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## THE WILLED HAND.

BY FREDERICK WICKS.

## CHAPTER V.—DOCTORS' COMMONS.

Delfoy had made up his mind in the course of the morning that no present, however costly, would give him the satisfaction he would feel at the sight of the marriage license. He was keenly alive to her unexpressed anxieties and he had reasons of his own for allaying them. He accordingly set out as early as possible for Doctors' Commons, and passed under the low archway of St. Paul's Churchyard with a vague notion that he should there find what he wanted, without, however, having any precise knowledge on the subject.

He had usually associated Doctors' Commons with the Apothecaries' Hall, the Tower of London and the Gulf Stream, in situations of great antiquity and presumed usefulness, referred to in books and casually mentioned in conversation, but not presenting any definite ideas, except that whereas the Tower of London had to do with the chopping off of heads, and the Apothecaries' Hall the mending of bottles, so Doctors' Commons was a place for assisting people about to marry, and was noted for its promptness and despatch in satisfying its customers. He was not, however, aware of the extreme anxiety of the two eminent clergymen in the business, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London, to procure his patronage, and he was not a little surprised to find the emissaries of these two eminent dignitaries of the Church waiting for him under the shadow of the Court of Chancery, most extraordinary foreknowledge of his intention, each with a white apron and a silk hat, and each with a letter in his hand, the contents of which he had just received.

The white apron from the Bishop of London was the first to get possession of him, and he was just making up his mind, from the resemblance he received to him, that the bishop could do his business for him satisfactorily, when the archbishop's man came up, and, with a look of the extent and variety of the goods offered by his competitor, and assured the gentleman that he would serve him at all points and in all contingencies, then the Archbishop was the only man who could do it.

This embarrassed him a good deal—the more so because going up Dean's Yard with the archbishop's man and the bishop's man on the other seemed to him to convey to the passers-by the purpose of his visit; and, inasmuch as the archbishop's man was for some unaccountable reason, always regarded as fit subjects for sport and ridicule, especially to errand boys and other scoffers of tender years, he became annoyed, and therefore weak of judgment, and unable to determine which to patronize the primate or the local practitioner.

The dispute continued on the very outskirts of the two competing purveyors, the strong point of the archbishop's man being the large assortment and special character of his goods, and the strong point of the bishop's man the fact that the gentleman could be served on the ground floor in his establishment, instead of going upstairs in the other. Geoffrey's doubts were still further increased by the fact of the notice boards put all over the two entrances, and the numerous brass plates, the inscriptions on which, doctors and village-gentlemen, surgeons, and other amphibious dignitaries associated with the Law and the Church, endorsed him to the point of exasperation. Suddenly, however, he suffered himself to be controlled by the idea that the greater would assemble in the hall, and he preferred the primate, and gave the bishop's man half a crown to appease his disappointment.

He was received inside by an elderly gentleman with a bald head, a white waistcoat with snuff, and about the mouth with Spanish ignorance and suavity. "That could be done for his honor, a license? Certainly. Was he one of the parties? Naturally, and necessarily, one of the parties must act as a witness. Is he in Albany? Yes, I lived there some time. Of course, no question whether the lady were Timbuctoo or anywhere else. It wouldn't matter."

"Just wait a minute, sir. Pray be seated." There was evidently a fear that the customer would go to the other shop in the next breath, and the elderly gentleman took good care to get him as far away from the door as possible, and he ended in so lengthening a manner and offered him snuff with such an evident desire to please, that Geoffrey felt he was in good hands, and had no reason to regret his selection. The necessary documents having been prepared, and the necessary declaration having been made by the elderly gentleman, if not so clean as the tout's white apron, as graceful as any archbishop's countenance, as graceful as any archbishop's countenance, possibly be, remarked, with his blandest smile.

"Two pounds, two shillings and sixpence. Yes, that is all. Marry to-morrow, sir? Certainly. Before twelve o'clock with this license. If you want to marry this evening, sir, you must go upstairs. Proctor on the premises. Everything provided. To-morrow will do? Certainly, sir. Good afternoon."

The elderly gentleman showed him out all smiles and bows, conveying the general impression that he would feel obliged if his customer would send all his friends to his warehouse, where the goods were the "best possible quality, economical in price, and served with promptitude and despatch."

Delfoy, thinking to avoid the touts in the court leading to St. Paul's Churchyard, went in the other direction, but was elated to meet the same touts, who had before disputed possession of him calmly gazing down Carter's Lane, having taken a turn in the Swanville. He was to drink his health, but they vouchsafed him only a friendly nod, having no further interest in a man whose fate in all probability was fixed for their time at least.

## CHAPTER VI.—AN IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD.

Muriel was looking from a French window upon the River Thames, with Waterloo Bridge on the left, the shot tower opposite, the Charing Cross railway bridge on the right, and immediately in front and below her was the place where Cleopatra's Needle now stands, but that time all ooze and shiny rivulets at low water, edged by squalid and rickety sheds, dilapidated stumps of warehouses and unwholesome gutters.

The French window looked from Romney's Hotel, which had been appropriated three houses, and then had walked across the street and appropriated four more, of which the end house with the French windows was the last acquisition, and by far the most distinguished. It had been built in the time of the early Georges, when an architect set about the business of building a house with a sense of responsibility and not as a bricklayer. This part of Romney's Hotel was a house of curves, with a well staircase and decorated ceilings, with alcoves for the reception of stately, and rooms in suites, of all variety of shapes and sizes, devotional corridors and unexpected passages, but all appropriate, graceful and of unquestionable utility. It had mahogany doors and high chimney-pieces, and walls painted in pastel.

Romney's Hotel, with its seclusion and quiet in the heart of London, was very popular with those who discovered it. They

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## A BAD TORONTO FIRE.

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Toronto, Feb. 27.—A fire in which the smoke proved much more disastrous than the flames took place at the mammoth dry goods establishment of W. A. Murray & Co., 17 to 27 King street east, this morning, creating a sensation in the business section of the city, and for a time threatening the destruction of the entire block.

About five minutes past eight o'clock fire was found burning fiercely in one corner of the basement and licking the wooden rafters and ceiling. An alarm was sounded at once, but by the time the firemen arrived the whole of the great building was full of smoke, with huge volumes bursting from the windows. The central locality, combined with the heat and the discovery of the fire took place when thousands were hurrying down to their work, favored the speedy formation of a great crowd, and in a few minutes King street was blocked with people, and was in full possession of the fire brigade and spectators. The street railway traffic stopped instantly, and the stock and the removal of the hose. The police were on hand almost instantly and kept spectators far enough back to enable the firemen to work easily. At first no one thought it possible to save any portion of the stock. The firemen for a time could not locate the trouble because of the density of the smoke, and all they could do was to break open windows, or tear up gratings in the basement and pour streams of water into the building. This plan proved effective, though, not of course, before the much damage had been done to the very perishable commodities within.

After the firemen were withdrawn from the building Chief Graham, Ald. Hume, and the members of the Fire and Light Committee, and several representatives of insurance companies, made cursory inspection of the furnace room, and the stock and the removal of the hose. The police were on hand almost instantly and kept spectators far enough back to enable the firemen to work easily. At first no one thought it possible to save any portion of the stock. The firemen for a time could not locate the trouble because of the density of the smoke, and all they could do was to break open windows, or tear up gratings in the basement and pour streams of water into the building. This plan proved effective, though, not of course, before the much damage had been done to the very perishable commodities within.

The following officers were elected:—President, Dr. C. E. Elliott; Vice-President, R. W. Gregory; Secretary, W. B. Burgoine; Treasurer, J. H. Ingersoll. Wm. McClary, M. P. for Westland was present, and delivered a rattling good address, urging the importance of looking after the voters' list, and expressive of his belief in the Conservative's success in the approaching Legislature elections. Votes of thanks were tendered to Mr. McClary and to the retiring Secretary, Mr. D. D. Fisher, who had filled the office for many years, and is about to remove from the city.

## NORTH BRUCE.

Paisley, Ont., Feb. 27.—The annual meeting of the Conservative Association of North Bruce was held yesterday. President J. E. Murphy presided. The meeting was a most enthusiastic and harmonious one, attended by delegates from all parts of the county. The following officers were elected:—President, J. E. Murphy; Vice-President, A. Treford; Secretary, C. F. Campbell; Treasurer, James Chapman, Port Elgin. Stirring addresses were made by Messrs. J. E. Murphy, John George, Wm. McFarlane, D. M. Jernyn, T. Teeple and others.

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"That this association recalls with gratification and pride the fact that in the North Riding of Bruce for 15 years the rights of Reformers to the position they held in the Dominion service of the Dominion have been studiously respected by the Liberal-Conservative party, and that there has not been in this constituency during the long period a single dismissal of a Reformer from office by a Conservative Government for any cause whatever, and that with regard to the introduction of the spoil system, as it vogue in the United States by the present Government at Ottawa, whereby Conservatives in the public service have been ruthlessly discharged from office without any just cause."

"That this association desires to express its fullest confidence in Alex. McNeil, Esq., member of the Dominion Parliament from this riding, and also expresses its confidence in the present Government, and that this association pledges itself to use every fair means in supporting him in the approaching Provincial elections."

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## THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

How a Vacancy in Whitty Registry Office Was Disposed of by the Ontario Government.

Whitty, Feb. 27.—A well-attended meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association of South Ontario, held here this evening, re-elected the old officers, and was addressed by Wm. Smith, M. P. for Major Hughes, M. P. Dr. Willoughby, M. L. A., and a number of local speakers.

Referring to the causes which led to his defeat last June, Mr. Smith said the vacancy in the registry office had been the chiefest. This office, after Dr. Rae's death, just prior to the Dominion election, was deliberately sold by the Hon. John Dryden to the highest bidder and the money paid over and used to defeat the Conservative candidate. Had the protest against Mr. Barnett's election been tried, this would have been shown to be what was done were a commission in the Local House to inquire into this disgraceful affair. He would prove his statement to be true, Mr. Smith's remarks created quite a sensation, there being a number of Reformers present.

Major Hughes made a stirring appeal for a spirited fight in the coming Ontario elections.

Dr. Willoughby spoke at length upon prominent topics, making a strong attack on the Ontario Agricultural College, based upon the experience of this of his own riding, who had attended there.

## DISSATISFACTION

Expressed in Strong Terms by Temperance People.

THE NEW LICENSE BILL.

"An Insult to Temperance Organization of the Province."

STRONG RESOLUTIONS PASSED

At an Indignation Meeting of Agitators in Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—An emergency conference was held at the Dominion Alliance office yesterday of leading prohibitionists. The conference was called by the President of the Ontario Alliance, Dr. J. J. MacLaren, Q. C., and was attended by a delegation from Hamilton and other points in the Province. The developments of the meeting were most interesting, indicating of a great dis-

appointment, and criticised as entirely unsatisfactory.

Rev. W. F. Wilson denounced it in round terms, designating it all as an insult. This term was the keynote of the subsequent speeches.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, editor of the Christian Guardian, thought that the indication of the temperance people could not be too strongly voiced, and had a resolution prepared on the subject.

Ald. F. S. Spence, secretary, had a similar resolution to that of Rev. A. C. Courtice prepared.

A sub-committee, consisting of Mrs. Thornley, Provincial Secretary, Ontario W. C. T. U.; Rev. A. C. Courtice and Ald. Spence, was appointed to prepare the resolution of censure, which followed.

Mr. G. H. Lees, Grand Councillor, Royal Templars, considered that an indignation convention should be immediately called. The Royal Templar order would have been prepared had it been necessary to have taken the responsibility of calling such a convention.

Mr. H. O'Hara advocated the holding of indignation meetings throughout the Province.

Mrs. Thornley agreed to take up this suggestion at London, and the leaders present from other points pledged themselves to take similar action.

It was the opinion that the repudiation of the license bill would hasten the Provincial elections. The proposal of calling an indignation convention on a Provincial scale here was unanimously adopted.

Mr. J. J. MacLaren, Rev. A. C. Courtice and Ald. Spence were empowered to issue the convention call. The convention will hold a morning session, and go as a deputation, en masse, to the Parliament buildings, to demand the fulfillment of the pledge which Sir James MacLaren, Premier of Ontario, made in 1894, to enact the maximum of restrictive legislation within the jurisdiction of the Province. The speakers of the afternoon's session, the speakers regarded the Harcourt license bill as one offering a minimum.

Strong words of condemnation were passed on all parts of the Province, and a convention should be prepared to organize the temperance electorate for the Provincial elections should the Government not accede to the amendments asked for by the prohibition convention of last July. The convention is likely to be held in Association Hall, McGill street, at the probable date was said to be Thursday, March 12. Before the date is fixed for the convention an appointment will be made for the Provincial deputation to be received by the Government.

## DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT.

The following resolution was carried:—That this meeting desires to express its deep disappointment and unqualified dissatisfaction at the meagreness of the amendments to the license law proposed by the Ontario Government, and that this meeting pledges itself to the bill introduced yesterday into the Legislature.

That arrangements be at once made for a conference of temperance friends from all parts of the Province, who shall be invited for report, protest and further action.

That our friends everywhere be urged to write letters to their respective representatives in the Provincial Legislature, calling upon them to re-member the expression in the plebiscite of popular opinion, and to see that the mandate of the people is immediately embodied in wise and effective legislation.

That this meeting specially regrets that it is not proposed to make effective provision for restricting the liquor traffic within reasonable limits as far as possible.

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THE FLOOD AT CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 27.—The first fatality attending the high water occurred this afternoon. Three of the floors of the five-story warehouse on Front street, near Vine, owned by Hille, Wilson and Kreis, wholesale dealer in hardware, were submerged with several feet of water. About 1,200 barrels of sugar went down with the wreck, which carried with it several men. All the front and part of the side walls are still standing. Eleven men were at work in the building, all escaped by jumping from the windows in the water, except Jacob Schmalbach, aged 50, of Covington, Ky., who is missing, and doubtless crushed to death under the ruins. The high water did not weaken the foundation and let the floors down. The loss is about \$55,000.

## ROBBED A POST OFFICE.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The Standard post office safe was blown open at 3 a. m. to-day by two robbers, while a third held the only night policeman at bay. Several shots were exchanged while the blast was being prepared. The robbers escaped with \$400 in cash. A posse of citizens started in pursuit.

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