

Nora, in speechless wonder, held out her arms to the child, and he came to her. He put his arms about her neck. He was of her own kin. If her boy had lived he might have been such another as this one. 'She looked at the nurse half-jealously. She wanted to have the child to herself.

'You have fulfilled your trust splendidly,' she said. Nora had the air of a great lady. That had never fallen away from her. 'You were very good to bring us the child across the world, leaving your own home to do it. My cousin, Mr. O'Moore, must have had great confidence in you, and it was well founded.'

'Mr. O'Moore put me and mine beyond the reach of want for ever,' the woman said. 'In a year or two we look to come home to Devonshire and buy a little farm with what he gave us. There is nothing I wouldn't do for the child or the poor gentleman that's gone.'

'You are in a hurry to get back?'
I have my passage taken by Saturday's boat. I look to see some of the old people in Devonshire betwixt now and then.'

'Why, you shall go by the evening boat,' Nora said, secretly delighted. 'I don't think the child will make strange with us.'

'Anyone would think he'd known you from the time he was born,' the nurse said, admiringly.

'You know that it means Bawn Rose,' Andrew said later to his wife. He was in a daze over his own good fortune, over the wonderful salvation that had come to them after all those years. He had to say it over to himself, he wanted to have it said to him, to bring the realisation nearer.

'I know that it means Bawn Rose,' Nora said in a deep voice of happiness. 'More, I know that it means the child.'

She was standing looking down at the boy in his little cot. He was fast asleep. She had her sleeves rolled above her elbows, and her arms were yet white and round. She had given the boy his bath before she put him to bed, and the unwonted task had brought the color to her face. Why, what change had come over everything! The hotel, with all its echoing spaces, was no longer desolate. The wind that cried around the house was no longer the keen of a banshee. It made one think how pleasant it would be to go home to one's own fireside. Home! How exquisite the word sounded! They were going home to Bawn Rose, to Bawn Rose! How good God was! God bless poor Dick, the kind fellow who had requited the pain she had given him long ago by giving her Bawn Rose and the child!

'If I were to wake up to-morrow morning, Andrew, and find that it was all a dream, and that we had to go to the Rue des Herbalistes after all, I believe I should die of it,' she said.

Andrew placed his hand over his eyes as he looked at her. 'You are a pretty woman still, Nora,' he said. 'The joy has brought your youth back.'

'I shall have to be young,' she said, 'to play with him,' indicating the child.

KATHERINE TYNAN, in the *Catholic Weekly*.

The Holy Father and the Irish People

His Eminence Cardinal Logue has received the following letter from his Holiness the Pope, asking him to convey his thanks and the expression of his paternal feelings to all those who have co-operated in presenting him with the numerous and beautiful Jubilee gifts which his Holiness has lately received from Ireland:—

To our Beloved Son, Michael Cardinal, Priest of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of Armagh.

Our beloved Son's health and Apostolic Benediction. Among the many proofs of enthusiastic piety with which men of every condition have hailed the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Our Priesthood, pre-eminent indeed are the gifts lately presented to Us by distinguished men and women of Ireland. These are a Pontifical Cope, as to which it is difficult to decide whether the excellence of the material or the beauty of the work should be given the first place; and a large supply of sacred vestments, excelling, both in the richness of the material and the artistic beauty of execution. To these must be added the work of pious Sisters and distinguished ladies on behalf of the Missions of the East, and a photographic album containing portraits of the Irish Bishops, most skilfully produced. This splendid proof of love and filial respect towards the Vicar of Christ obliges Us to give open expression to the sense of pleasure with which it has impressed Us, and the grateful remembrance

of it which We shall retain. Wishing to make you, Our beloved son, the interpreter of this grateful feeling, We commission you to convey to the donors, collectively and individually, that, deeply moved by their filial piety, We have nothing more earnestly at heart than that they should persevere in what is their chief glory, an unbroken attachment to their pristine faith; that, amid so many causes of sorrow, We derive no little solace from the singular affection of such children; and that We shall never lose the pleasing recollection of the free expression of Irish faith which has been manifested on this solemn occasion.

That, however, a virtue so freely manifested may not go unrewarded, to you, Our beloved son, to the donors of the gifts, that is, to the very excellent men who bestowed on Us the precious cope; to the Sisters of Charity who offered the sacred vestments, and to the others of different institutes, who, together with well-known ladies, co-operated so efficiently for the progress of the Eastern Missions; to the artist who gave the photographic portraits of the Irish Bishops, collected in an album; to all, in a word, who, in any way, participated in this expression of filial duty, as an earnest of celestial gifts and a pledge of Our special benevolence, We impart most lovingly the Apostolic Benediction.

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