

### WOMEN IN THE NEWS

A CATHOLIC VIEW  
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**MARGARET HALVEY: Humanitarian and Poet**

Father Michael Farrar, himself a burning sense of justice and humanitarianism. She was useful to this party for Land Leaguism in many ways and was made secretary of various organizations, including the Irish famine fund, the movement for Irish Industrial Relief and the Legal Aid Committee, and in her stolen seconds she wrote timely and patriotic verse, earning the title of "the Irish League Lyrist."

Then Margaret Brophy was instrumental in the formation of the Ladies' Land League branch and was elected president, having the distinction of being the youngest land league president in America. John Boyle O'Reilly, Austin E. Ford, and the Rev. Dr. Edward McElroy meantime kept urging the young poetess to give more time to her literary pursuits, but another event interfered. She met Mr. C. Frederick Halvey, a talented young Irishman who was at that time organizing the Irish language club in America.

Margaret Brophy and Mr. Halvey were married, and settled in Philadelphia in 1914.

**Interest in Animals**

Besides his great interest in Irish affairs, Mr. Halvey was a pioneer in a society for the Protection of Animals. This began her early affiliation with the cause of animal protection, which many years later led Mrs. Halvey to renounce other more attractive calls. This work has had Mrs. Halvey's leisure and interest, with an appeal even stronger than that of her literary work.

She was selected by the Governor of Pennsylvania to serve on the auxiliary board of the Chicago World's Fair, Ladymanager in 1918. Her ingenuity in suggesting an exhibit that would have nothing to do with statistics resulted in a practical and famous exhibit. Nothing would serve the purpose as well as erecting a model Philadelphia working-man's home. At the Catholic Educational Committee for the World's Fair meeting, a poem by Margaret Halvey, "Woman the Empress of Great Deeds," was read as one of the outstanding features of the Catholic contribution. This was the first of several contributions to such events. Her paper on "Woman's Influence for the Purification of the Stage" was read on Drama day at the Atlanta Fair. "Today's Woman" was another successful paper read at one of the chief sessions of the Congress of Women's Clubs at Louisville.

The year following the World's Fair, Mrs. Halvey was elected secretary of the American Catholic Historical Society, the first woman secretary; later she acted as secretary of the women's auxiliary board, which she helped to organize, about the same time and for some succeeding years, her best efforts were lent to the introduction and popularization of Irish products under the tutelage of the Catholic Sisterhood, because an organized industry (home and by their sales in America) aided materially to relieve the poverty attendant on the suppression of industrial products in Ireland. When the first Catholic summer school was opened in New

London, Connecticut, Mrs. Halvey attended by special invitation.

**Recent Years**

She had seen much action in late years, losing her husband, a devoted sister and a daughter of great talent, her namesake, Gretta, all within a few short years. But to forget her grief she bends harder than ever in her great sympathy towards others and devotes many of her days to the work of preventing abuse and cruelty to animals. Mrs. Halvey is assistant editor of the *Journal of Zoology*, secretary of the "American Anti-Vivisection Society," managing editor of *The Starry Cross*, a magazine issued by the American Anti-Vivisection Society; secretary of the Animal Rescue League of Philadelphia, and board member and manager of the Woman's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Mrs. Halvey has contributed to all the various Catholic magazines here and in Ireland and Canada, and to many secular journals. She has contributed papers to records of the Catholic Historical Society and to many dedicatory and historic events in her adopted city. However, she is vice-president of the Contraternity of St. Gabriel (for shut-ins) and secretary for an organization known as the Catholic Home.

Typically Irish and Catholic, Mrs. Halvey at the close of her interview gives the layman to her character as she says in a classic, "The snow here drifted and Mary be with you."  
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