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open to suspicion with "I white dressed shirt and collar—detached."

The church-party arrived in a quaint old barouche lined with grey velvet, and we lunched with them presently in the factor's house, the huge Scotch fireplace his one memory in an atmosphere of old France and other-worldliness. There were such heavy brass candlesticks on the wide mantel, and Catholic pictures on the walls, and piles of French literature on the old-fashioned round table, and a priest's photograph crowning the piano. He was the brother of Madame and had formerly been in charge of the St. Lazarre mission. Monsieur the host did the honours with grave, unsmiling, perfect courtesy, his oddly fair hair cut en brosse above his blanched face. Madame was vivacious, but in French, and Made-moiselle Jeanne, her sister, helped out in her sweet, slow, broken English, while the young man assistant in the new grey suit and hot red tie hung on her words with eager eyes. Truly she was most fair and sweet, and about them all was some subtle unwestern gift of grace that accorded with the dim foreign pictures and the cool un-wanted room. The attendants at the mission were largely "half-bloods," Jeanne told me, and her deer was "Bijou," and her dog "Jacques," and her gold medal she had won at the convent in Winnipeg for the "menage."

Would we like to see the graves, the young man asked us later, and he took us past the tall isolated chimney white in the sun-heat, and into the poplar bluffs that had grown over the unmarked graves of the days that were. Only one headstone could I find, and that told of the drowning of Pieter Kierstead, a boy. Big and little, the mounds were blurring out of recognition. Often at sunset, the young man said, when he was seeking errant cattle, he found in the bluffs graves that he had not known of before. "Good times, bad times, all times go over," murmured the Tramp Royal, as we left them, flower and scent and dust and dreaming, and started back home again through an afternoon land in which one could see a thousand dreamy years away into space, while a faint south wind purred through the bloomy gold of the wild-flowers, and the lure of the wizard prairie left us no will but to follow.

Weakness for Superlatives

(Montreal Star.)

THE weakness for superlatives is again exhibited in the statement now going the rounds that Attorney-General Turgeon, of Saskatchewan, is the youngest holder of that title known in Canadian history. He is reported to be about 30, and is probably a little older. It would be possible to find in the history of the Canadian provinces a number of instances throwing doubt upon this claim. For example, Mr. Sifton was Attorney-General of Manitoba, and the late Judge King was Attorney-General of New Brunswick before they were 31. Probably half a dozen other cases could be found. When Judge Duff was called to the Supreme Court of Canada half the newspapers in the country announced that he had been made a judge in British Columbia younger than any other man who ever ascended the bench in this country. The Star then mentioned numerous younger appointments, including some of the most conspicuous public men in Canadian history. But it is hopeless to try to correct the superlative habit. It has become an organic disease in the English speaking press. Probably before the year is out we shall be told that some veteran like the Secretary of State is the oldest administrator on record. And that will also be incorrect.

The Important Point

The lank, long-haired young man looked dreamily at the charming girl on whom he was endeavouring to make a favourable impression.

"Did you ever long for death?" he asked, in a low and moving tone.

"Whose?" inquired the charming but practical young person.—Youths' Companion.

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