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A HISTORY OF CATHOLICITY IN MONTANA
1831 to 1891

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just two years before. The just that walketh in his simplicity shall leave behind him blessed children,* words of Holy Writ, which could well be applied to George and Ellen Nagle and to their sons and daughters.

The last we shall mention is Matilda Galen, whose death occurred also in this city, December 27, 1891. She was born of James Gillogly and Ellen Burke, in the County of Fermanagh, Ireland, September 7, 1837. Having married, in 1860, Hugh Galen, the couple lived for a while in Idaho, whence they came to Montana in the fall of 1866. Matilda Galen was a woman of sterling worth and more than ordinary industry, while her devotedness to the cause of religion, as well as her many deeds of kindliness and mercy toward the needy and sorrowing will ever make her memory both revered and gratefully cherished.

And here we may well put on record the following: it is worth while, throwing as it does, no little sidelight on this part of our subject.

Hurriedly summoned to the bedside of a sick person some twenty miles from Helena, the writer and the physician, both having been called out at the same time, were riding in the same conveyance, the doctor's own carriage. The physician was a leading member of the profession, a non-Catholic, and stood high also in Masonic circles. “Father,” said he, “I am glad to have your company, as for a good while I have been wishing to meet you.” Then he continued: “I must tell you, Father, that I have been for many years a believer in total depravity, convinced that there was not, nor could there be among human beings such a thing as honesty and virtue, so-called virtue being nothing more than a matter of environment and expediency. But since I began to practise my profession I have been forced to change my mind on the subject, for I have found true, real virtue among your Catholic women.”

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, has written a most useful and very popular book, The Faith of Our Fathers. Yet, candidly, we are under the impression that not in Montana only, but in every other place as well, there would be very little of the faith of our fathers but for the faith of our mothers.

* Prov. xx: 7.
MRS. MARY LOUISE HANLEY  MRS. ELLEN NAGLE
A TRIO OF CATHOLIC GENTLEWOMEN OF PIONEER DAYS

Upper Missouri Sub-Agent 1st off. 1849.

Mr. S. Harlan, U.S. Indian Sub-Agent to


"The Crow, Blackfoot, and Assiniboine,

which tribes I have not as yet been

able to visit in their own territory, are

represented as having made no

improvement whatever, but as

adhering, most tenaciously, to all the

barbarous and ferocious customs and

practices of savage life. These tribes

are thievish and treacherous, and

still civilized, particularly the

latter two tribes, to cherish a

deadly hostility to the white man.

In rep. 1850, Harlan to Mitchell: "2

These tribes of upper Missouri. Including

Blackfoot have enjoyed good

health, and have abundance game.

100,000 to 110,000 buffalo robes sold

by three tribes (Arikara, Cheyenne, 

and Yankton). (Assiniboine) Alone, Blackfoot

(Aassinibain 4, 100) as at $3 per robe.

Also furs to val of at least 50,000

trade goods exchanged & compensated

of New Company."