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THE DISCARDED SON.
(Wrillen for the Philudelphia Cathotic Herald) sake.
(Father, I mas told that you wished to speal The words were uttered hesitatingly, and the speaker, a boy of fifteen years, looked anxiously
at the stern man he addressed, whose keen, grey at the stern man he addressed, whose keen, grey
eges were beat steadfastly upon hum, though be eges were bent steadfastly upon hum, though be
gave no other token of being a ware of his pre ave no other
sence. The boy grew embarrassed under tha
The iont constraint, repeated bis previous words in tone of inquiry.
'I hear you, sir,' was the larshly-spoken reply I was only contrasting the ready obedience you wishes in things of greater moment.'
Still that relentless gaze was fixed upon th gentle youth, whose large dark eyes were lifted to
his stern parent with an expression of deep mourn fulness as he rephed: 'Dear father, I bope yo ficd me always ready to obey you.'
'As your drawng lessons erince, for instance, As your draw ing lessupted un same stern unfeeling voice.
The boy:s face flustied a little, but he spoke ${ }^{\text {aot. }}$ Periaps you mill deay that you tare thus 'Periaps you frim and respectful. 'Iou liare taught me ne forget your teachugs. I bave been taking les sons in drawing and painting from Protessop
Alden for some time-past; but I did not suppose that you would bare any objection to my
doing so, as the expenses I hare paid out of my ori spending money, and the tune thus spent has spent my leisure thours in this vay, father. Tre estimation,' replied tite father sarcastically though it is rather a susppcious circumstance that you have never even made a passing allusion in ras hearug. lad his father manifested any interest in bis stuties or annusements, that would prompt a refer But as sou pris hearing?
But as gou protess to hare misunderstood my reiteratug them for the last time. It is nay po core time in tuis pursult, whether by way of les son, practice or amusement. Now, sir, $l$ am 'Yes, sir,' was the sad spoken reply. 'Very well. Now for another matter. One
pear ago I wished you to conmence learning the ploistering kusioess a my estabisisumen. You Theaded for another year's schooling. In expired, but I hare nov other riers in your regard, It is erident that you
bire not spirit, nergy, or any of the qualficaLare not spirit, energy, or any of the qualfica-
tiors for a successful man of business. All your claracteristics point in anotber direction. A cer-
tala gentleness of inanner, insinuating address, taia genteness of manner, insinuating address,
Eathusiasm ou religious and asthetic subjectsall of these are good qualifications for the ministry, and these gou undoubtedly possess. I have no doubt you will make a fashionable and popu-
la: minister ; and lave accordngly made arrangements for your theological education Fonainence immediately. bis speech as it fell upon his ear in the cala ceasured acceuts that betoken-1be iron spirit
mithen ; listened to silence wile dis varying fea teres expressed the emotions it awakened. .Iis fris ieeing of sorrowful disajpointment, was suc
ceeded by one of surprise, but at the closing cerds lie looked up with an expression of all 'Well, sir ?' said his father inpatiently. 'Oh, my father, it is impossble for me to mee
cour wishes in this matter,' sald the boy wit fcur wishes in hais matter,' sad the boy with
deep emotion. 'I hare verer Selt any metina'Yon for the ministry.
ons, if you have any,' was
There is one objection-one obstacle-
which is insurmountable,' said the gouth, conquerng lis agitation, and speakng with a manly carnesiness which could not hal 10 min respect.
'You know, father, my nother was not of your Mr. Hudson remained for a tipe in stent thought. 'You kuow nothing of this matter, te said at length, you were too young when
your mother ded to understand or care inuch about religion.'
'Not so, youth earnestly. 'Her example and mstruc-
tions had left a lastigg impression, and besides 'Well ?' queried the father as he paused. 'When I

Mr. Hodson mutered an execration aganst
 as at first. 'It inatters not, and 1 expect your
ready compliance with my wishes; even the suready compliance with my wishes ; even the su
perstitious creed into which you bare been en apped incuicates,

- Not when it conflicts with the obectience due
God, father,' was the mild, So God, father,' was the mild, yet firm reply.-
Surely, sir, you do nut expect me to give ny religion and
I hare planily expressed inted the father sharply Ihare planily expressed iny wishes ; you hare leaving this louse for ever. You can take this
morning to dellberate. If you decide to ober morning to dellberate. If you decide to obey
ine, well ; it not, prepare in the interim to leave house which will no longer be your horne, even tor a single day. Not a word!' be added, im-
periously motionng towards the door; 'atter inner I will hear your decision.
The bright morning sunbeams weee shiniag cheerily through the open windows of tbat pleas-
ant bouse as Frederic Hudson ascended to his ant bouse as Frederic Hudson ascended to his
room ; but the brightness and beautf, and the balmy spring breeze that swept by, lifting his
bright hair, and playing around his heated forehead, for the first time failed to awaken a thrill of pleasure or admiration in his bosom. ThrowIng himself wearily into a seat, he looked around
with that wrstful gaze we are apt to bestorr on familiar objects which we are never to behold again; and the boy knew that this was the case; for, feeling hunsel obliged in consclence to re-
fuse the sacrifice required of him, he feti also that in that he might as vell attempt to turn the mountain torrent irom its course, as
that iron will from its stern resolve.
The will from its stern fesolenary talent for painting whe Frederic bad early erinced, his father had labored strenuously to smother, postively refusing
to allow bim to join the drawing class in his to allow bim to join the drawing class in his
school, under Professor Alden; but that gentieman, lappening to see some productions of the you, 1 's untutored pencil, gave hum, occasionally,
private lessons, and was amply repaid by lus pupil's rapid progress. The latter at length tested his powers on a small landscape of his own de sign, which he suburatted to the inspection of his teacher, rrho, while candidly pointing out the de-
fects, he observed, felt justified by its many exfects, he observed, felt justified by uts many ex-
cellencies in advising bims to derote himself to the cultraation of the bright gift he possessed.While the youth was indulgaig the glowing anti-
cipations thus excited, Mr. Hudson bad discoered his secret labors, and entertaimng a sor relgn contempt for daubers (as he always desig-
nated artists) determined to interdict them for

Frederic, tholigl grieved, was not moch surrised by his lather's mandate; be knew his senhiments regarding art and artists. Eut his astonshment was great on learang that Mr. Hudson, who, untul lately, had never troubled himselt
about religion, was deternined on making hum a about religion, was determined on making lum a
mumster. This was, ivdeed, astoundigg intelliminster. Chis was, iudced, astoundivg intelli nouncen.ent that the boy, of whose feelings and pursuits he knew as little as the rerrest stranger, was a Catholic. Here was an obstacle of which he never dreamed. But be quickly resolred that it should rot interfere with the accomplishmeat of his plans. Knowing the ollectionate
dispostion of tis son, he entertained no doubt of being able to persuade or compel hina to accede to his vierss. But in this he was mistaken.
was a lard trial to Frederic to leave lis bo
was a hard trial to Frederic to leave his bome
to part in anger with his parent: but duty de panded the sacrifice; so, without much deliberation, though with keen regret, he made pre-
paratious for the exile to which be was doomed. Sadly, while thus ocenpied, he thougltt of his
belosed mother, who had for five fears slep belosed mother, who had for five years slept
'the last quiet sleep,' but whose fond prasses of the early atlempts of his pencil he remembered,
and whose religious instructions were sacredly and whose religious instructions were sacredly
treasurell in memory. Long ago another bad treasuretl in memory. Long ago another bad
taken ier position in the household, and clamed her place su the affection of its master; but that young leart was faitiful to the memory of
mother in the grave - upon her place in lis bea no stranger might ever intrude; though, eve gentle and forbearing towards all, he cherished
no unfriendly feelings against his stepmother, who, on her part, was seldom deficient in kind ness to the boy, on whom,
When the dinner, at which he was not pres nt, was orer, Frederic descended to the parlor,
here Mr. Hudson was walling majestically and fro. On seeing his son approaching, he sa down by the centre-table, a avaing his communication witi an air of supreme indatterence. I encouragement, begun, un a faltering tone, '
have come, sir, to bid you farewell. But oh mf father father, coldy. "You will not accede to ray wishes-it is just as well.'
MONTREAL, FRIDAY, DECEMBER $95,1868$.
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'Alas, I cannot-I dare not,' said the agitated /How famliar seemed the neat little room.
boy. 'F Father, boy. 'Father, forgive me one act of disobe-
dience.'
'Never. But go-ro at once, ungrateful ' Nerer. But go-go at once, ungrateful
boy ; you are hencefortha stranger to to -go.'
With a contemptuous gesture ith a contemptuous gesture he flung back the hand timidily extended, and the boy, with
one look of sad reproach. turned away. Ere he had gained the hall, his steps were arrested and though I no longer consider you my son, I do not wish you to beg or steal at the beginning
of your career, whate and, as he spoke, he threw a terv pieces of gold
A haughty look flashed from the tearful eges
the tremulous lips curled slogbtly at the insuit-- the trem
g words.
should prefer your kind consideration, sir: but I should prefer eren the bitter means, of living
first suggested, to bounty thus offered,' and be turned proudly away.
The next moment, repenting baring given way to his angry impulse, he returned, picked up
the coins, and, layng them respectully on the table, left the room. Presently he re-appeared, paused as he waster, wassing the parrlor, and looked paused as be was passing the parlor, and looke
toward lins father, who sat as he had left lum, apparently absorbed in a book. The boy's affec
tionate heart swelled at the thought of goin forth without one bind word, one parting em brace from his only parent. Must be depa
thus, or should be make one mose effort to con ciliate the stern man, and plead for
Whale he stood thus irresolute, Mr. Hudson,
perhaps feeling that those earnest eyes were
fixed sorrowfully on him, looked up, with that same cold, uarelenting expression, as, vilfully misinterpreting the wistiul gaze, be saiu, taunt-
ing, Are pou waiting for the money now?-
I nerer repeat an ofier once scorned. Leare the house, sir!"
Outraged in his best feelinys, Frederic passed guickly tirough the hall. As he reached the rroat door, his step, mother followed hm, 'So
will go, Frederic,' she sadd, reproachfully. slighted bo bio cherd; had his wishes th not have cause to regret your undatiful obstual And thus the gifted, warm bearted boy

## Tove. tue town of B-, where drelt the brother

of his deceased mother, Frederic directed his the iutervening space, and at sunset be reached his uncle's bouse, which was situated just with-
out the thrivng town. As de onened the garout the thriving town. As he opened the gar-
den gate, lie could see the table laid oul in the wide porch at the rear of the house, and bis ing repast:' The former, bearing the gate open went for ward and received the unexpected visitor with a bearty welcome ; then led bim to bis wife,
calling out in bis cheery tones, ' Here is a pleas calling out 3 m bis cheery tones, 'Here is a pleas-
ait surprise for you, mother. I'll wager fou did not surprise for you, motber.
nuest this evening.
Not so dear aud welcome a one, indeed, re warnly.
Both were surprised to see how wan and lan. guid the boy appeared ; he had eaten nothin since early mormng, and since then he passed
tbrough a severe mental conflict, which ieft him dejected and utterly discouraged. Instantly perceiving this, his
what had happened

ment and its cause. A glow of indignation moun
ed to the placid brovs of Mr. Haines ; but quickly deec away, and be tlirew his arm around lis aephew pressng tender bisses on his burning brov and trembling lips, as be whispered, sooth-
ingly, ' Blessed are they who sutter persecution ngly, 'Blessed are they who sulter persecution
for unstice's sake, for theirs is the knogdom of heaven.'

- Were it not that Fredenck is so distressed, I would rejoice that something has occurred to
bring him to us,' said Mrs. Haines, in her kind gring him to us, said Mrs. Haines, in aer kind
tones. 'We are very lonely tere, at times, my dear, just two old people together. You will bring seme life and fua to our quiet bome.'
'Yes, you must be our child, now, Fred,' sa his uncle; 'so cheer up, and let us bope that
some of these days your father will feel differently.'
How gratefully did the disbeartened boy zespoad to this ready kindness, and soon, stimu part, bis natural cheerfulness, and was able to participate in the table chat his zunt, with womanly tact, introduced. At an early hour the kind old couple dismissed bim to take a long
nigut's rest, which, as Mr. Haines saiu, would night's rest, which, as Mr. Haines said, woul
make bim feelall right. With lightened spir
he sought the couch on which be had
often eno

How famliar seemed the neat little room. How
rividly memors recalled the night be had there wath his rdolized mother; nor was it with less of childike confidence and love than at that
time, though with deeper ase, that be nor ime, though witlideeper arre, that he now sinel
before the little altar, to pour forth his grateful
befanks to the Father in Hearen, who had so gra-
ciously provided for him when harshly cast of by his earthly parent.
Mr. Hankes hod been a nerchant of B-, b
realising what he deemed a competency, on reahsing what he deemed a competency, ba
retired from busiaess, finding sume retired from busiaess, finding sufficient occupa
tion and amusement in cuitirating the few acr attached to the neat cottage where he and his was truly hike a gleam of sunstura after long co tioued clouds-the presence of the bright, intel-
ligent boy, with his winning ways and boyis gleefulness, in that quiet house. Every day served to enuear him more to his relatives, who
though anxious o keep bim erer with them, yet
unselfishly desired a reconcluation between bim
and his parent, wbich they knew he had üt beart.
But of thas there was litele bope. Frearerce uad
ritten to his father on tirst arriving at his un-
cles ; the followng day his letter came bacta,
The latter also had thought it proper to write
ded with him, and gentify pointing out the re-
essity the lad was under of aclung as be had
titer. But no ant
This was the only loud that liogered in the
right sky of Frederic's new life. Hapiy in the

lided happily by, the third opened for him
hapter u--out of tribulation into joy.
The tame of Daguerre's discofery had reach-
desire io possess one of quite an excitement-itho
tures beng almost unirersal. Mir. Hanines ad.
pised his nephew to take a short trip to bis na.
Ive citr, and procure iastruction in the art from
superior Daguerreotypist, who bad established
a superior Daguerreotppist, who had
himseif there. The plan seemed to
resent an opportunty of nacreasing toe intle
store he was laying by math the view to spending
a few rears is Italy and he quickly decided to
araw years 19
With a mind agitated by contlictng emotions,
名 with thimself whether he should reature on
isiting bis father, when he sulden!y e
hat gentlenian in conversation with tivo or thre
an he involuntarly pacsed, and greeted hive warmly. His response was but caretesty give
his attention being fisel on his father, who, hat
ing glanced toward bim, turned carelesty anat
ing glanced toward wim, turned cartessly away,
witl bis companions. Frederic passed on. He
could not now go to see bis step mother; neither rould he seek any of his former frieuds,
Professor Alden; but ackiered the object of hit
ourner as speedily as possible, and with a feel
ing of reltef that be would soon be far from the
place, started for the railroad depot. It was
early in the morning, and a very few had tnet
carly in the wurning, and a very
be found bitnself face to tace with bis father.-
Nith an irresstible impulse, the bor exteode

he stera man slowly pursued has way. The
long, then subuuing his bitter feehngs, and uar
ened lorward agai
The fame of Frederic's Daguerreotypes soo
or their softuess of finishas for thar accurac
ad his tine was now fully occupied at the $c$ be easel. With the rest caine an ofic tudy a
gentleman, leadng by the band a tuyg grll, a per-
They bad long desired to have a portrait of th
ittle sprite, who was the orphan child of their
aly daughter ; but rain bad been all their eforts ings, and they bad been forced reluctantly 10 gire up the attempt. But, on seeing some o
Frederic's sun-paintings, Mr. Walker's cherist. ed wish was again revived by the idea of thaving ber likeness thus taiken and transterred to can pass. The young artist seadily concursed in the lan, and haviog excued the caled a perfect live ess, in the most bemitchipg phase of her stritag lopeliness.
To produce this on canvass was a pleasant
ask for bis future hours, and Mr. Walker 5000 B ailed with deltoght the completion of the portrait Which in its truabfulness and exquisite coloring, was worthy of the beauty it pourtrayed. Proud
as the grand-pareats were, of the portratt, it was
destued to :ossess a more sacred, yet mouruful the darling orminal was atter attacked was sent he cone, and in a few brief inours the fond recollections parental lore, and the pictured semblance on th
wall, alone remained to then of the little ond who had been the beauty, and of the little an that darkenell home.

Grateful to the gifted one br whose genius the snile in alroost liring beauty belore them, the conceived for him a warm attichnent. Eipe-
cially did Mr. Walker, when tie first porgnancy cialy did Mr. Walker, when the fiss porgnanteg
ni bereavement had yietded to a calmer sorcow arded the litte Ada with a! an artist's pure,
nuthuslastic Iore of the beautiful, and whos ying sympatioy to the triflong but precuots re miniscences of the departed, upan whel the be-
eaved grandfather loved to disell. Naturaily, 00, the old genleman begran to take: d depe: of high standing and miluence, Frederic scon es. perieticed ithe res
U:ise day le brought to the stubis a weateth of B--. Stutala with adsaraton ni tee youth's
 shat enfiely to Erederic, not even The later, who percerved hat the stranger's hae weicone tash, Patimaly wrought be on,
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Eut it was onge as last, and the mast rigid
 etits wery simplicity, It wase a sumple design fore: trees rove un proddly to tae darle, adece
 with o diad of iynos hetle chidren castug pebbatay sy tat plas: liquid, 3: the pebobe broike
 backurry whites, with the me, smang iful baind weet houghts of hores towit, ant me-

His pinssanterereic was broben of tie el and
 Yes. wet oeatei fondif on shim nem rahaldike artlesness of his nature be threw him -Why, Fretay, what is this? ?-rabity, eu? o the beaming face, now seffared with an ia dind a ayaia turning to the pranting with fresh
he yound is masterter for me excianed iocíed dowa on tap
 inceed, my boy; but I griere to
ell earael joy of this hour with the cloult the well earaell joy of this hour with the
tidings it brings. 'Tis from a friend of miat is
Frederic hurriedly read the letter. It told o ear that the sale of his liabilties, in which case, under the barbore orce, be would be intprisoned for the

- And mat to be done nows my are
ric ?' asked Mr. Haines, as be sat dowa be was depicted on the counteng the sorrow whic minutes previously.
'I cannot tell, dear uncie. Perbaps te sum
widi your kindness has eaabled me to lay by
will be sufictent. Shall I go io ascertar the
will be suftcrent. Shall go io ascertaic the
real state of atairs. or would it not be better to
Wace.
Wha not go yourself, Frederic

