

LITERARY

In a Time of Trouble.

As an eagle from the height,
Looking down upon the lands,
On forests black as night,
Fair fields and desert sands,
Sees the traveller below
Loosing heart as league on league,
Long wilderness show
No end to his fatigue.

So Faith amid her stars,
Beholding far beneath
The bright or gloomy bars
In the web of life and death.
Sees weary hearts that deem
The dark breadth is the whole;
Sees happy hearts that dream
The bright rays all their goal.

Ah! let this faith be ours—
That even 'mid the pain,
Above the present towers,
And sees the nearing gain;

While, breath by breath appears,
As from the weaver's hand,
The pattern of the years
Which God himself has planned.

"BOREEN."

CHAPTER III.

(Continued.)

When the room was cleared in order to permit the committee to deliberate in private upon a point raised by the youthful advocate, Walter Nugent received congratulations from those who but a moment ago he had caused to reel at the point of his skilfully directed lance.

"I hear you've made our case, Mr. Nugent," observed Mr. Calvert Somerset.

"I did my best, sir," was the other's modest rejoinder.

When the committee reassembled the chairman announced that the preamble had been proved, adding—"I speak the sentiments of the committee, when I say that our decision has been arrived at mainly through the able, exhaustive, and complete argument of the junior counsel for the prosecution, Mr. W. Nugent."

Walter, wild with delight, telegraphed to his mother. "Had to do all the work. Have won. Complimented all round. This is grand luck."

"I hope the dear woman will have half crown, as Gavin would say 'handy' to pay for this telegram," he laughed as he crossed the lobby, divesting himself of wig and gown.

When he reached the Tavistock late that night—for he wandered out amongst the green lawns beyond Finchley—he found a note awaiting him in the mahogany rack under the letter N. The envelope was square, the superscription in a strange hand. On the back was a raised coronet in gold; beneath the coronet a monogram which he failed to decipher.

"It must be for me," he muttered, as he carefully cut along the upper edge. "Walter Nugent, Esquire." Could it be? By George! it must be from the Pomfret people.

The gilt-edged paper was so thick that it refused to unfold. Again the coronet and monogram met his eye as he read as follows:

"The Marchioness of Pomfret requests the pleasure of Mr. Walter Nugent's company at a 'fete champetre' on Thursday next, to be given to celebrate the birthday of her daughter Ethel. Rendezvous, the Guard Club, Taplow Bridge, 11 a.m.," and enclosed a tiny note written in round hand. "You must come, Walter. Please bring Boreen."

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"Am I justified in refusing this invitation?" argued Nugent, gazing at the coronet and monogram. "If I am to go for Parliamentary business, the more I extend my connection in London the better it is not every fellow who get an invitation from the wife of a cabinet minister and a marchioness to boot. They must wish me to go or why this note? And yet, perhaps it has been sent to gratify little Ethel, not out of true spirit, of courtesy to myself. Noblesse oblige. Her little ladyship started the question, and it was well backed up by Miss Evans comé. Why should I not go? It is not doubting myself to permit hesitation to creep in on a collateral issue? The Nuggens of Kitternan are as red in blood as the Pomfret-Branscombes. I say, why should I not go? Shaking the note wickedly, as though to elicit the medium of this action, "Am I not entitled to one day of all sunshine? I have earned it. Fortune is fickle, and she is mine now. Why should I not suit myself to her

mood? I'll go, aye, and bring Boreen. I'll quaff one goblet of the champagne of life ere I settle down to my usual small beer." And uttering this sentiment half aloud Mr. Nugent lighted his candle at the gas-jet in the corridor, slipped his shoes, and retired to his bed-room.

CHAPTER V.

I shall leave Mr. Walter Nugent in London, and, crossing the Channel, ask my readers to step into the coffee-room of Spadacini's Hotel, in College Green, Dublin. It was the morning subsequent to the young barrister's Parliamentary triumph and no less a personage sat at breakfast in this well-known hostelry than Andy Gavin. The ex-whipper-in, news-paper in hand and breakfast not yet disposed of, looked the very picture of solid respectability and comfort. His shirt was snowy white, the collar ascending to his ears; his black frock coat was sleek and satiny, as were his waistcoat and trousers. His boots, very new, were polished like the handle of the big front door so feelingly alluded to by Admiral Porter, K.C.B., in E. M. S. Pinafore, and if his leather gave indications of conventional care, so did also his chin, which shone again the direct and happy result of a perfect shave. Mr. Gavin had ordered himself an alderman's breakfast. On a dish right in front of him reposed three cork nosed Dublin Bay herrings, taken that morning under the Hill of Howth; beside the herring, ham and eggs appeared in red, white and gold; a couple of mutton chops were 'convainant', and a pile of toast, built up in the form of a battery, completed a very delectable array of creature comforts.

Andy was engaged in perusing a paragraph in the Freeman's Journal that seemed to afford him the most exquisite delight, as he muttered while he read—

"More power," "Whisht!" "That's me darlin'," "I knew it was in the boy," "An' forinst all the Parliamtint," "Be the mortal, it's Harry Grattan we've a hout of."

The paragraph appeared in the Parliamentary intelligence, and had been wired from the House of Commons;

"A young Irish barrister, Mr. Walter Nugent, has proved that the glories of the bar of Ireland have in no wise departed. At the hearing of Linadel and Drum-

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His arguments were brief, concise and cogent, his satire immensely telling and his eloquence of the very highest order. No debut at the Parliamentary bar has come off in a manner at once so marvellously successful and so thoroughly armor riveted. Mr. Nugent completely took the committee by storm, and won what without his powerful aid would have proved a very shaky case. This young gentleman has a career behind his wig and gown."

"See that now," exclaimed Andy Gavin aloud as he plunged at the herrings. "Master Walter will bate every man of them yet, ay, Gladstone an' Drizalyeye an' all. He'll sit in Parliamtint for the county like his grandfather afore him, God bless him! Musha, musha, but this is a great day for the ould family, that was almost bet up intirely by the loose-hearted edness by the poor masher, the Lord be merciful to him, amin!"

Andy, carefully folding the paper and placing it in his breast pocket, finished his breakfast, a joyous chuckle coming to the surface a most after every mouthful, and, clapping a soft felt, unmistakably American hat upon one side of his head, strutted into St. Andrew Street, and paused opposite an archway to read upon a large brass plate the words;

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"Tim's my men," he muttered as he entered an office wherein half a dozen clerks were engaged in writing upon very wide margined paper. "Is the boss in?" demanded Andy of a spruce looking gentleman with closely-cropped red hair.

"The what?" "The boss, the head man." "Mr. Fitzgerald?" "Yes."

"I think so." "Tell him av ye plaze that I want for to see him most particular."

"Your card, please." "Is it the likes o' me wid a card? Go on o' that! Me name's Andy Gavin; that's hap'es."

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