IN ARABIAN THEIDENT.

We were in the Desert. As fer as eye could see, and farther, sand silence held sway. No clouds were banked in the heavens, and we seemed to tread upon minute grains of sunshine. Afar off a distant cara-van might at times he seen limmed inst the horizon, reminding us of as we journeyed. Now and then colltary bird hovered far above us life as we journeyed. to distract the attention, but mono tony for the most part was the only realization

Over the shifting, pathless sand, rising and falling, in drifting sanid waves at the wind's caprice, hang the mirage. How pleasing it is, when the hot day seems endless, to see the ripples along the shore and to hear in fancy the breeze among the palms ! It seems that we have almost reached them when, as a dream, they are gone, and only a

pile of stones and the vast expans But the camei the lips. of sand remains. moves on, and we sleep uneasily and wale again to see a group of haliclad men creep by, driving their thin camels and panting sheep. The desert makes it hard to realize that there ever cities filling the plains with the noise and bustle of trade and commerce. Along every road lie bones bleaching in the sun's fierce rays. With such surroundings and the dromedary rate of two miles and a half per hour, it is impossible not to think of home, the wooded hills, the grand old ocean, the fading er twilight, the sound of be and flocks, the well-remembered bell of the contented cattle grazing by the river banks, and a thousand ge nerally unconsidered trifles, and long with an intense longing for home days and surroundings. An English officer and his retinue must, however, put away such thoughts and musings in service to the state.

Several days of Desert travel had passed. The sun rose with the simple grandeur of the ocean, but with a fiercer glare as they passed forward. The atmospheric effects in the Desert are alike the wonder and the despain of artists. It was perfectly calm Suddenly the aspect changed and far in the eastern distance rose a thin cloud of tawny sand, blown like spray before the wind. It quickly developed into a black cloud that began to rise with frightful rapidity. The Saracen guide shouts, the camels quickly sink down on their knees and groan, then lay down. The travelers, confronting a natural sandblast, did the same, and in a moment the dread sirocco of the desert passed in the deepest darkness. The Desert nomads covered their eyes, but in spite of every effort they filled with sand every time they opened them. / It seemed as if unmeasured tons of sand had fallen, and that an infinite time had passed when the English officer opened his eyes in a large, square room, lighted with windows too high for him to look out at. He had not time to perceive the decorative details. At first he fancied he was alone, but lying guietly with halfeyes, he was conscious of slight movement, and, turning noise lessly, he saw a young, graceful and beautiful Arabian woman. She was unveiled, and he saw her features as it is seldom possible for a man to behold the face of a woman in Ara bia of the upper classes. He again closed his eyes and moved uneasily. His nurse approached and touched him. Her soft fingers cooled his brow and rested upon his forehead for a brief interval-an interval, in deed, that was only too brief; for again opening his eyes, the woman perceiving that he was awake, gave a startled cry and hurriedly voiling herself, left the apartment.

ould en vered his strongth. He was at avalescent he recovered his strength. He was at last convalencent, and upon the ave of his departure was sitting upon a divan, when the door of his room opened and Newar, the woman he had before seen, again entered. She was unveiled and clothed in the neu-tive dress worn in the house. A flow-ing mantle of blue cloth, open at the proced and entheore cloth the most bosom and gathered about the waist with a girdle of silk, fell gracefully to her feet. Her eyes and eyebror were ornamented with kohl, and th loose, flowing drapery of the Orient harmonized strikingly with her mag nificent form and carriage. The connificent form and carriage. The versation languished somewhat be cause it is very hard for one person speaking and understanding only

lish, and another, no matter beautiful, speaking and understanding only Arabic, to sustain a conversa tion. However, the time passed only too guickly, and there was the intelligible language of the eyes if not of

The unexpected sound of the hus band returning home was suddenly heard. The joyous face of the Are woman became a sad study. She donned her veil, but there was time to withdraw from the room b fore the approaching noise of he lord's footsteps sounded without There was only just time enough for her to throw herself upon the floor and wrap the folds of some hanging drapery about her, when he entered the apartment. The Englishman and the chief conversed as best they might upon his guest's approachin departure, and the officer used, as best he could, the formula of his country, 'God reward you," but his emotion were strangely stirred when, as he looked, lo : the drapery moved just enough to disclose a small portion of a delicate foot, the sole of which, as is customary with females of the high er and middle classes, was stained with Red Henna. The Sheik noticed it about the same time, but the off cer heard him murmur, as in a dream in scarcely audible but dimly understood Arabic, "But still he is

guest." The interview at last was over and the Briton left to join his suite, with whom he had already communicated They were to resume their desert journey with a caravan leaving on the morrow from a neighboring wadi. The officer spent the intervening time at a caravansery. The preparation for departure were almost complete and it lacked but one hour of sunse the day following, at which time th camels ready loaded, were once more to set out upon the night desert journey. The Reis, or functionary under whose guidance the carava was to travel, was busy with his final preparations. The officer stood watching the man who, when not a star is twinkling in the sky, can tell you the time by the temperature o the sand and the approximate, if no the exact, locality by the taste of it; who can, by observing the increasing verdure of the herbage, foretell the proximity of the precious water when a courier, mounted upon a mag nificent Arabian horse, that might well have inspired an Oriental poet dashed up flecked with foam and ask ed for the Englishman. When he came to where the messenger was, h handed him a package resembling ar Edam cheese, and, putting spurs to Price 50 cents per box or three boxes for \$1.25, all dealers or The T. Milburn Co., Limited Toronto, Ont. his horse, without another word, was gone, leaving him alone. He opened the package unobs

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Protestant Tribute to Teaching Orders.



If God had given the first sinner



Scotland (applause). While he might he pardoned for paying this tribute to the Catholics of his own race, he was not forgetful of, and yielded none in respect for the virtue of th Catholic Church in other lands, and not least in Ireland and in England. It seemed to him that no minister of religion had been more true and faithful to a poor and suffering people, or done more to sustain a standard of social morality than the Irish priest (applause), and no body of men in England made greater s crifices for their principles during the last three centuries, or, in proportion to their numbers, made a larger contribution to sacred and othe learning than the English Catholics

be separated by differences either of creed or of party; and as he closed his public life in Liverpool, he was proud to remember the intimat friendships he had had, and still had, with distinguished ecclesiastics of the Catholic Church, and the cordial welcome he had more than once receiver at Catholic functions. His most ear-nest prayer was that year by year prejudices which were the heritages from an unfortunate past, and which had been too warmly treasured Liverpool, might gradually die down nto grey dust and be forgotten, and

might come more and more to live together in charity, contending only who should do most to rescue allen and to shield the young, to bring in the day when that city of their habitation should be filled with peace, with holiness and sweet con tent (applause).

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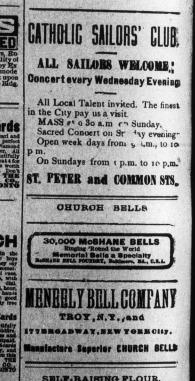
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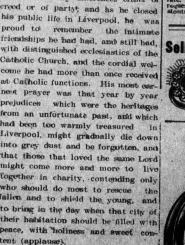
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