

The little sea-maiden and he got to know each other considerably better after this, and during their search for wild anemones in a neighboring wood she told him some of the secrets of her heart.

'Such beautiful things happen sometimes,' she said in her confiding childlike way, telling him the story of the blessed flowers on Holy Saturday. 'There were narcissus, white stock, forget-me-nots, scented geranium leaf, and our Lady's laces.'

He had not observed of what the little bouquet was composed, but he thought that her voice suggested the fragrance of flowers as she named them.

'I was sorry to have fallen asleep and missed Benediction,' she continued, 'and I took the flowers as a sign that I was being watched over and cared for.'

'Undoubtedly,' he replied heartily, but he did not add, 'by me.'

'I have pressed those holy blossoms in my "Garden of the Soul," and my confidence increases when I look at them, they seem to say, "God loves you, and you need not trouble about the future."'

'The future' soon formed the habitual topic of their conversation. Rosa experienced great relief in pouring out her fears and doubts and difficulties to his sympathetic ear. About Dan Gilbertson's offer they were at one. The literary man felt as convinced that she must not accept it 'as though £500 a year were growing on every blackberry bush,' as old Betton laughingly remarked.

'Yours is one of those sad cases, dear child,' said Sir Herbert gravely, 'in which one has no light but that which comes from prayer.'

Thus emboldened, she proffered a request which had been hovering on her lips ever since the morning of their introduction. Would he join her in a novena to Our Lady, Star of the Sea, in the fisherman's chapel at Norton Harbor? Did he know the story of the picture? How it was painted by a lay Brother who had been a sailor, and who always believed that he saw the Blessed Virgin beckoning him from the evening star. 'Serve me,' he thought he heard her calling to him, and when at length he followed his vocation, he was allowed to paint the vision of his stormy days for the fisherman's chapel, where the boatmen come to make their novenas for a safe voyage before putting out to sea.

The literary man followed her train of thought.

'And you would make your novena there before putting out upon life's ocean for your unknown voyage?'

'You and I and mother and Mr. Betton,' she answered shyly.

So it was arranged for nine mornings to hear Mass at Norton for this particular intention; Rosa and Sir Herbert walking by the field way, whilst their elders hired a carriage and drove round by the road.

On the ninth morning she knelt longer than usual before the star-picture after Mass was over, and the beautiful calm of her expression, and the intense confidence with which she offered up her Memorare struck her companion as being something nearer to the angels than he had ever hoped to come on this side of the grave.

Here was a gentle, naturally retiring child, who had been tenderly brought up, about to lose her remaining parent, and to be left alone and penniless in a world of which she dimly realised the temptations and dangers; and yet what countenance had he ever beheld so absolutely serene and trustful? Was not this the conclusion of his life-time's search—had he not found at last his ideal woman—the kindred soul with whom alone he knew that he could better serve his Creator?

When she rose from her knees her eyes met his—and they both knew that the answer to their novena was that he should be her pilot.—'The English Messenger.'

The Catholic World

ENGLAND—Death of a Catholic Journalist

The funeral of Mr. Philip Mennell, one of the best known Colonial journalists in London, took place on October 23 at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green. The health of Mr. Mennell—who for many years was editor and chief proprietor of the 'British Australasian' newspaper—broke down some eighteen months ago, but his illness was of comparatively short duration, and he passed away in his sleep at the age of 51. He was the author of several works, notably the 'Dictionary of Australian Biography,' published in 1892.

FRANCE—Trials of the Church

There has been much speculation (says the 'Catholic Times') as to the action likely to be taken by the Holy See in regard to the French Church, when the Separation Bill becomes law. That speculation may still

continue, for the Pope has written to Cardinal Richard that he will manifest his thought in the right time and place, and give the clergy and faithful of France the instructions called for by a sad situation which is not his work, and for which, as all honest and intelligent minds know, he is in no way responsible. But the Holy Father does not lose heart. He knows that God disposes events according to His will, and he trusts in Divine Providence to bring good out of evil. Meanwhile, he asks the faithful to redouble their prayers for the Church in France, and to have no dread of the future; the battle is God's, as well as theirs. These consoling words of the Holy Father will go far to fill French Catholics with hope and confidence, and help to nerve them for the sacrifices which the future is sure to bring with it.

GERMANY—Catholics in Berlin

In 1812 the city of Berlin, Germany, had a population of 193,700, of whom 6157 were Catholics. In 1900 the population was 1,888,748, of whom 182,846 were Catholics. The proportion of Catholics has increased from a little over three per cent. to almost ten per cent. There are nine parish churches in Berlin and fifteen chapels of ease, served by forty-two secular and ten Dominican priests.

ITALY—Blessing a Warship

For the first time in 35 years a Cardinal Archbishop has been invited to bless an Italian warship (writes a Rome correspondent). His Grace of Naples performed the ceremony. The Duke of Aosta was present to represent the King. A brother of Victor Emmanuel stood for the House of Savoy. Evidently his Majesty wants his battleships launched under proper auspices. This incident is worth remembering, as it is the first time that a Catholic prelate has been pressed into such a service since the unification of Italy.

ROME—Monument to Pius X.

A monument to Pope Pius X., subscribed for by Catholics all over the world, was unveiled on October 22 at Riese, the little village in the Venetian provinces where the Pope was born. His Holiness is represented in the act of giving his blessing. National flags were conspicuous everywhere, while the walls were covered with inscriptions, one of which read: 'Long Live Pope Pius X., the First Citizen of the World.' The eldest sister of the Pope and other relatives were the recipients of much attention. Many telegrams were sent to his Holiness.

SCOTLAND—Created a Justice of the Peace

The Very Rev. Canon Butti, of St. Patrick's Church, Dundee, has been created by the chief civic authority of Dundee a Justice of the Peace for that city.

The Eyre Memorial Schools

The opening of the new Catholic Industrial Schools at Kenmure, Bishopriggs (writes a Glasgow correspondent), was the occasion of an elaborate ceremony. The building is situated on the Kenmure estate, which is one of the prettiest spots in the neighbourhood of Glasgow. The Catholics in this city have chosen the new Industrial Schools as a memorial to the late Archbishop Eyre. Shortly after his death several thousand pounds were subscribed by the Catholics of the archdiocese, for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial. The committee who had charge of the arrangements decided not to erect a memorial of the usual kind, but one that would be really useful for one of the good works in which the late prelate had been so largely interested, and one of the educational works which lay nearest the late Archbishop's heart was the Industrial Schools. Therefore it was deemed best to erect such schools outside the city, and have them fitted up in the best and most approved style. His Grace Archbishop Maguire presided at the opening ceremony and was accompanied by a very large number of the city and district clergy, as well as by many influential laymen.

UNITED STATES—The Catholic University

The Catholic University, Washington, will receive personal property and cash amounting to £25,000 as residuary legatee under the will of Miss Margaret H. Gardner.

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