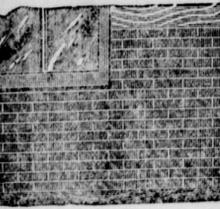


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condition of the large cities, but by the rapid transit with cheap fares which it has established, enables the wage-earner and artisan to remove their dwellings from crowded barracks and back slums and to live in healthy surroundings in the suburbs.

Moreover, electrical mechanism has made the duties and operations in factories and mills so clearly and attractive that there are now positions in these establishments which are eagerly sought after by persons of both sexes who are cultured and refined.

The bond of friendship which so faithfully united Jack Collins and Joseph Brooks, from the days of boyhood and strengthened as they approached their maturity, not only by the similarity of their tastes and inclinations, but by several circumstances.

The doctor, though at first inclined to discourage too great intimacy between the boys owing to their disparity in a social point of view, was now inclined to encourage it.

He heartily promoted the object which the young men had in view, of becoming partners as railway contractors, especially as their training and experience had been qualifying them to undertake the responsibility of that business.

Jack had completed the period of his apprenticeship with Mr. Force. Joseph had acquired a good practical knowledge of civil engineering during the few years he had been on the staff of Mr. Jones.

The young men, therefore, were anxious to jointly undertake a small contract of their own, and to show to the world their ability.

Having consulted the doctor, and explained their proposition to him, he generously consented to provide them with the capital necessary, in order that they might tender for the construction of a short line of railway which was to be undertaken in a few weeks.

The respectability and integrity of the firm of Messrs. Collins & Brooks, having been endorsed by Mr. Force and other responsible men of business, attracted special attention to their tender, and the contract was awarded them.

The proposed line was a section of the P. E. Railway and in due time the work was satisfactorily accomplished in accordance with the specifications.

Other contracts followed in quick succession, so that in a short time, Messrs. Collins and Brooks were regarded as the most enterprising and progressive contractors of the day.

Success in business or any enterprise is the height of every man's ambition, and when it is attained, elevates the mind, raises the confidence of the agent employed, and stimulates him to greater exertions.

Having once experienced the temptations and dangers; it may engender conceit and pride and deteriorate character, it may change the inner man entirely so that the spirit of humility, self-denial, piety and temperance which had formerly distinguished the person, gave place to sensuality, intemperance and worldliness.

Jack Collins' religious habits from his boyhood to manhood, provided him with an armour which the wiles of Satan, the lusts of the flesh and the pomps of the world could not easily penetrate.

He was sometimes innocently and unsuspectingly led into temptations, unless he relaxed his rules or habits of morality. This would not occur unless he neglected his religious duties, which, forming part and parcel of his life, were not likely to be omitted.

In the case of Joseph Brooks, his moral position was not so secure. He had been educated as a Protestant. He had been accustomed to go to church when a boy, but he did not consider it a mortal sin to absent himself from divine service, occasionally on the Lord's Day.

He was not a communicant. His morality was not so firmly established. He had respectable associations, and the influence of his parents, than by a deep sense of piety, and the dread of committing a mortal sin.

He acknowledged no spiritual adviser to whom it was his bounded duty to go every morning to speak plainly to his soul, and to receive the sacraments, which were his life and his strength.

His social circumstances brought him often times into contact with a fashionable, and fast set of young men who were worldly and dissipated; who, though gentlemen in appearance and professions, were sometimes immoral and profane.

Joseph's position was a trying one, especially when success began to crown his labors. Those who had sneered at him, when he was engaged in manual labor, and ridiculed his vocation, now became his flatterers, when he was known to be a successful man of business.

Jack had observed the difference in a moral and social aspect between himself and his friend, and that the temptations to which Joseph was subjected would become stronger as he increased in years and prosperity.

He was, therefore, very anxious to see the firm continued, and the firm depended upon the respectability of the partners. Having observed Joseph on a certain evening surrounded by a fast set of young men, noted for their gambling propensities, and debaucheries, Jack made up his mind to speak plainly to his friend, and warn him of the dangers to which he was exposing himself.

On the following day, Jack and Joseph having met at their office to discuss some matters of business, the former seized the opportunity to refer to this particular subject which he had so deeply concerned.

Who you will not be offended, Joseph, if I take the liberty of calling your attention to certain dangers to which our firm is exposed, and against which we must carefully guard ourselves.

The dangers to which our firm is exposed are of various kinds, and are besetting us. A man of business requires to be as much on the alert to steer clear of shoals and rocks which threaten his ruin, as the pilot or captain of a ship sailing off the coast of a dangerous sea.

You are, I believe, more exposed than myself, owing to the high position which your family holds in society and your attractive associations.

As an instance, how easy it is for a good man to suddenly fall from a high position to which his energy and industry had raised him, I will refer to the case of my friend, Mr. McLaughlin.

"Do you mean," said Joseph, "the poor fellow who lives alone in a shanty, about a mile from this city?" "Yes, that is the man," said Joseph.

"I often carried medicine to him from my father, who is very kind to extend his charity to the poor, and consequently we endorse it to every reader."

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ally and financially. Now, Joseph, we can expose ourselves to similar temptations; and what will prevent us from proceeding with a similar fate to that of poor McLaughlin? It is a true saying, "He that loveth danger, shall fall thereby."

Joseph having earnestly listened to his partner's warning and suggestions, replied: "Jack, you manfully saved my life once when I was at the point of death, and now I find you like my guardian angel watching me again, to save my life in another manner from a moral and spiritual death. I admit the fact of my being more exposed than you are in many respects, especially as your strict attention to the duties of religion and your temperance principles are a safeguard to you which I do not possess."

But I promise to join you in the pledge of temperance, which will keep me away from those places where men of dissipated habits are sure to frequent."

It was about a month after this conversation between the partners had occurred, that business of the firm required Collins to leave home and take the train to a station about two hundred miles distant from the locality of his contract.

He was absent about three days and when returning, on Saturday night, the train by which he was travelling was thrown off the track from some defective rail.

The accident occurred about three miles from the town where Collins lived, and several passengers were injured, including Jack Collins. His shoulder was dislocated and the ankle of the right leg badly sprained.

He was conveyed home as soon as the horse was replaced in the socket and then the injured joint was properly attended to.

It is only because of the accident on Sunday afternoon, and hastened to call on his partner. He had never been inside of Mrs. Collins' cottage, nor had he met either the mother or sister of Jack.

When he knocked at the door it was opened by Miss Bessie Collins. She did not know Joseph Brooks, but on learning his name, showed him into the parlor, and hastened to inform her brother of the visitor.

Joseph was conducted up stairs and shown into Jack's bedroom. After listening to the account of the accident and Jack's narrow escape from fatal injuries, who had opened the door for him.

"Why my dear fellow," Jack exclaimed, "she is my sister. She is a school teacher, but is home at present, enjoying the summer holidays. Before taking his departure, Joseph requested to be allowed to accompany her to the church. He had never before this day thought of entering a Catholic place of worship, but was very desirous of witnessing the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and hearing Catholic Mass. It gave Miss Bessie much pleasure to accept the chaplain of Mr. Brooks and to introduce him to the church which she so dearly loved.

Joseph was very attentive and respectful during the service of Vespers, and when the congregation was dismissed he and his sister accompanied her to her home.

Joseph held quite an interesting conversation that night with his partner about religion and expressed an earnest desire to know more about the Catholic faith.

Jack was at last sufficiently well to resume his official duties which were most important at that particular time, as the tender of Collins & Brooks for a very important railway construction had just been accepted.

The prosperity of the firm was now assured, and the employees were well established.

On entering the office of Messrs. Collins & Brooks the first thing which attracted Joseph's attention was a quotation from Shakespeare, in large letters hung on the wall in a nice frame: "Things done well and with a care, exempt themselves from fear."

It contained the principle which governed the actions of the firm, to do nothing slovenly, to carry out to the letter the terms of specification, to have no deception in their work.

The friendship which had quietly sprung up between Joseph Brooks and Bessie Collins was a natural consequence of the intimate relation between the two sexes, especially as the sister's character was very similar to that of her brother. She was truthful, unaffected and affectionate.

But Joseph was not satisfied that he and Miss Bessie should be merely two friends; his friendship developed into ardent love. He, therefore, spoke to the young lady on a certain occasion and told her how deeply her beauty, amiability, and accomplishments affected him.

Although the modest maid was highly complimented and deeply affected by the proposal of marriage from her brother's friend, yet she felt obliged to tell him frankly that there were certain reasons which would prevent her accepting the honor he proffered her.

First, she was a Catholic and he a Protestant, and a marriage where there was no union of creed and esteem of the partners, was in itself, a very unpropitious one.

Secondly, she was a daughter of a poor man, and her position and her own, an engagement between them would be objectionable to his parents and relatives.

Joseph quickly removed those barriers which obstructed his happiness by informing her whom he adored, that so far as religion was concerned, he intended to embrace the Catholic faith; that he had been quietly studying the doctrines of the Church, that the Rev. Father Hogan was his instructor, and being firmly convinced of the truth of the creed she held so dearly, he intended to be baptized and to receive into the Catholic Church in a month.

"Again," he added, "I will speak to my father, the doctor, to-day and when he learns of my true and earnest love for you, he and my mother will, I assure you, gladly consent to receive you as their daughter."

Miss Collins could no longer delay the

acceptance of the proffered love of a man so faithful and noble as Joseph appeared to be, and they were duly betrothed.

Joseph lost no time in speaking to the doctor on the delicate subject affecting his heart and the prospective happiness of his life. He was agreeably surprised to perceive that his father was not unprepared for the news. He had been recently noticing how things were trending in relation to his son's domestic welfare. He was personally acquainted with his fiancée and admired her much. He was more than pleased that the life which Jack had so nobly saved would be devoted, in some degree, to advancing the happiness of his sister. Moreover, he had been making some researches of the genealogy of the Collins' family, which was very satisfactory.

"It is a strange coincidence," said the doctor, "that there had formerly existed a great friendship between the great-grandfather of Jack Collins and his own grandfather. Jack's father, who had died so heroically, was the son of Robert Collins and Robert's father was the Rev. Andrew Collins, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, whose parish had been in Ayr, a county in Scotland. The Rev. James Brooks, the grandfather of Doctor Brooks, had also been a minister of the Scotch Church at that time, and had a parish adjoining that of Mr. Collins. The two ministers had been intimately acquainted, and much attached one to the other, as represented by letters which had been preserved by their posterity."

Robert, the son of the Rev. Mr. Collins, appears to have been a headstrong, reckless lad. His father could not control him, and he left home when about nineteen years of age and emigrated to America; then he finally settled down on a farm in the State of Vermont, and married an Irish girl who was a Catholic, and, like Irish women generally, very true to her faith. Robert Collins, leaving the widow with one child—a boy—who was called Joseph and baptized by a Catholic priest. This boy was religiously trained by his mother and educated in the Catholic faith. When he was old and strong enough to work he was very industrious and helped to support his good mother until her death. Joseph Collins removed from Vermont to Western Canada. He also married a respectable and intelligent Irish girl of the Catholic faith, who is the mother of Jack and Bessie Collins.

Joseph Brooks was very grateful to his father for the trouble he had taken in obtaining such interesting history of the Collins family, with whom he had so many pleasing associations and was so intimately connected. It was also joyful news to Jack to learn of the friendship which had formerly existed between the ancestors of Joseph and himself, which friendship was about to be cemented by the approaching union between his sister and his partner.

Three months after the betrothal of Joseph Brooks and Bessie Collins had been definitely confirmed by the consent of the parents, they were married in the Church of the Sacred Heart by Rev. Father Hogan. Dr. and Mrs. Brooks and the sisters and brothers of Joseph assisted at the nuptial service; also the widow—Mrs. Collins—was present and her face, which for so many years had borne the mark of sorrow, was on this occasion radiant with an expression of happiness.

Her son Jack was also present as the representative of his father, to present his sister to the priest to be united in holy wedlock to his partner and his friend.

The wedding presents was a lovely cottage, handsomely furnished, from Dr. and Mrs. Brooks, which the bride and bridegroom would occupy on their return from their wedding tour.

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EX-CONVICT "WIDDOWS."

London, [Eng., Tablet, April 1, 1920. Truth this week has devoted another long article to the exposure of this notorious anti-Catholic lecturer.

"During the last year or two references have from time to time been made in this journal to the proceedings of the individual calling himself 'Ex-monk Widdows,' in reality an ex-convict whose ticket of leave expired only last year."

On the latest occasion when I referred to him Widdows had received from the Acton School Board permission to lecture in their school building. As I pointed out at the time, for a public body representing the ratepayers to lend a public building to a man of this stamp is a proceeding difficult to justify, and one must assume that such a thing could only have been done in complete ignorance of Widdows' true history. Let similar ignorance should lead to similar mistakes elsewhere, I take the earliest opportunity of going into Widdows' history a little more fully than has hitherto been done, having previously fortified myself by certain inquiries which leave no doubt as to the actual facts."

From a letter of warning published in the Northern Esquire by a gentleman who had been imposed upon, and who had entered upon an investigation concerning Widdows, Truth proceeds to give details. According to these it would seem that 'Widdows' was brought up in Norwich workhouse, apprenticed to a shoemaker, and entered the choir of Father Ignatius. He next went lecturing, then set up in the grocery business in Marylebone, and having quarrelled with his partner went off to America, where he joined the Catholic Church, and was a convict in Toronto gaol in 1875. On his release he started as an anti-Catholic lecturer, describing himself as an ex-monk. We quote the rest of the story from Truth:

"I may add to this that in the only definite statement of Widdows which I can discover as to the order of monks which he belonged to, he alleges that he was admitted to the Franciscan Order at Pockham in 1867. As a matter of fact there was never such a monastery at Pockham, and the suggestion that a lad who had had little more than a workhouse education could have been admitted to any such order at the age of seventeen is on the face of it ridiculous—to say nothing of the fact that two years later Widdows was keeping a grocer's shop in Marylebone. These facts, coupled with the position which he is subsequently known to have occupied in the Roman Catholic Church in Canada, down to the time when he was prosecuted and convicted at Toronto, absolutely dispose of the impudent fiction that this 'ex-monk' ever was a monk in any Roman Catholic order."

In 1878 Widdows was back at Norwich, where he gave out that he had been in France in the interval, and he stated among other lies, that he had been to Palestine and Jerusalem with the Marquis of Bute, having been sent there by his religious superior. A comparison of the dates would show that he must have been at Jerusalem the same time when he was being prosecuted by his partner in the Marylebone grocery business. I refer to this merely as one out of many samples of the gross falsehoods which this man has uttered over and over again respecting his past career. He continued to live, however, on the ex-monk fiction and the credulity of fanatical Protestants down to 1888, notwithstanding the humiliating exposure of his career by Mr. Long in 1883. In 1888 occurred the event which might have been expected to finally extinguish him, namely, his indictment and conviction at the Old Bailey as a party to offences of the vilest character