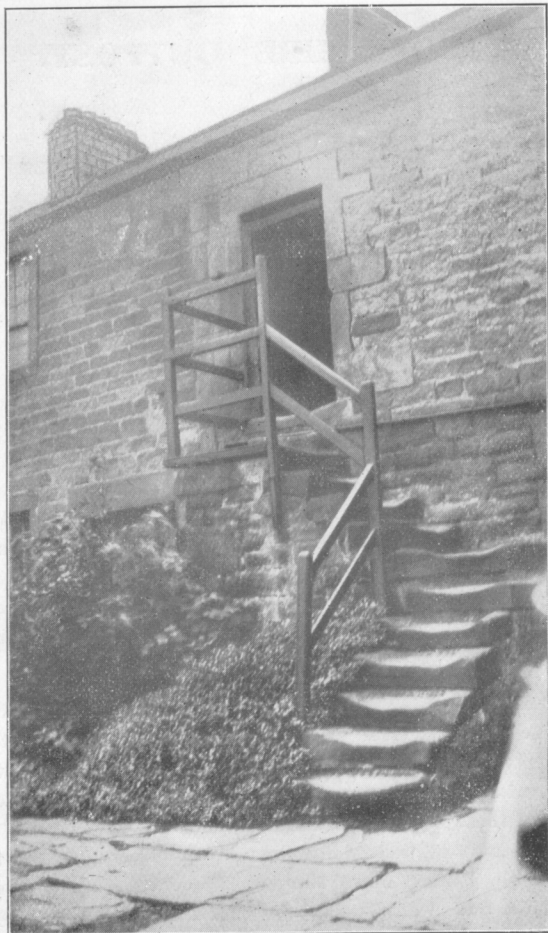


“A Yorkshire Outpost.”



“ I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy House, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.” (*Psalm XXV.8*).

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THOSE interested in the revival of the ancient faith in England will be pleased to learn that strenuous efforts are being made by the small Catholic population of the parish of Addingham, near Ilkley, Yorkshire, to erect a church, wherein the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can be offered with befitting solemnity.

Covering an area of nearly three square miles, the parish of Addingham embraces within its boundaries the venerable ruins of the once far-famed monastery and church of Bolton Abbey, whose consecrated walls in bygone days re-echoed the pious prayers and joyous psalmody of the ancient monks as they paid their tribute of love and adoration to the Eucharistic King present on their altars. Is it too much to expect that the wondrous spirit of Catholicity which distinguished this picturesque part of Yorkshire in days of old will arise in the near future in all its former vigour and beauty? Surely not, if we are animated with that spirit of loyalty to Jesus Christ, which prompted our forefathers to sacrifice all, to suffer all, even death itself, so that we, their children, might receive in its entirety that pearl of great price—the Holy Catholic Faith.

At present, the only place available for the celebration of Holy Mass in the parish is a small whitewashed room over a small cottage, entered as can be seen in the accompanying photograph, by a stone stairway, whose well-worn stones speak eloquently of the abiding devotion of these faithful Catholics to the great central act of our worship, as also of their determination to preserve intact that glorious faith, handed down through the centuries “in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.” They look forward eagerly to the day

when they will be able to erect a suitable building for the celebration of the divine mysteries. Already they have managed to purchase a plot of land for the erection of a church, but funds are now lacking to enable them to realise their sublime ideal. The vast majority of them are hard working people who give generously of their hard earnings, but in spite of their best efforts, it will take a considerable time before they can enjoy the privilege of adoring Our Divine Saviour in a building worthy of His Holy Name, unless supported by outside help.

It is then on their behalf that I issue this appeal for funds to erect a suitable church for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. And we feel confident that those two heroic souls—Richard Kirkman and Richard Horner—who suffered death in this parish of Addingham in the days of persecution for the faith of Jesus Christ,—will intercede before His Throne, for those who contribute towards the building of this church, which please God, we intend to dedicate to His Service under the invocation of Saint Gabriel, Passionist. This will be the first church in England to the young Passionist saint, whose spiritual father and founder—St Paul of the Cross—prayed fifty years for the return of England to the ancient faith.

All those contributing towards this noble work will participate in the numerous Masses and prayers offered up for the benefactors of the Passionist Congregation.

Donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by:

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