary, and take part in their world-wide communion of prayer and propitiation.

Have you troubles in your family? Say the beads every day, and see if your troubles will not cease? Have you passions to overcome? Recite the Rosary faithfully, and see if you will not gain the mastery over them?

Some time ago a poor slave of intemperance came to take the pledge; he acknowledged that he had broken through the pledge several times already; "Are you really in earnest? do you want to get rid of the cursed passion for drink?" the priest asked.

"Father," said he, "I'll do it. I'll go and get beads and have them blessed at once." And the poor fellow has said the Rosary every day since, and he has kept his pledge. How many homes in our midst would be made happy if the victims of this horrible vice would follow this example and apply this simple remedy! For there is no vice that may not be overcome by persevering in prayer, and there is no prayer more powerful than the prayer of the Rosary.

STARVING FAITH. "He read himself out of the Catholic Church." The statement is not altogether absurd. Such things happen—once in a great while. But it was not the wide extent of his reading that weakened his Catholic faith, and finally left him an agnostic or an indifferentist. It was the character of the little reading in which he indulged.

He read only the daily papers with their sensational and scandalous, a few magazine articles and fewer books—these last of a doubtful character. In the course of time he grew careless about his religion. He felt superior to it and did not see the use of it. He considered himself as good, if not better than the men about him who attended Mass every Sunday and approached the Sacraments regularly. Soon he neglected his religion altogether and became one of the millions without a church. He had "read himself out of the church."

But how much had he read? Nothing solid or learned. He had simply limited his reading acquaintance to ephemeral and irrelevant writers, while the great libraries of Catholic literature were unknown to him. It was his lack of reading that killed his faith and left him without any religion. He had starved his faith and it was no wonder that in time it became very weak and finally died. It was a natural process.

There are thousands of homes in this country in which the process of starving faith is going on. You may find the daily paper and the current magazines there. The latest novel is also to be found on the centre table. But where is the Catholic literature, where the solid religious books of devotion? They are not there and faith is being starved—perhaps slowly—but none the less surely. A diet of irrelevant reading will always produce disastrous results.—True Voice.

A PETULANT CHURCH.

EPISCOPALIAN IRRITATION AT LOSS EXPRESSES ITSELF IN VARIOUS WAYS.

Episcopalianism does not readily recover from the irritation caused by the loss of converts to the Catholic Church. It has been worried, too, because the vicar of St. Mary's, Wolverton, England, has recently been sentenced by the secular court for putting in practice his belief that the Anglican Church is really Catholic.

Bishop Grafton, of Fond du Lac, has been in eruption for over a year. Both the great Episcopalian weeklies, high and low, attack the Catholic position, each after its own fashion, in almost every issue. The Living Church, of Milwaukee, follows the settled policy of insisting that for the English-speaking world, Episcopalianism is the only simple brand of Catholicity. It scolds The Lamp, an Episcopal magazine which advocates submission to the Pope, as follows: "We regret that The Lamp should deem it important to lay stress, month after month, upon its statement that the English Church was 'Roman Catholic' before the Reformation."

Now comes the Living Church with a great hue and cry that the sinister influence of Rome is perverting history. In its issue of August 11th it discussed at great length in both editorial and correspondence columns the fact that "Roman influence forbids the use in our schools of books which are not in accordance with the views of the Roman Church." It tells of a book of "English History Stories" prepared by an Episcopalian, which the publishers are alleged to have mutilated at the behest of the Catholic Church.

There is a new cult, the fundamental teaching of which is, "If you think right you'll vibrate right. If you vibrate right you will live forever." This beats the new religion of the Emeritus President Eliot. He should take note of this new cult.

There are just 14,000 persons so far eligible for immortality on this earth. The dogma has no name. Why not call it "The Vibrate?" The first public meeting was held last Sunday night in New York at 32 E. 33rd street. The sponsors say they will demonstrate that their followers will live forever—right here on earth. The sponsors will themselves have to live a long time to carry out the demonstration.

There were thirteen women and four men at the meeting, not counting two servants in livery, a deaconess in flowing white silk robes sitting on a throne under an artificial rubber plant, "David," a man with a high forehead, black moustache, light clothing and lavender scarf, and the blonde young woman who attended him. It was said he had spent ten years in meditation in India. He said it was his first address in public. He had a Liverpool accent.

"I told you how old I am and you would not believe me," she said in a whisper, "but I am not so old as a few persons with whom I broke bread not long since. One of these persons was five hundred years old, another was one thousand. Live as we tell you to live and you will live forever. You will grow younger instead of older."

David wotted thus: "I am here to tell you the wonderful good news that you may all live forever. The end of the sixth day in the period of the creation of the world is at hand. In our belief a day is as one thousand years and one thousand years is as a day. It is in this day that immortality begins on earth."

"I counsel you to go into the silence each morning at 6, again at high noon and again at 6 in the evening. Concentrate your thought on the idea that you cannot die. Live as we tell you to live and you will find that you can live forever on this earth."

The woman in white said nothing must be renounced to become one of the elect, and that the religion had neither name nor collection boxes.

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"You give up nothing. You get more of everything you already have," she sentimentally explained. "It listens good to me," said the man on a sofa, whose tie was drawn through a diamond ring. As the meeting adjourned it was announced that a call would soon be sent for the others of the 144,000 elect.

LORD MACAULEY ON THE CHURCH. The Salt Lake Herald, in a sympathetic review of the Catholic Church in Utah, the day after the dedication of the Cathedral, quoted a sentence from Macauley's Essay on Von Ranke's "History of the Popes." Coming from a Protestant pen at a time when in Great Britain, hostility to the Catholic Church was a national virtue and sympathy with Rome treason to the state, this wonderful tribute from a wonderful man has no parallel in English literature.

"There is not, and there never was on earth, a work of human policy so well deserving of examination as the Roman Catholic Church. The history of that Church joins together the two great ages of human civilization. No other institution is left standing which carries the mind back to the times when the smoke of sacrifice rose from the Pantheon, and when camelpards and tigers bounded in the Flavian amphitheatre.

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY. Twenty-three years ago, owing to the troubles that beset the Church, Pope Leo XIII. solemnly proclaimed October as the month of the Most Holy Rosary. He directed that the faithful throughout the world should recite the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the peace and welfare of the Church. The prayers were to be recited during Mass or during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

To encourage the faithful to take part in these devotions he granted many indulgences. For each attendance the Holy Father granted an indulgence of seven years and seven times forty days. A Plenary Indulgence may be gained on the usual conditions by any who assists ten times at the public devotions, or who for that time says the prescribed prayers in private when it is not convenient to go to the church. A Plenary Indulgence is granted on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, or on any one of the days of the Octave.

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THE PURITANICAL CODE. A missionary to non-Catholics in Ohio gives the following as a sample of the experience that falls to the lot of the missionary in some localities: "You gave your Protestant hearers an awful jolt when you stated night before last that card playing and dancing were not sure damnation. The Catholic Church is too wicked; they won't listen to any more lectures." This was the judgment of a Danville observer, communicated to one of the priests at the mission to non-Catholics recently.

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