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In the estate of JAMES BROWN, deceased, in the County of Pictou, Sheriff, executor, do hereby advertise for the sale of the real estate of the said James Brown, deceased, to be sold at Public Auction, in the Town of Pictou, at the house on Spring Street, at the hour of ten o'clock on Saturday, the 22nd day of January, 1888.

At eleven o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to a license to sell, bearing date the 21st day of November, 1887, All the estate, right, title, interest, claim, property and demand which the said James Brown, deceased, had at the time of his death, in and to that certain lot, piece or parcel of

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situate, lying and being in the Town and County of Pictou, bounded and described as follows: On the North by Spring Street, East by lot one, owned by the said James Brown, deceased, South by the Old Academy lot, and West by lot owned by George M. Crawford, together with the buildings and appurtenances.

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NORAH DESMOND'S DOOM.

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makes the case of the soup very deperate. "Oh, darlin', it's in the promise mood you are this morning! An' it's only one more promise I want, Norah ashore, just for luck. All luck goes by threes, and—"

"You had better give me the soup," says Norah sternly; but he plants the jug on a convenient trestle, and then and there declares his unalterable love for her—his passion which has lasted all his life—"

"Oh, fie, Terence!" she cries. And which will end only with his death.

He looks a very fine handsome fellow indeed as he stands there bareheaded before her, one hand held out in entreaty, the other carefully steadying the fast-chilling soup. Norah feels very pitiful indeed—sorry for herself too. In all their pleasant companionship to come to an end? No, she declares to herself. It shall not, if she can help it. And her quick wit show her the right way to meet the danger.

The young man pauses at last. Her eyes meet his bravely and he is woughter in their depths. "Terence," she says softly, "was it me you were after marryin', or the eldest Miss O'Rafferty?"

The eldest Miss O'Rafferty was Terence's particular weakness when she was a slip of a lad of fifteen, and she was a particularly fine woman of forty.

At the cruel little speech, which is kindly meant, notwithstanding its sharpness, he is struck dumb for a moment. Norah takes advantage of the pause by flying ahead with her safe and solid bowl of jelly. There is nothing for it but for him to follow, with what speed he may, with the hateful jug of soup, which had become, if less in weight since they started, decidedly more unpleasant to the touch. It is with surprise that he sees Norah pause and beckon to him when she reaches the brow of a little hill that overlooks the straggling village street. He hastens to her side.

"Look," she ejaculates—"look Terence! What is the matter?"—pointing

He glances in the direction indicated. There is certainly an unusual stir in the little place; before every door stands a knot of persons; in the centre of the street a little crowd has gathered around two figures—those of an old man, bent and withered with age, and a young woman, little, tall, and graceful, holding a child in her arms. For a moment they do not recognise her in her English dress which even at this distance, looks dragged and travel-stained. But there is something in the poise of the head and the whole bearing of the figure that is familiar to them before she turns her face, and the warty February sunlight falls full upon it.

Norah gives a little cry then: "It is Honor. She has come back—at last! Oh, I am glad—and her poor little child," she goes on brokenly.

"Michael is abusing her," says Terence, in a low horror-stricken tone. "Look how they are all falling back from her. Norah don't go."

"But I will," she says. "Don't come. It's hard enough for her without that."

Her last words scarcely reach him as she flies down the steep little path. As he watches her, running swiftly upon her errand of mercy and charity, a little lump seems to rise in his throat, and there is a mist before his blue eyes. But she will not wish him to watch her, he thinks, so he picks up the jelly, and retraces his steps, singing softly, as he goes, the last two lines of the song he sang in Norah's "surgery" in the morning—

"Oh darlin', my bleedin' go wid ye  
Every mornin' that ye go"  
To be continued.

The man who stands idly by and sees the life falling out of his wife's face, sees her health slowly slipping away, becoming old and faded and wrinkled when she should still be in the perfect enjoyment of vigorous, useful health, is either less than a man or else does not know of the one remedy which will bring her back to health and strength. Perhaps her husband cannot persuade her to go to her doctor, because she naturally demands the inevitable "consultation" and "local treatments." He can persuade her, if she needs persuasion, to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This truly wonderful medicine has cured hundreds of women after the best physicians have failed. It has been a constant one for her for every day for thirty years. It isn't an experiment, there is no danger in it. It is a certain cure for all derangements, weakness, irregularities and displacements of internal organs peculiar to women.

Two Hundred and Fifty Years Ago.  
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"Ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee."—Deut. 4:32.

Among the events of the past, regarding which it is well for us to make enquiry, is the famous Westminster Assembly, not only because of the important bearing which it had and still has upon very much that pertains to the welfare of the Presbyterian Church, but also because of its relation to the great question of civil and religious liberty throughout Great Britain, and through it indeed throughout the world. It is well then that we should know something of this remarkable convocation. And the Presbyterian Church is at this time asked to call to remembrance this assembly and its work, because about this time 250 years ago, it practically completed its work when the Westminster Confession was adopted.

This famous council was called by the ordinance of the English Parliament, to meet on July 1st, 1643. In looking at the work of this great assembly, it will be necessary, in order to realize its importance, to glance back a little at the movements, civil and ecclesiastical, as they enacted themselves in England and Scotland, because they have a most important bearing upon the attitude of the Church in this morning. Some may think of the Westminster Assembly as a mere isolated event, exhibiting simply the movements of the men and the times. But the man who reflects a little upon the influences, sometimes operating beneath the surface, that control the destinies of nations, will, if he look carefully at the objects and deliberations of this great assembly, be disposed to give it an important place in advancing the civil and religious interests of mankind.

We will venture this statement, that if the Reformation had been as thorough in England as it was in Scotland, the Westminster Assembly would never have been convened. The spirit which led to the Reformation, was doubtless working alike in the minds of men both in England and Scotland. But it developed in a very different way. In England it originated in the writings and passions of Henry the VIII. He would have the Church managed after his own fashion. And through his arbitrary demands in connection with his divorce, a rupture took place between him and the Pope. The story is a long one and cannot now be dwelt upon. Suffice it to say that the question of the supremacy of the Pope, at length, after much inquiry and discussion, came before Parliament, and a bill was passed abolishing papal supremacy in England and declaring the king to be the supreme head of the Church of England. It is said that Henry was so pleased with the title, the Supreme Head of the Church, that he had it engrafted that it should be added perpetually to the other titles of the Crown. And so the title, the Supreme Head of the Church and the power in ecclesiastical matters that arose from it, were claimed by Henry not from a deep settled conviction, "that the Pope's assumption of the title was itself sinful, but solely for the desire of rescuing himself from any control, and for the purpose of possessing in his own person the most full and absolute power that could be imagined." This sadly interfered with the Church of England carrying on her reformation, guided only by the requirements of the word of God. Indeed it would not be very difficult to show, that to this dogma of the king's supremacy and headship of the Church of England, are to be traced many of the ecclesiastical and civil calamities of Great Britain. There is no safety for civil and religious liberty, in any country, where the supreme power in both church and state centres in the same authority. It is almost sure to result in despotism. And never was there a more complete and arbitrary supremacy in all matters



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