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Allen stretched up his head. His sight was as clear as the night could be. "Which side's he on, Jack?" whispered Poole. "I don't see him yet." For answer John Allen put his hand quickly on Poole's arm to prevent him from looking. "No good, says, says," said he. "Rallye ain't there."

"Not there?" retorted Poole with a strong oath. "I'm as sure of it as I can be," said Allen. "Wait till they come nearer."

It proved to be so. Rallye for some reason or other was not with the men. Poole again gave vent to a furious oath. "Tramp, tramp, tramp!" their regular tread sounded in the silence of the night as they passed. Poole had crouched down again. The steps died away in the distance, and the conspirators ventured to raise their heads. Allen happened to look in the direction of the gates.

"Here he is!" burst forth Allen, with almost a suppressed scream. "Something must have kept him back. Now's our time, mates. Here's Rallye."

"That ain't his hat, Jack Allen," whispered Poole. "That's his hat, Jack Allen," said Allen.

Rallye was coming on quickly, a dark, low-crowned hat somewhat drawn over his brows. A minute's silence, during which you might have heard their hearts beat, and then—

Poole fired. Rallye gave a cry; staggered, and walked on. He was struck, no doubt, but not killed.

"Your boasted aim has failed, Poole," cried Poole with a savage oath.

Not more savage than Poole, though, as he broke through the crowd. "What the devil had not done, the pistol itself should. Suddenly, with a startled cry, Allen broke after him, shouting to him to stay his hand.

"It's the master, Poole; it's not Rallye. Stop you fools! the master."

Too late. It was, indeed, Richard North. And Poole had felled him by a wicked blow on the temple.

Mrs. Gass and Mary Dallery were seated at tea in a sad and sorrowful mood—for the conversation had turned on those dreadful rumors that, in spite of Richard North, would not be hushed. Mrs. Gass was stoutly asserting that she had more faith in Dr. Kane than in the belief that, when some commotion in the street dawned on their ears. Mrs. Gass stopped in the midst of an emphatic sentence.

"What's that?" she cried.

First steps seemed to be running to and fro, voices were raised in excitement. They distinctly heard the words, "Mr. Richard North," "Richard North," Mrs. Gass drew aside her crimson curtains, and opened the window.

"Smith—is that you?" she said, arresting a man who was running in the wake of others. "What's the matter?"

"I don't rightly know, ma'am," he answered. "They are saying that Mr. Richard North has been shot dead."

"Lord help us!" cried Mrs. Gass. She shut down the window and brought her face round to the light again. Every vestige of color had left it. Mary Dallery, who had been sitting upright, her hands clasped, as one who had been turned to stone.

"Did you hear what he said, child?"

"I heard," was the scarcely murmured answer.

Mrs. Gass caught up a bonnet, which happened to be on a chair, and went into the street. At the entrance to North Inlet a crowd of men and women had gathered. As in all similar cases, reports varied. Some said it had taken place in the high-road to Whitborough, some at the works, others near Dallery Hall. So the mob was puzzled which way to go and not miss the excitement. There was talking at the same time, as Mrs. Gass arrived, anxious perhaps, to claim complicity on his own score.

"They've had it in their heads to do it, some of them bad uns. I could name names, but I won't. If the master had known all, he'd have went about in fear of his life this long while past."

This was enough for Mrs. Gass. Gathering her black silk skirts in her hands, and her face paler than the assemblage had ever seen it, she stood, unmindful of the rain, and told them what she thought.

"If you've shot Richard North, you have shot the best and bravest man you'll ever know in this life. You'll never find such a friend again. Ay, he was brave. Brave for good in the midst of difficulties, brave for forbearance. Don't you boast, Thoms, with your ready tongue. None of you men now are now may be the one that shot him, but you've been all rowing in the same boat, and you may have planned out murder yourselves—and I wouldn't answer for it that you've not—but, any way, you knew that others was a-planning it, and you winked at it and kept silence. Who has been the friend to you that Richard North has been? Since you've been half starving, and your wives and children's been half starving, where has all the help come from, d'you suppose, that he kept you from starving outright? Why, from him. The most have come from him. The money I gave was his, the things I bought was mostly paid by him. A little came from me; not much; I was too angry with your folly; but he couldn't see you quite clam, and he took care you shouldn't. Look at how you were all helped through the fever; and meat, and bread, and beer given you to get up your strength a bit, after it! Who did all that? Why, Richard North. You thought it was me, but it was him only he wouldn't have it known. That was his return for all the black ingratitude you'd showed him, in refusing to work for him and bringing him to ruin. Pray God he may not be dead! but if he is, a good man has gone to his reward—is that you, Ketter?"

"Yes, it's me," answered Ketter, who was

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THE SECTARIAN CRY.

Injustice of It When Raised Against
Canadian Statesmen.Men Should Be Judged by Their Acts
and Declarations Alone.

The connection between religion and political success is discussed by a writer in the *Kinrade Review*. He deals first with the late Premier, and after praising him very strongly says there was but one thing in his whole career which many regarded as a weakness—he, a Methodist. "A secret society took root in Canada, the primary object of which was to oust him from the Premiership and prevent any other Roman Catholic from taking his place. We are told by those who ought to know that this personal antipathy to Sir John Thompson preyed upon his mind, and had not a little to do with superinducing the tragic event which granted him rest before he desired it." For the latter statement we do not vouch. Only a very confidential friend could undertake to say how far the P. P. A. agitation was a source of unhappiness to Sir John Thompson. "The heart knoweth its own bitterness."

This writer begins by saying that Sir John Thompson was pointed out as "the most spotless man in the Cabinet, and, withal, the strongest, firmest and most statesmanlike"; that there was "not a man in Canada who held a higher reputation for fairness and probity than he." Next he describes the prejudice against him and the conspiracy which was formed to give it effect. Then he mentions the opinion that this movement "shattered and shortened the Premier's life. Whether it is a strain of reflection tending? Surely its conclusion will be that every Canadian, every patriot, every fair-minded man ought to contend with all his strength against the prejudice that sought to oust from the Premiership "the most spotless man in the Cabinet, and withal, the strongest, firmest and most statesmanlike." This is what would be expected. What is actually said we give in the writer's own words:

"If there be any consistency in the P. P. A. their primary object now should be to see to it that Mr. Laurier does not by any means become Premier."

Returning to the subject of Sir John Thompson, reference is made to those who feel "regret that they did not say in his life, when it might have cheered his path, the nice things they are saying of him now, when 'praise or blame counts just the same.'" Here again the lesson stands out so plain that it is inconceivable that it could have escaped man whose writing is so full of evidence of thought and intelligence. "You have been unjust to the dead; as you cannot make amends for that, be just to the living," is the reflection that forces itself upon the mind, but it is conspicuously absent here, and its place is filled by a calculation of the improved prospects of the Conservative party under the leadership of Mr. B. W. L.

When the P. P. A. first made its appearance, and when its attack was apparently directed mainly against Sir John Thompson, the Globe opposed it with every argument it could command, and declared that in Federal affairs and elsewhere such an agitation was utterly uncalled for, that it would needlessly and wantonly provoke strife, bitterness and unpopularity, and that its success would mean the doing of gross injustice and the destruction of the hope of Canadian nationality. Today it has neither more or less to say.

The assertion by which it is sought to justify the agitation, namely, that the power of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada is increasing, is untrue. Whatever movement there is in the contrary direction is the result of the settlement of the prairie country, the center of political power is moving westward and must continue to do so; and the west is Protestant, and the general acceptance of the doctrine of Provincial rights is a guarantee against the establishment there of any form of connection between church and state, except such as Protestants are accustomed to. On the other hand, the Catholic population of Canada is relatively large, though not relatively increasing. About two-fifths of the people of Canada are of the faith of Sir John Thompson and Wilfrid Laurier. I perceive that such a man as either of these, owing his position to high character and signal ability, thoroughly fit for the first place in Canadian politics, is at the moment because of his faith, it is vain, it is unreasonable, to expect them to work cordially with the majority for the completion of Confederation. The attempt to build a nation upon such a foundation of injustice would fail, as it would deserve to fail. If the Catholics of Canada were only 1 per cent instead of 40 it would be equally true that the exclusion of their leading men from the highest posts of honor would be an outrageous denial of justice. Such an act cannot be perpetrated under the forms of the law, but the reproach of it will rest upon every man who uses, in public or in private, the sectarian argument against a fellow-citizen. The season which brings to memory the message of peace and goodwill to all mankind would be a fitting time to renege once and forever to have done with sectarianism in politics; to pay no heed to the cry of no Popery against Mr. Laurier in Ontario, or the cry of Orangisme against Mr. Bowell in Quebec, and to judge of these and all others by their public acts and declarations alone. [Toronto Globe.]

HOW PENNOYER PUTS IT.

The Governor's Protest Against President
Cleveland's Policy.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Dec. 26.—The following letter was sent to President Cleveland yesterday by Gov. Pennoyer: "Christmas has again visited our stricken land with its prostrated industries and its idle throngs, willing to work, but forced to beg. Your panacea, a change in the Sherman law and tariff, has been tested, but there is no change in the sad condition of the unfortunate country. After two years of ruinous delay and mismanagement you have, thank heaven, at last discovered the real trouble, although you have not proposed the proper remedy, as you will concede the country needs more money, but it does not want the worthless stuff you proffer. It needs gold and silver money with which to pay debts, and it cannot pay debts. Sixty years ago the Democratic party had a President who defied the banks in the interest of the people. It has now a President who defies the people in the interest of the banks. All the traditions of the party which elected you are for gold and silver money and against bank currency. Do you aspire to furnish an example of treason to the cause entrusted to your care, which will be without any parallel except one in all the annals of American history? Your party in both Houses favor the restoration of silver as standard money; the people, actually suffering from the existing prohibition of

business, favor it; and will you stand with them in overruling the monetary policy of the British money oligarchy which is fast degrading our fair country to the condition of a subjugated province and our blighted free people to a condition of financial serfdom? I pray that God may give you light and strength to do right."

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