

A Knot of Blue

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Along with his trickery and roguish dealings there developed a cynical philosophy that scoffed at everything. Openly defying the church and its ministers, it is no wonder that he was accused of all sorts of dealings with the Evil One, the celebration of the Black Mass, and the housing of a jinn-child, the Devil's own, as a familiar spirit, and it was said by many who had passed him on the road on his wild midnight rides that a witch bestrode his horse's tail.

Long solitary drinking bouts aged him rapidly after his employer's death and he had little with which to occupy his time. Finally, one stormy night, after driving the servants out into the rain, he ordered his horse saddled and when asked whither he was going, responded "To hell," and dashed cursing and screaming down the driveway. His horse returned with empty saddle and next day his body was found beneath the fallen limb of a giant tree near Beaufort. He was brought home and buried, according to written directions left behind, ten feet below the floor of the great hall in front of the fireplace, his resting place being covered with a huge stone slab on which was cut:

I WAS NOT, AND I BECAME:
I WAS, AND AM NO MORE.
THIS MUCH IS TRUE; WHO
SAYS OTHER, LIES; FOR I
SHALL NOT BE, AND THOU
WHO LIVEST, DRINK, PLAY,
COME!

Such was the history in brief of the older Roguin. Such was the dark inheritance of the son, growing up to manhood under the care of Marie Grol, his father's housekeeper and his own nurse since his birth. Amid these dismal surroundings it would have been small wonder had he become a gloomy, morose man.

This was not the case. His only heritage from his mother was a love for all the bright things of life, its levity and gaiety; with this was coupled all

the bad traits of the father. Hence he became a man crafty, unscrupulous, sensual; fearless of divine anger, and dreading man's only when there was a likelihood of consequences fatal to himself, for he loved life passionately, although in other respects not a coward. He longed to taste to the full its various experiences. Loving wealth he found it easy to add to it, as well as to gratify his passion for gambling, by dishonest methods at cards.

Although of average height his frame seemed slight, which, coupled with his light hair, a smoothly shaven face and fair complexion, gave an effeminate touch to his general appearance. He lived alone in his gloomy dwelling save for the frequent companionship of a few kindred spirits whom he had gathered around him. He mixed in the social life of the city only when by so doing he could further some plan of his own. Although about the same age, Raoul de Chagnac and himself had known but little of each other as children. He had always secretly envied the other's qualities, so different from his own, the esteem in which he had achieved at Paris. It was this feeling of envy that had induced him, a poor sailor that he was, to cross the stormy seas and spend a year in France. It was with no desire for a soldier's life or military honors, but rather that he might see the gay world and discover fresh channels of pleasure and also pick up any new ideas that might be of service to him in Quebec.

When confronted before the eyes of his associates with proof of his duplicity, his one thought was of flight. Landing safely in a flower bed in the yard, he quickly got his horse and set out for home. He rode recklessly along, cursing de Chagnac and his own mistake in not waiting to indulge his slanderous tongue until a sufficient length of time had elapsed to preclude all chance of de Chagnac's return.

Upon reaching the house he entered the great hall and threw himself sprawling into a chair before the fire. Again he cursed his luck, for like as he valued the regard of the world at large, it was vital to the success of his many schemes that he should stand well among the men of the community. He rang for wine and gulped down several goblets. This only seemed to increase his ill temper, for he stamped his foot and struck savagely at the lettering on the stone slab before him:

I WAS, AND AM NO MORE.
The inscription seemed to mock him in his present state of mind. The carved faces about the stone fireplace seemed to grin with delight at his despair. Maddened, he poured out more wine, drank it, and then, throwing the emptied glass upon the floor, striding savagely upon the pieces, grinded them into dust with the heel of his riding boot.

Just then his glance fell upon a rusty set of mailed armor standing against the wall like some old sentinel. In his madness he fancied he could detect a gleam as from a human eye peering at him from beneath the closed visor.

He dashed to it and struck the helmet vigorously with the butt of his whip. A wailing cry issued from the interior and the arms were raised as though to remove the heavy headpiece. Gaspard was startled for an instant, then fell to pulling the helmet off, revealing a human head which bore the wild, frightened face of a man about Roguin's own age, with a weakened look of untimely maturity. His eyes burned with a strange, uncanny fire, while the hair hung in long unkempt locks about the head, giving the general appearance of some rude creature of the wood, scarce human in its grotesque aspect.

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The Worst Kind.
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Many candidates are selected because they can put the hot air and still others because they can put up the collateral.

MUST INCREASE ACCOMMODATION

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The board has been able to mark its regard for Mr. Wilson's faithful public service will, I am sure, be approved by everyone.

Keep Up Standard.
Several of our teachers have left us to take positions of responsibility elsewhere, a fact which again reminds us that the profession of teaching must be as well paid here as in other places if we are to keep our staff up to its present high standard.

I regret very much the recurrent illness of Principal Kirk, of Aberdeen School, forcing him to again take a long period of rest. We can ill spare a man of his capacity, and we all hope, for his sake and ours, that he may soon regain his health and strength. We hope also that Mr. Latta may soon be able to resume work.

Our new teachers, have been carefully chosen, and are doing good work. I may add that we are adhering to the plan of gradually increasing the number of male assistant teachers in the public school, and with good results.

The teaching of art in our schools, under the supervision of Miss Powell, has placed our schools in that regard on a plane, perhaps, unequalled in America.

Mr. Quantz, our new music instructor, who succeeded the late Mr. Barron, is also doing most satisfactory work. Yet, Miss Bowen, a visiting teacher from Cardiff, Wales, tells us that in music our schools fall below those of Wales, while in most other subjects we surpass them.

The Collegiate.
The Collegiate Institute has maintained its high position, both in attendance and examination results. The school shows a satisfactory increase over that of other years in proportion with the growth of the city, and the increase in public and separate school attendance.

The cadet corps, under the very able instruction of Drill Master Gregory, has been placed in an excellent position by the generous aid of the board of education, and I am sure we all feel grateful to the ladies of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire for their magnificent gift of instruments to the bugle band of the corps, and of a fine rifle to the best marksman in the corps, won this year by Captain Thornton McBride. This effort to encourage a patriotic feeling in our young men deserves the fullest recognition.

The Sports.
The annual field day of the Collegiate Institute was this year very successful. The games were well contested, the attendance was very large, the prizes donated by the band and the prizes donated by the friends of the school were handsome. It was felt by all that the physical development and the social side of life were not neglected at the institute.

Several changes have taken place on the staff of the institute. Mr. McCool was appointed to an inspectorate in Bruce; Mr. Keith to a position in Moosejaw; Miss Macdonald has been married, and Mr. Wilson has retired as I have stated.

The vacancies on the staff have been filled by Messrs. McLean, Grainger, Bailey and Miss Anderson, who are giving satisfaction.

Manual Training.
The gymnasium at the Collegiate Institute has been newly equipped and is now up-to-date in every particular. The board, I am sure, feels very grateful to Dr. Merchant, principal of the Normal School, for his untiring efforts and co-operation in the advancement of manual training in connection with our school system. I think we are all agreed that no education quite reaches its mark which does not combine with the training of the eye and ear, the hands and feet, the muscle, nerve and sinew. I may also add the fire escape drill in which our schools are all keeping up their efficiency is not only a necessary precaution for saving life, but good physical discipline for the pupil. The board is of one mind on the grounds, and while we have not this year seen our way to ask for the issue of debentures for this purpose, I hope that this may be done in the near future.

Beautifying Grounds.
The interest taken by teachers and pupils in the beautifying of our school grounds is most commendable and deserves liberal encouragement from the board.

In June the city was honored by a visit from His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, and his daughter, Lady Sybil Grey, and at the request of Lady Sybil Grey I marked the event by proclaiming a school holiday.

On June 29 the schools, public and collegiate, held their annual picnic at Springbank Park. The attendance exceeded that of any former year, and a generous prize list added to the interest of both students and parents. I trust that next year arrangements may be made whereby the separate schools may hold their picnic jointly with ours, increasing the acquaintance and goodwill which happily now prevails.

The cup offered by the board for competition in the public school baseball league was won by Princess Avenue School.

Praise for Solicitor.
The high respect in which the board's solicitor, Mr. T. G. Meredith, is held by all parties, both for his legal ability and for his straightforward impartiality in public matters, helped not a little to straighten out some tangles, and I am sure you will all agree that he has earned, not only his reasonable fees, but the thanks of the board.

During the year the board were called upon to join in paying the last respects to two gentlemen who were at one time enthusiastic members of the board, and at all times enthusiastic supporters of everything tending to elevate education. I refer to the late John S. Dewar, who for two years occupied the chairmanship of this board, and Mr. R. J. Blackwell, who at the time of his death, filled the position of secretary of the public library.

The chairmen of the three committees, together with myself, had the

pleasure in April of entertaining at the Trustee Club, the teachers and officers and members of the board, and we have reason to hope, not only that our guests enjoyed themselves, but that something was added to that spirit of sympathy and good fellowship which should prevail amongst us all.

The appointment of Mr. John Clemens as general repairer was a wise move. He does his work in a most energetic and businesslike manner.

Kindergartens.
I have again to congratulate the board and the public on the efficient and progressive work of Miss Laidlaw, supervisor of kindergartens; Inspector Edwards, who has shown zeal and capacity in the promotion of new educational ideas; Principal Radcliffe, of the Collegiate Institute, and Mr. Dickinson, head of the commercial department. The good work of those serving under them finds not a little of its inspiration in the sympathetic and instructive oversight of these officers.

Just here let me compliment the Froebel Society on its intelligent enterprise in bringing Professor Moulton again to London. I congratulate them on the great success they met. A visit from such a man, with his university extension lectures, marks a distinct intellectual gain to the city.

The work of Miss McIntosh and Miss Butcher has been such to increase the favor which the teaching of domestic science now finds with a progressive public. We hope soon to be able to extend the benefit of this course not only to the Collegiate pupils but to the seventh and eighth grades of public school girls.

More Accommodation.
The rapid growth of the city has kept many of our schools almost too crowded. While trying to meet this as far as prudent by rearrangement of classes, we have found it necessary to begin the erection of a four-room addition to the Cusheley Avenue School. The cost of this is met by debentures issued at our request by the city council. As London is adding from 1,500 to 2,000 annually to its population, involving an increase of 200 to 250 yearly in school attendance, it will be necessary to make still further additions to our school accommodation, and to the staff of teachers. At the present time we have on our teaching staff 193 teachers and the scholars on the rolls number over 8,000.

While we are taking some care for proper ventilation of the new schools, we have still to deplore the insanitary condition of some of the older ones. This is a matter requiring the earnest and immediate attention of the board, as there can be little doubt that the health of teachers and children is suffering from the bad ventilation.

Many non-resident children have been and are attending our schools, and this fact accounts partly for the overcrowding.

Must Pay Share.
We cannot deprive these children of an education, but this year's board has with fair success insisted that they should pay their share of the cost of their education.

The sincere thanks of this board and of the public are again due to those gentlemen who have given prizes, medals and other mementoes to encourage diligence in our pupils. Their kindness and generosity I assure them, are highly appreciated by us all.

Though the board of 1906 has not been able to do all which I suggested in my inaugural address or which many of the members had at their hearts to do, yet we may congratulate ourselves on a good year's work, and we may justly claim that we have made good use of the \$154,000 expended by us this year for educational purposes.

In conclusion, I wish to thank those trustees who have sustained and assisted me throughout the past year, also the secretary, whose knowledge of educational affairs renders his assistance of much value to a chairman. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Committee Reports.
The report of No. 1 committee was adopted. It provided for the addition of a couple of new teachers to the staff and also for the transfer of several teachers. The new teachers are Messrs. Claude Brown, of Petrolia, and W. F. Campbell, of Byron.

Of the eighteen meetings of the committee held during the year, Trustee Westervelt attended 17, Trustee MacRobert 15, Trustee McCormick 14, Trustee Fitzgerald 16, Trustee Strong 14.

The report of No. 2 committee was also adopted. It recommended that the application of Janitor O'Brien, of Simcoe street school, for an increase of salary be filed. Also for various minor improvements to Quebec street and Princess avenue schools.

Of the eighteen meetings of the committee, Trustee Gammage attended 17, Trustee Weekes 6, Trustee Strong 12, Trustee Teasdale 9, Trustee Tillmann 5, Trustee English 16.

The board decided to make the annual increases of principals of the public schools \$100 in future, instead of \$50 as formerly.

Trustee MacRobert, who made the motion explained that it will affect only four or five teachers. Dr. English seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The increases will continue until the maximum salary provided by the board is reached, and they will go into effect Jan. 1, 1907. The resolution puts the public school teachers on a par with the Collegiate Institute teachers in the matter of increases.

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