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(From our own Correspondent) Mr. A. Henderson, of Dover, is home for a visit.

Miss Hattie Bates has returned from a few months visit to her brother in Manitoba.

Mrs. Worboise of Cathcart, visited friends in the village last week. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are moving into Mr. Ruske's house at the west end. Mr. and Mrs. H. Stuart spent over Sabbath at Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Caven are visiting the parental home.

A very successful recital was held by the pupils of Miss White and Tucker, at the home of Mrs. A. D. Muir, on Tuesday evening. The collection taken will be sent to the Belgium relief fund.

VANESSA

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Several are on the sick list: Henry Bartholomew, W. H. Bartholomew and Mrs. John Melles are still under the doctor's care.

George and Mrs. Lutes of Hartford, spent Sunday with his parents and also Milton and Mrs. Proper.

The funeral of the late Albert Bartholomew, who died so suddenly on Wednesday, took place Saturday afternoon, at Scotland Masonic Lodge having charge, a large number of people attended. The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

CANADIAN PACIFIC TRAIN SERVICE—EFFECTIVE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

The attention of the travelling public is respectfully directed to the improved train service via "Lake Ontario Shore Line" in connection with Toronto-Montreal Route.

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Sir Nigel

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It was bitter to draw back; but it was madness to remain. Nigel looked round and saw that half his men were down. At the same moment Raoul said, "I have seen his horse, a bolt given to its socket through the links of the harness which guarded his neck. Some of the archers, seeing that certain death awaited them, were already turning back to escape from the fatal passage."

"By Saint Paul!" cried Nigel, "Would you leave our wounded upon them? Let the archers shoot inwards and hold them back from the ditch. Now let each man raise one of our comrades, lest we leave our honor in the hands of this castle."

With a mighty effort he had raised Raoul upon his shoulders and staggered with him to the edge of the ditch. Several men were waiting below where the stone bank abutted from the arrows, and to them Nigel went back until no one lay in the tunnel save seven who had died there. Thirteen wounded were laid in the shelter of the ditch, and as they must remain until night came to cover them. Meanwhile the women on the farther side protected them from attack, and also prevented the escape from all attempts to build up the outer gate. The gaping smoke-blackened arch was all that they could show for a loss of thirty men, but that at least Knolles was determined to keep.

Burned and bruised, but unconscious of either pain or fatigue for the turmoil of his spirit within him, Nigel knelt by the Frenchman and looked at the girl's face. The face of the young Squire was white as chalk, and the haze of death was gathering over his violet eyes, but a faint smile played round his lips as he looked up at his English captives.

"I shall never see Beatrice again," he whispered. "I pray you, Nigel, that when there is a truce you will journey as far as my father's chateau and tell him how his son died. Young Gaston will rejoice for to him come the land and the coat, the war-cry and the profit. See them, Nigel, and tell them that I was as forward as the others."

Indeed, Raoul, no man could have carried himself with more honor or won more worship than you have done this day. I will do your behest when the time comes. Surely you are happy, Nigel, the dying Squire murmured, "for this day has given you one more deed which you may lay at the feet of your lady-love."

"It might have been so had we carried the gate," Nigel answered sadly; "but by Saint Paul! I cannot count a deed where I have come back with my purpose unfulfilled. But this is no time, Raoul, to talk of my small affairs. If we take the castle and I bear a good part in it, then perchance all this may indeed avail."

The Frenchman sat up with that strange energy which comes often as the harbinger of death. "You will win your Lady Mary, Nigel, and your great deeds will be not three but a score, so that in all Christendom there shall be no man of blood and cost-armor who has not heard your name and your fame. This I tell you—I, Raoul de la Roche Pierre de Bras, dying upon the field of honor. And now kiss me, sweet friend, and lay me back to bed. Who is close round me and I am gone!"

With tender hands the Squire lowered his comrade's head, but even as he did so there came a choking rattle of blood and the soul had passed. So died a gallant cavalier of France, and Nigel as he knelt in the ditch beside him prayed that his own end might be as noble and as debonair.

CHAPTER XXI.

Under cover of night the wounded men were lifted from the ditch and carried back, whilst pickets of archers were advanced to the very gate so that none should rebuild it. Nigel, sick at heart over his own failure, the death of his prisoner, and his fears for Aylward, crept back into the camp, but his cup was not yet full, for Knolles was waiting for him with a tongue which cut like a whip.

Who was he, a raw squire, that he should lead an attack without orders? See what his crazy knight errantry had brought about. Twenty men had been destroyed, and he nothing gained. Their blood was on his head. Chandos should hear of his conduct. He should be sent back to England when the castle had fallen. Such were the bitter words of Knolles, the more bitter because Nigel felt in his heart that he had indeed done wrong, and that Chandos would have said the same though, perchance, in kinder words. He listened in silent respect, as his duty was, and then having saluted his leader he withdrew apart, threw himself down amongst the bushes, and wept the hottest tears of his life, sobbing bitterly with his face between his hands. He had striven hard, and yet everything had gone wrong with him. He was bruised, burned and aching from head to foot. Yet so high in the spirit above the body that all was nothing compared to the sorrow and shame which reached his soul.

But a little thing changed the current of his thoughts and brought some peace to his mind. He had slipped off his mail gauntlets, and as he did so his fingers lighted upon the tiny bangle which Mary had fastened there when they stood together upon St. Catharine's Hill on the Guildford Road. He remembered the motto curiously worked in filigree of gold. It ran: "Fais ce que dois, advienne que pourra—c'est commande au chevalier."

The words rang in his weary brain. He had done what seemed right, come what might. It had gone awry, it is true; but all things human may do that. If he had carried the castle,

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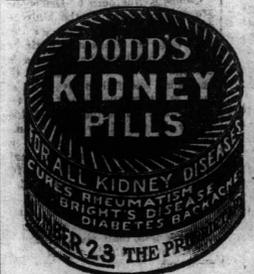
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