

Meanwhile Gwynyth, who had followed her cousin to the corner of the house, stood gazing at the distance, watching with a strange fascination the band of men as they hastened down the steep road towards the Court. At first she was too dazed to think, then did all manner of doubts and questions crowd into her mind, almost overwhelming her by their force and persistency. Had Richard—No, no, it could not be: she must not allow these wicked thoughts to creep upon her. The soldiers were but coming as a matter of course to such a well-known Catholic house. They might search as much as they wished, but they could never find the hiding place—unless—Ah, why had Dick been so queer of late? Why his feverish haste to get rid of his uncle? A hundred little incidents occurred in her memory, till at last, angry with herself, she turned impatiently away. As she did so she perceived her father's tall form emerge from the house. He bounded on to the handsome charger and the next moment was galloping down the avenue, soon to be lost amid the gloom of trees.

Gwynyth's eyes filled with tears. So he was gone, gone without a word to her, not even a look.

'Poor father,' she murmured, 'he is very distressed about my aunt's illness, and now this trouble too! Well, I am glad he is gone, for now, come what may, he at all events is safe.' And Richard also gave a sigh of intense relief as turning he beheld his uncle's form riding swiftly down the avenue.

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The Catholic World.

AUSTRIA.—An Officer and a Gentleman.—Among the Austrians who came to Rome recently (writes a correspondent) was Count Ledochowski, formerly Chamberlain to the Emperor Francis Joseph and holding a high rank in the Austro-Hungarian army. It will be remembered that Count Ledochowski was cashiered some time ago in consequence of his refusal to fight a duel with a brother officer who had sent him a challenge. The Count, than whom perhaps none of his colleagues better deserved the qualification of 'an officer and a gentleman,' alleged his Catholic sentiments as the reason for his refusal to adopt a foolish course which at the same time was an infringement of the laws of his religion. For this offence Count Ledochowski lost his position in the army and at the Court of the most fervently Catholic sovereign in Europe! The Holy Father granted a special audience to the brave officer, and cordially complimented him on his fearless and admirable conduct. Count Ledochowski, who is a worthy nephew of his Eminence the Prefect of Propaganda, has accomplished the Jubilee visits on foot, giving an edifying example of unaffected and sincere devotion.

ENGLAND.—Death of the Countess of Mexborough.—At the Church of the Assumption (the old Bavarian Chapel), Regent street, London, on November 16, the first portion of the

funeral service, consisting of the *Requiem Mass*, was sung over the remains of the Countess of Mexborough. The Rev. H. A. Pownall, M.A., of the Church of the Assumption, officiated, and during the Mass a plain chant and the 'Beati Mortui' were feelingly rendered. After the service the *cortège* left for Waterloo Station for removal to Bournemouth for interment in the grave wherein her sister, Viscountess Cromer (who died in Egypt two years ago) was buried. The coffin was completely covered with wreaths, crosses, and floral designs from a large circle of relations and friends of the families.

Catholics obtain their Degrees.—The degree of M.A. was conferred at Oxford a few weeks ago on Mr. Patrick Poland (Oratory and Merton), and Mr. John Boland, M.P. (Oratory and Christ Church). On the same occasion the degree of B.A. was conferred on Mr. J. C. Nolan Ferrall (Oratory and Merton).

Nazareth Nuns leave for South Africa.—On November 15 four Sisters from Nazareth House, Hammersmith, sailed for South Africa. The parting at the Mother House was a sad and touching scene. All had come out to witness the departure. Children and old people, besides the Sisters, the old men standing reverently bare-headed, and perfect silence reigning, with the exception of the sobs as each Sister bade adieu to the Mother-General and Community, whom they will probably never see in this world again.

Anniversary of the Death of the Duke of Modena.—Tuesday, November 20, was the 25th anniversary of the death of Francis V, Duke of Modena. The Thames Valley Legitimist Club arranged for a Mass of *Requiem* for the deceased, who is known to them as 'Francis I., King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland.' The Mass was said at the Italian Church, Hatton Garden. There was a good attendance, members of the Anglican communion being also present.

Death of a London Canon.—The death is reported of Canon Purcell, of St. Mary's, Holly-place, Hampstead, London, which occurred after two months' illness. Canon Purcell was in his 73rd year, having been born in Montague square, London, of Irish parents, on May 13, 1828.

Clerical Obituary.—The demise of the Very Rev. Dean Gillow, Catholic priest at Ramsey, Isle of Man, where he had been stationed for 36 years, caused widespread regret. The Dean was born in Liverpool in 1831, was ordained in 1860, and was assistant priest at Douglas until 1864, since which year he has been in charge of the mission at Ramsey. Among all classes in Ramsey Dean Gillow was popular, his genial nature not alone commending him to those of his own faith, but to a large number of visitors, to whom his removal by death will be a source of sincere regret. The death is also reported of the Rev. James Lennon, D.D., which occurred at St. Anne's on the Sea. Dr. Lennon, who had reached the age of 72 years, had been in charge of the St. Anne's mission for

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