

when the occasion required. He was not allowed to give up his medical work entirely, as she pressed him into the service of charity, and even Mrs. Malone's 'always ailin'' complaint was relieved. So he prolonged his stay several weeks, putting off his departure notwithstanding the letters that requested his presence in the city. When summer drew to a close, however, he was confronted with the necessity of returning or finding some reasonable excuse for remaining.

This was the state of affairs that troubled him as he came down the road towards Mrs. Sayton's house one afternoon. To go away meant a great deal now, for he had come to appreciate the life of this quaint, half-rural, half-urban town, and he certainly would miss the pleasure of meeting Mary every day. As he opened the gate and saw her on the verandah reading, he quickly determined that the latter could not be. He had confided almost everything to her lately, and as he took a seat near her he spoke of an intention of buying his father's house, as it was for sale.

'Oh, won't that be nice!' she exclaimed in surprise. 'You can fix up the place and make it as pretty as it once was. But what are you going to do with it?'

The doctor had not calculated upon such a question, and so was nonplussed. 'Well,' he ventured, 'I might use it for—er—er—bachelor's hall.'

'But what good would that do you, since you must soon go back to New York?' she mercilessly pursued.

'What would you say if I give up living in New York? There are many whom I might benefit here. As for money, I have enough; and ambition—well, there are several qualities of that.'

'Oh, I see you haven't got over that bad habit you had, when a boy, of doing what you please regardless of consequences.'

'I wish you had the habit of talking to that boy you had when a little girl. Do you remember what you said to me on that day after my father's burial?'

'No. What was it? I have forgotten it.'

'And you said it again that night I attended you.'

'Oh it is hardly fair for you to remember what I said while out of my mind. Nevertheless, what was it? I am curious to learn.'

'You were speaking of me, and you said—well, yes—and, overcoming his confusion, "you said, "I love you." Won't you say it again, Mary? If you only knew how your words changed my life! For after that night I was a different man, and finally they brought me back to my faith.'

It was a sweet blush that suffused her face, and an arch look lighted up her eyes as she softly answered:

'Well, since my words did so much for you, it is easy enough to say them again.'

It was the prettiest wedding that the little church had long witnessed. There were pleasant friends and the loveliest flowers, and I am told that the happiest one present was Father Berkely himself, whose face was radiant as he joined his dear children in marriage.

At the wedding breakfast afterwards Father Ryan, who had, of course, come up to see his friend's happiness, announced that there was a promise to which he felt bound to hold the doctor. 'What is it?' several asked. The young curate then told how they used to discuss religious matters, and how the doctor had promised to devote himself to his poor if converted otherwise than by scientific means. 'And you will all admit his conversion was due to the influence of early recollections.'

'You are not altogether right, however, Father,' said the bride, coming to the rescue, 'for how would the doctor have heard those words of mine which so affected him were it not for his scientific operation upon me?'

'Ah, Father, you can't take me back to New York,' Dr. Felton laughingly said. 'But you were right, and I was right, so let's call it a compromise.'

'A happy compromise,' said the wedding guests.—*Catholic Home Annual.*

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AUSTRIA.—Presentation to the Holy Father.—The Catholic associations of Vienna presented to the Holy Father a beautiful gold cross on the occasion of the closing of the Porta Santa.

ENGLAND.—Proposed Monument to Pope Adrian.—In connection with the recent pilgrimage to Rome of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, under the auspices of the Duke of Norfolk, a movement has been set on foot to erect a monument in St. Peter's to the memory of Pope Adrian IV., the only Englishman who has ever held the office of Pope.

The Holy Father and the Guild of Ransom.—On the occasion of the recent pilgrimage to Rome, organised by the Catholic Association, Leo XIII. received in private audience the Rev. Philip Fletcher and Mr. Lister Drummond, both converts, and founders of Our Lady's Guild of Ransom for the Conversion of England, a guild which numbers over 100,000 members. On hearing from Father Fletcher the aims and objects of the guild, and his desire that he (the Pope) should accept its presidency, Leo XIII. replied: 'Not only am I willing to be president of your association, but among the 100,000 members you may inscribe the name of Leo XIII.'

The Diocese of Salford.—As the result of the Bishop of Salford's appeal on behalf of the Salford Catholic Protection and Rescue Society, and the general collection in the churches of the diocese on October 21, a sum of £618 7s 9d has been raised towards clearing off the debt of £1,200 on the society's accounts.

The First Mayor of Bethnal Green.—Mr. Loughlin, the first Mayor of Bethnal Green, is a Catholic and an Irishman. He has been a member of the Bethnal Green Vestry for seven years, and was chairman of that body. Previous to settling in London, he took an active part in public affairs at Warrington, where he was a Poor Law Guardian.

A Popular Catholic Mayor.—Councillor Preston has been Mayor of Lancaster since November, 1898, and, unanimously urged by his colleagues, he has promised to retain the chief seat for another year. The municipality has just enlarged itself, and the inauguration of an electric tramway system, extension of markets, and other projects make it very desirable that the Mayor should have plenty of spare time as well as marked administrative capacity. Mr. Preston is chairman of the School Board, a Liberal, and a devout Catholic.

A Priest Elected Alderman.—At the first meeting of the Hammersmith Borough Council the election of Aldermen took place under the chairmanship of Mr. C. Pascall. The Very Rev. Canon A. White, of Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, was elected to the aldermanic bench, receiving 22 votes, while Mr. C. Pascall, who headed the list, received 23. The new Council and the burgesses of Hammersmith are to be congratulated upon having chosen such an ideal representative for the aldermanic bench as the respected rector of Holy Trinity Church, whose services in the past are well known and no doubt appreciated by his fellow-citizens without distinction of creed or class.

FRANCE.—The Passionist Church to be Taxed.—It is stated that the measures projected against religious congregations in France will include the Passionist Church, in the Avenue Hoche, Paris. The clergy doing duty there are supplied by the Passionist Fathers at Highgate, England. They are consequently congregationists, and the French Government has now called upon them to pay the special tax imposed on all congregations. Not only this, but they are required to pay four years' arrears of the tax, amounting to 20,000 francs, failing which the church and the property will be seized. The Fathers have refused to comply on the score that, whatever may be their status when in London, in Paris they are purely and simply chaplains to the English-speaking Catholics. Their funds are not derived from French sources, the mission being entirely supported by English and American Catholics living in Paris. When the religious Orders were expelled some 20 years ago the Fathers had a narrow escape. Thanks to Count Benet and Lord Lyons the powerful intervention of Gambetta was secured, and a card from the great Tribune to M. Constans, then Minister of the Interior, had the desired effect. In fact it was recognised that they were chaplains only. The Avenue Hoche clergy are hard-working and unobtrusive, occupy themselves in looking after poor servants and in rescue work, and, in fact, may be said to supply a public want, and M. Waldeck-Rousseau might well follow the example set by his intimate friend, Leon Gambetta, a generation ago.

The Pope and the Working Classes.—The interest taken by the Holy Father in the condition of the working classes and in the labor question (writes a Paris correspondent) need not be insisted upon when we remember that masterpiece, the Encyclical 'De Conditione Opificum.' But a further proof that time has not lessened this interest, and that all that relates to labor appeals to the heart of the Pontiff, will be found in the fact that his Holiness has instructed the Papal Nuncio at Paris to pay a visit to the chief industrial and manufacturing centres of France—Lyons, Lille, Roubaix, Tourcoing—and to address a report to him on the present condition of the working classes in France. His Excellency has accordingly started on this visit of inquiry, and is now at Roubaix, where all the manufacturers have opened their factories to him, and where he was given a reception and presented with an address from the workmen on last Thursday. His Excellency will stay a week at Roubaix, and study with special care this great centre of the French woollen trade. I am informed from a reliable source that instructions similar to those sent to the Paris Nuncio have been sent to all Papal Nuncios, and that his Holiness is thus collecting materials for another Encyclical on the Labor question, which he intends to make the continuation and completion of the Encyclical 'De Conditione Opificum.'

ROME.—Received by the Holy Father.—Andrea, the peasant who personated Our Lord at the Ober Ammergau Passion Play, was recently on a visit to Rome. He was received by the Holy Father in the costume which he wore in the mystery play. At the close of the audience the Pope presented him with a Jubilee medal in gold. Andrea is startlingly like the figure of Christ drawn by the Italian masters.

Leo XIII. receives English Nuns.—On November 6 (writes a Rome correspondent) the Holy Father granted a special audience to the English Sisters of the Blessed Virgin, receiving the Mothers Superior of Rome, Spain, Ireland, and Australia in the Throne Room. Owing to the Holy Father's numerous engagements of late, the audience had been postponed for a long time, so that the American, English, Bavarian, and Austrian representative of the Order were not able to assist at the audience, having already left Rome for their respective provinces. Leo XIII. entered the Throne Room on foot, and seating himself on the throne received the homage of the Sisters, whom he warmly congratulated on their zeal in the Catholic cause, and especially on the campaign which they are successfully carrying on against the Protestant invasion in Rome by means of schools and pious institutions where the children of the poor are saved from the insidious advances of the enemies of the Church. The audience, which was extremely cordial, was brought to a close by the bestowal of the Apostolic Benediction, which the Holy Father imparted to the Order and all its members.