

as such as he was settled. Winter came again and then another springtime. A whole year went by without bringing any tidings to the mother. She stood in the doorway, straining her eyes as she peered through the gloaming, as if she half expected to see the boy's familiar form coming home from work as he used to do.

Many a night, when the rain pattered on the low roof, she lay awake thinking of him, and her pillow was wet with tears. Once she started out of her sleep in great fright. She had been dreaming of wandering along the seashore in a great storm. She could hear Jimmy calling her in the darkness, and the dream was so vivid that when she awoke, his voice still rang in her ears, calling her to come.

"My boy needs me, and I must go to him," she said to herself, and that was what she told her neighbors next morning when they found her preparing for her long journey.

"But you don't know even the name of the city where he has gone," one of them said. "How will you find him in all that strange land?"

"I have thought of that," she answered. "My cousin Andrew's family, of Dublin, sent me last month to New York. I have enough to take me to them, and they will keep me till I can find something to do. I may as well be working there as here."

It was a balmy May morning when she looked back for the last time on the little home where she had passed so many happy years. It had grown to be such a part of her existence, that she seemed almost human. Jimmy's father had planted the rose that had climbed up and hung its fragrant buds around the doorway. Jimmy himself had brought those flat stones, and laid the walk that led from the threshold to the gate. She was treading it now for the last time. It was so hard to go. "Good-bye!" she whispered softly.

She paused for a moment when she reached the bridge that spanned the river. The river was an old friend, too. It had been to her a source of life, and she remembered the trysts she had kept on its green banks. "Good-bye!" she sighed again.

When she was far out in the country, she turned again and looked back toward the distant church spires of Cork, shining in the morning sunlight, till tears dimmed her sight, and once more she said "Good-bye!"

She was leaving so much behind her—the familiar streets of the old town, the playmates of her childhood, the friends of a life-time—nearly all that her heart held dear.

Her listening ear caught the far off sound of bells, and she closed her eyes. She seemed to be again in her beloved church, to see the incense rising and the swinging censers, to hear the chanting of the white-robed children, and the deep musical voice of the priest.

At the thought of Father Mc Dermott and his parishioners, she wept, and she wept so rapidly the water rose the water, and she wept so fast that she could not see the face of the man who stood before her.

The bells ceased their chiming in the great cathedral tower. Far over the city they had rung their things of peace on earth to men of good will," for it was Christmas Eve, and the snow fell fast that the world might wear white on its glad holiday.

Up a steep hill of tenement stairs, in a little room that showed extreme poverty in every detail, an old woman sat mending a faded shawl.

"No one who had known Kate Dugan would recognize her now; the black hair had grown so white with weary waiting, the fair face was so wrinkled and care-worn, but her lips still kept their resolute lines, and in her beautiful eyes glowed the hope that had upheld her for thirty long years, the hope of some day finding her son.

She had gone to her cousin Andrew's family, and they had welcomed her gladly. Many a time she had left them to follow up some clue she hoped would lead to the discovery of her son, but always came back to them disappointed.

One day, after one of these unsuccessful expeditions, baffled and broken-hearted, when she sought the priest's counsel, as usual, he said to her, "Why do you waste your time in such a fruitless search and in idle lamenting? All around you in this great city are perishing souls who need your help. Forget yourself and your sorrow in a labor of love for others. Fill your days with good words and you shall have the blessings of the saints and the favor of God."

From that time her life of sacrifice and self-obliteration began. Her health was not so strong as it had been in its native climate, and she had to toil early and late, for the pittance that bought her bread, and paid the rent of the little room she called home.

Many a time she put aside her needle, and instead of her usual work, she wrote a number of times after that, but received no answer.

At last, he sent a letter of inquiry to his cousin, Andrew, in Dublin, and one to his old friend in Cork.

The latter was the only one that elicited any response. The friend told him that his mother had gone to America several months before and that nothing further was known of her.

The poor boy felt his condition keenly. He was a stranger in a strange land, with no money to advertise. She was as completely lost to him as if the waves of the sea had enveloped her. With a sore heart he gave up the search.

Step by step, he had risen and in his humble position to one of honor and influence. They had married and went to live with his bride.

"Now," he said, tenderly, as he drew his mother closer, "you shall never have a wish ungratified, nor a care that I can shield you from. As soon as I am able to travel, you shall go back with me to my family. Luckily, I had just finished attending to the business that had called me here, when I met with the accident. What day is it?" he continued, "I have lost all account of time."

"Ah," she answered reverently, "a day that brings joy to all lands—the birthday of the Lord. And a fitting day it is for a mother's heart to be made glad by the restoration of her son."

He called Sister Agnes and asked for his purse. When she had brought it, he took from it a roll of bills and counted out what seemed to her a fortune.

"Use it in the cause of charity," he said, "wherever it will do the most good. It is our thank offering to the Blessed Virgin and her Divine Son."

He put his arm around his mother and drew her to his breast again. With a feeling of gratitude and happiness too deep for telling, she rested her tired head on his broad shoulder.

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THE LOURDES CASES

AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH—INSTRUCTIVE ARTICLE BY ABBOT GASQUET.

The British Medical Journal has published a series of articles on "Faith Healing" and "Lourdes Miracles." In a recent issue appeared articles on these subjects by the Right Rev. Dr. Gasquet, Abbot, President of the English Benedictines, and the Rev. Herbert Thurston, S. J.

Abbott Gasquet writes: "The articles which have appeared in the 'British Medical Journal' on 'Faith Healing' and 'Lourdes Miracles' seem to call for some remarks from a Catholic standpoint. I welcome this remarkable series of papers, written by eminent men of the medical profession, for their spirit of fairness, although they are for the most part written from a strictly rationalistic point of view. As I conceive it, the fundamental difference between the Catholic and the non-Catholic attitude towards 'miracles' in general, is in regard to the possibility of such interventions on the part of the Supreme Being. We affirm not only the possibility but the fact that God has wrought miracles on earth all through His history, and even since the days of the Apostles. Whether He has done so or not in any given case is for us merely a question of evidence.

A miracle, as we understand it, is something which is above or contrary to the ordinary known laws of Nature, or something brought about by supernatural agency. We believe not only that God has willed the possibility of the laws which govern it, but that His Almighty power continues to rule and control it by His direct action upon it. No one who believes in the existence of God can reasonably doubt it.

THE POSSIBILITY OF MIRACLES. To question it is to question whether the Supreme Being can depart from the laws which He has established as Maker of heaven and earth. Jean Jacques Rousseau, that typical unbeliever, long ago declared that such a question "would be impious if it were not absurd," and added that "God could never deny the possibility of miracles." Renan, too, formulated the same idea when he said that the verse of the Psalmist, "Numquid poterit Deus in deserto operari," is a fallacious parable, since it was not a question of God's power to feed His people in the desert, but of His will to do so.

Miracles, then, to use the words of historical facts, upon the evidence. In his "Apologia" Cardinal Newman points out that Catholics hold and believe that God has done and is doing and is able to do again. On the other hand, those who hold that the age of miracles has passed are, in fact, denying the power of God to do again. They are, in fact, denying the power of God to do again. They are, in fact, denying the power of God to do again.

So much is it necessary to state as to the attitude of mind in which a Catholic approaches the examination of some of the cases examined and the facts recorded. He says: "To say there is nothing remarkable about them, and that they are simply instances of suggestion carried out by a large series of minds, will appear very improbable that the kind and degree of suggestion existing there should produce so many complete and permanent cures, even of purely nervous ailments."

But besides the cures, which to a greater or less extent may be considered as brought about by the action of the mind on the body, there are a great number of cases which cannot be explained in this way, at least in the present state of medical and physical science. In all his experiences at Salpêtrière, Professor Charcot, when he looked for cures to parallel those recorded at Lourdes, found that the cures which he cured in his vast clinic. Instances of such cases may be found in all the books dealing with Lourdes from the point of view of the cures. Dr. Boissac, whose skill and honesty can

not be doubted, has given a large mass of medical testimony which may be tested by anyone interested in these matters. The case of one Gabriel Gargam set forth in explanation of the "Lourdes Cures," by Georges Bertrin (Kegan Paul, 1908), is one that can be easily verified with very little trouble. The publicity of the history of the Gargam case, and the fact that the man himself may generally be engaged in the work of helping the sick at Lourdes at the present time, makes this case the one that can easily be inquired into by anyone who will take the trouble to search into the truth of the facts. Other recorded cases indeed appear to me to be, if possible even more extraordinary and incapable of any satisfactory natural explanation. Such would be the instantaneous union of bones, which has long been broken, and the ends of which had remained separated by a considerable distance. Science would I believe, require a considerable period of time to effect the union even if after a long period it would allow the possibility of bringing the ends together at all. Also I fancy most people would allow that

NO MENTAL SUGGESTION however powerful, would avail to effect a radical cure of this kind in a few instants. In view of the constant progress of scientific knowledge, it is quite possible that it might be necessary to qualify former judgments on cures of this kind. The phrase "as far as we know at present" is always usefully appended to a judgment on these matters. Many things which to our forefathers would have appeared impossible are now shown to have a natural explanation. It is for this reason that the official attitude of the Church towards the miraculous is one of extreme caution, and it is this spirit which prevails at Lourdes. The investigation is welcomed, for the fullest investigation is welcomed, for the fullest investigation is welcomed, for the fullest investigation is welcomed.

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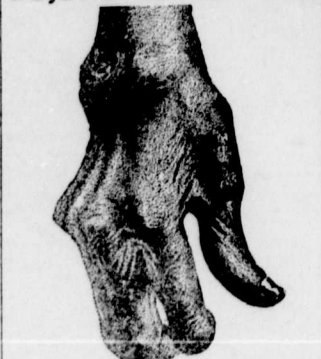
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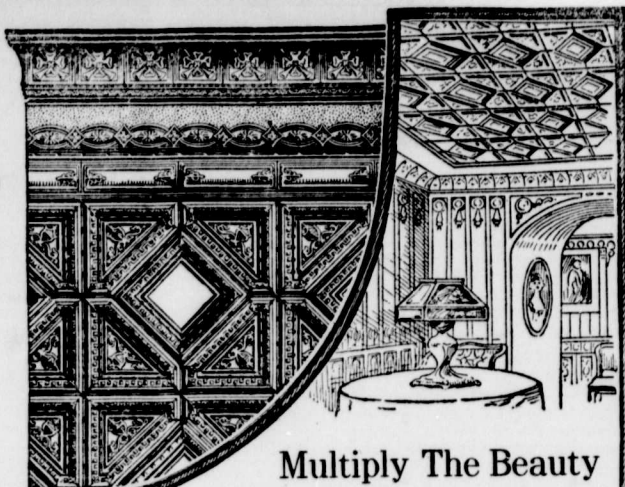
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The religious upheaval of the sixteenth century dealt a severe blow to the printing press, which in its turn was succeeded by the devotion of the forty hours. Half a dozen priests were busy in the confessionals, and at all the Masses large numbers approached the altar rails...

The funeral of Sister Adrian, a member of the teaching staff of St. Peter's School, was held on Tuesday from Mount St. Joseph. Sister Adrian had endeavored herself to all who knew her, and this coupled with the fact that her death was altogether unexpected...

On Friday evening Rev. Father O'Sullivan, of Port Hope, delivered the inaugural address to the members of the Ladies' Literary Society, after which he was the recipient of a presentation by the St. Peter's T. A. S. of which he is the founder...

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In Europe and the United States the conventional picture of a missionary represents his apostolic journeying through the wilds, clad in soutane, moustache, and Jesuit robe with up-raised hand holding a cross.

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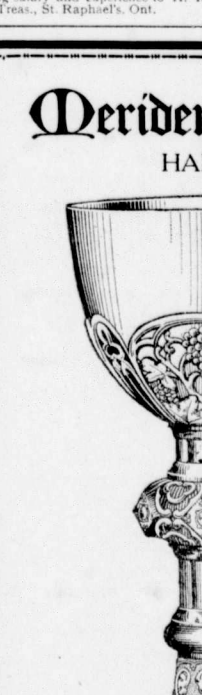
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