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#### REOPENS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st.

Special Calendar. F. H. Kirkpatrick, Ph.D., Principal

was unbroken. Footfalls sunk noisewas unbroken. Footfalls sunk noise-lessly on the thick carpets, and servants crept on tip-toe up the back stairs, opening and closing doors without a sound. One and all loved Laurie. He had the gift of gaining rot only affection but something be-sides. It would have been termed re-spect, for an older man; for this one, of twenty-six summers, it was an of twenty-six summers, it was an unswerving belief in him. They spoke of him concisely as "thorough."

Therefore it must be understood that the whisperings and innuendoes

which hovered around his name at this time were due only to people who had never been thrown into close con-tact with Laurie or else did not know

had never been thrown into close contact with Laurie or else did not know him at all. To his intimates it was all mystery and dismay, while each one asked, "What can it mean?" and answered in the same breath, "Laurie must be the victim of some horrible misunderstanding or mistake."

To his father, it was nothing short of a cataclysm, upsetting all his plans and hopes and established creeds. Inwardly, Horatio Pridham was bruised and bleeding; outwardly he bore himself with dignity and calmnes. He had courage of a cold tenacious type; without it he could never have reached the position he now held. His dogged will sustained him before a cynical world which had envied his success and called him an upstart. He sat in his library with the newspaper held before him—but he read no word. Mentally he was elsewhere. His spirit travelled to that room upstairs, where Laurie lay, and he uttered a voiceless prayer for "my boy, my boy!" Just those words were repeated over and over in his brain—"My boy, my boy!" and they carried an appeal to the Deity in whom this phlegmatic stolid Englishman believed firmly as an immutable institution in the universe, whose special vocation phlegmatic stolid Englishman believed firmly as an immutable institution in the universe, whose special vocation was to harken to distressed members of the Church of England. This silent demand for help was interrupted by the entrance of Hoskins, who murmured in hushed accents, "Inspector Lawson to see you, sir."

"Shew him in,' commanded Mr. Pridham, and the Inspector appeared, with the satisfied air of a man who has car-ried out a self-imposed task. Mr. Pridham braced himself up for the interview and greeted him blandly.

"G OOD morning, Inspector. Any news stirring? Any fresh news stirring? A light on your case?"

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"Yes, sir, there is a strong fresh light, I'm glad to say. I was afraid we had come to a block, but there's a quite unexpected issue to be dealt with now. It seems that the Honorable Mauleverer was acquainted with the dead girl and wrote letters to her."

"You don't say—Good Lord! young Mauleverer—I think there must be some mistake; he didn't seem the sort of young man. . . . Besides, the girl had a good name, was respectable, eh?"

"Oh, yes, sir, you're right there. Lisbeth Bainton was a good, respectable girl—but good girls fall in love, and a young gentleman like Mr. Theodor Mauleverer may act in a foolish way and repent it afterwards. At all events, we have certain proof that he wrote to Lisbeth—an envelope addressed to her has been found at the cottage and it's in his writing. I took it up to his Lordship myself and asked if he could identify it. He said that, to the best of his belief, it was written by his son. The post-mark on it is Fleet—and the date July 7th—the date of the murder." "Oh, yes, sir, you're right there. Lisbeth Bainton was a good, re-

Mr. Pridham sat and stared at the Inspector, but he had the nous to say nothing. This was a new aspect of Inspector, but he had the hous to say nothing. This was a new aspect of affairs which had never presented itself to his view until now. Lawson clasped his hands behind his back and balanced himself on his heels, gently inclining himself to and fro, while he kept an expressionless and fixed gaze on the distant tree-tops.

At last Mr. Pridham found words At last Mr. Fridnam found words. "And what opinion have you formed as to this letter?" he enquired with an aloofness of tone which was intended to convey the impression that he had no personal interest in the affair.

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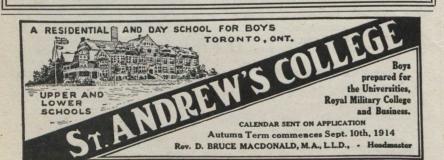
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