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This was putting matters in so traightforward and decided a fashion that it rather nonplussed her ladyship. She wavered and made a compromise Why, of course, it would be better

'Better not! Better death!" retorted Marian, passionately. "You see, none of you are so concerned as I am. You are not even his connections, therefore can afford to be generous. I say the whole matter is shameful! and such brazen girls as Gwyn Rebna should

"Stay!" and Lady Mary put her hand gently on the speaker's arm. "I know you are right, Miss Rylands. We, as strangers, cannot feel as you. Still, not blame the girl entirely. She ertainly beautiful enough to make nan forget much, and one possessing so bold and nobly intrepid a spirit cannot be bad. At least, I owe her my life, and-and must in gratitude be something of her champion.'

Tarian, looking her scorn, bit her lip to keep back her words. She knew it would please neither her father nor uncle did she insult Lady Mary Em-

"I have pained you. Forgive me," proceeded the latter. "We ought indeed to consider your family when expressing an opinion. But let us be one in one thing-let us try to heal this breach, if possible, between father and son. What say you, Captain Darnley?" That I would join the forlornest of forlorn hopes under your ladyship's colors," responded Captain Jack, clasping the white hand Lady Mary extend- have pleased Marian.

ed. and gallantly kissing it.
"Forlorn hope!" repeated Marian,
with a short laugh. "Forlorn, indeed! Lady Mary, you appear to know my uncle well. Do you conceive he will ever forgive Rowland, or we can heal the breach, if my cousin marry the

Her ladyship looked wistfully dubi-

ous, then confessed:
"No; I do not, Miss Rylands. either yield assuredly it will not be my guardian, unless some great and un-foreseen cause arises. But might we not reason with the son? Might we not persuade Gwyn Rebna to renounce

Marian started. An idea flashed into To tell you the truth, Lady Mary," said Jil, "I fancy for the present it would be wisest to let things remain as If we meddle in matters thich the principals may certainly say

do not concern us, we may do more il speaks wisdom," remarked Marian. "I imagine neither Rowland nor his father to as yet brook intwo are separated."

At least, and," smiled records. terference, especi ter all, best leave

"And." smiled Lil, "absence doesn't always make the heart grow fonder. ian speaks wisdom too.

ut if Marian so spoke, it was not he intention so to act. Lady Mary's remark, "Might we not persuade Gwyn Rebna to renounce him?" had been as revelation. Might not this really be? Despite her own utterance, in her priopinion she held the fisher's daughter in far greater respect than she cared to confess even to herself. Hardy could she have done otherwise. No one, unless blinded by ignorance or assion, could have looked on the girl's ace, and conceived meanness, selfishness and cunning as its attributes. Had they, Gwyn's brave deeds would have

negatived them. Marian Rylands was not a bad reader of character. Persons of her dis-position rarely are. Thus she saw if she made any attempt upon her rival, for so she still styled her, it must not be by assailing Rowland, but her love for Rowland. No better compliment could she have paid poor Gwyn.

All that day Marian was much pre-occupied, and thus added her quota to the depression which hung over Stein-

Captain John and Lil, knowing she loved Rowland, respected her evident desire for solitude. Lady Mary knew that she regarded the matter as a disgrace, therefore did the same.

The Honorable Merton Gower and his step-brother's conversation in the dibrary was of long duration. To use an absurd expression, Marian would have given her ears to know its pur-She hoped her father would inform her, and a lucky chance gave her

the opportunity of asking.

Feeling her presence a restraint upon her guests, as theirs was to her, she quitted the drawing-room shortly after the conversation, to ascend to her own.
Crossing the hall, she heard her
father and her uncle still talking in the library. She paused, then moved swiftly away up the stairs, for she

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found they were approaching. As she got to the turn of the balustrade, the door opened, and they came into the passage. They were yet conversing. She

stopped and listened. "For heaven's sake, Merton, do not be hasty," she heard her father say. "Rowland will surely come to his

senses."

"In that case a moment will suffice to undo what now I am determined to do," replied his step-brother, in a firm, decisive tone. "Lire is one of the most uncertain things on this earth, Arthur. I'll run no risk that Rowland shall have a shilling of mine if he weds that girl. When I think of what might have been, had I not survived the other night, I shudder." Yet remember that it was Gwyn who

saved you." "No, not individually. She saved the crew, and I chanced to be on board. For that I owe her much, and would

pay the debt; but to give my son, the price is too high. You can lend me a horse, I daresay; I shall be back to lunche on. Merton Gower had taken his hat, and the brothers approached the hall door. Marian, descending, followed them. Her

uncle was going away, and to rather a distance, apparently. Where? There was a furre mantle in the hall; Marian threw it over her shoulders, and went on to the terrace.

The gentlemen were going round to the stables. When her uncle started, probably her father would return the same way, then she could meet and question him. Where could her uncle be going, and what did his words signify? Why had her father urged him to be patient?

Before ten minutes she saw Merton Gower ride out through the stable ably affected by agricultural prosperity gates, and proceed down the road as in previous years, and, in part, to Shortly after, Mr. Rylands, his thumbs a wider movement of European emigraresting in his trouser pockets, and his tion countenance wearing, for him, a very thoughtful expression, appeared, coming towards her. Descending the few

ne hastened to meet him. "Sad matter this, Marian, isn't it?" remarked her father. "What in the world can make people act so absurdly? The entire unhappiness in this life is certainly of one's own creating.'

"It is, or would be, a sad disgrace, papa, were Rowland to marry Gwyn." "True. But he never would. That is, there would have been no fear had he not been forced into this idiotic declaration. Instead of your uncle playing the high and mighty Brutus, the outraged parent, he ought to have treated the affair as a joke; sent the lad abroad; got him some appointment at a foreign court, when he'd have for-gotten the girl of his own accord." Such a proceeding would scarcely

"I don't fancy you quite know Row-

"Know him? Don't I! Father and son for strong willful-headedness, are on a par. Merton's saying 'you sha'n't,' has aroused his pride, his spirit of selfdependence and obstinacy; and he replies: 'I shall'; so the matter stands. Why cannot people be happy,'

Marian made no reply; she wondered so, too. She would have liked to be Had anyone at the moment happy. asked her what would have made her so, she would have said: "Not to marry Rowland, but to separate Rowland from Gwyn." Was Lil right? Was hers jealousy rather than love? Abruptly she asked: where has Uncle Gower

gone? "He has ridden into Trowminster."

"Why?" "To telegraph for his lawyer to come down here at once. Metton is such a hasty, determined fellow." "His lawyer? For what purpose?"

inquired Marian, startled. To make a new will, disinheriting Rowland, should he wed Gwyn Rebna.

Marian started. If this were true, it would be a strong argument for her to use with Gwyn. But how ascertain? Why, wait and see it the lawyer came. If he did at once, the delay would not

be much. By this time thy had re-entered the house. Mr. Rylands proceeded to the drawing-room, trusting to find someone there reasonable enough to be happy. Marian ran up to her own

apartment. Her plan was now decided. Should her uncle make such a will, she would seek a private interview with Gwyn, appeal to her love for nowland, and if possible, not only get her to renounce

him, but to quit St. Trevick. She might not succeed; yet, at least, she would try. If she were discovered, both her father and her uncle would applaud her effort, attributing it to a desire to save the family from disgrace and rescue her cousin from contracting an unfortunate union. Should she hint her purpose to her

father? He was too easy to take much interest in it. He might tell her not to meddle, but "be happy." Should she make any confidant? Better secrecy. Better, could she so manage it, to let Rowland imagine Gwyn had gone of her own accord. His wounded love would aid him to forget her. [To be Continued.]

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IMMIGRATION

The United States Cannot Long Accept Foreign Peoples.

The Land Getting Filled Up-A View of the Future.

[New York Observer.] Advices from Great Britain and the continent state that the immigrant season has set in with a rush, that the steamers have steerage passages booked weeks ahead, and that the exodus promises to approach that of the years preceding 1893. As is well known, immigration has since the panic beginning in the latter year, pretty steadily declined, the figures for the last fiscal year being 229,233, the lowest since 1879, when the total 6f arrivals fell to 177,826. The tide reached its highest mark during 1882, with a total of 788,992, receding for a time, to rise again in 1887-88 and 1892-93, under the stimulus of agricultural plenty here and of scarcity in Europe, and of extensive railway con-struction. Under the favorable condi-tions existing during the last fiscal year, expectation of a considerable increase over the small immigration of the preceding four years seemed fully justified. That it failed of realization may be attributed partly to the fact that general industry was not so favor-

Judging from the dispatches, however, this movement is, under the tremendous industrial revival in progress here, coupled with agricultural plenty, again returning to its accustomed channel. And it is doing so in large part, at least, under the old assumption that the supply of land in the United States is practically inexhaustible. Indeed, that it has a definable limit, and that immigration may be only a temporary phenomenon in our history, would by the vast body of immigrants be heard with surprise. Yet considering the volume of immigration for the last twenty years, and the natural accretion to our population, it is quite probable that people are now living who will see the time when this country will cease wholly to be a reservoir fo the overspill of Europe. That time will not necessarily be when the soil is all cultivated. For when it is all under private ownership, the great magnet if immigration, the ability to get free lands, or to get them cheaply, will disappear. Lands once divided will, as they do in Europe, so advance in price that the poor will be debarred from ob-

Indeed, the best lands are already everywhere occupied, or held by speculators, who are keeping them out of the market. With the increase of our population by 25,000,000, the visible supply of cultivatable soil, under existing conditions, should be consumed. As the value of lands will then rise, and dear land can only be made profitable by cheap labor, there will come a pressing demand from labor for the prohibition of immigration. That, with steady immigration, this point in our history will be reached is certain, the only uncertainty being as to its nearness. In determining that, a good many factors which will tend to diminish the draft upon new lands, or to enlarge their area, must be taken into account. In the west and southwest are large arid regions which, with the increasand regions which, the same abundance of capital, will be made fertile by means of great storage reservoirs, and so add to the arable area. A strong attraction away from the country districts and toward the cities and towns will be found in the growing demand for garden produce. This demand will raise the alue of lands about the cities, and by necessitating close cultivation, will give employment to a multitude of laborers, who will prefer the assurance of steady wages to the risk of independent farming in the

remoter districts. Other restrictive influences will be found in the sub-division of lands, due to the necessity of-more areful cultivation if profit is to be made, and in the steady growth of manufactures in a country with such inexhaustible supplies of coal. The development of the mer-chant marine, certain to follow colonial enterprise, and the extension of rallways, will also divert a very considerbody f immigrants from the soil. ese restraining influences in With all operation, the demand for agricultural lands in the remoter states and territories will be greatly diminished, so that a very considerable period may elapse before immigration will cease. Nevertheless, though it may still be so distant as to make it useless to arrange national policy with a view to its possibility, it not well to forget that unrestricted immigration is not a wise basis on which to found a social sys-tem. Even 30 years is a short span, and with immigration reaching the figures of the fourteen years prior to 1893, we may at its end find ourselves face to face with many of the distressing social problems that now confront

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'At midnight in his guarded tent The Turk was dreaming of the hour When Greece her knee-

commenced:

and there he stuck. He had forgotten the lines. But he started again at the

'At midnight in his guarded tent The Turk was dreaming of the hour When Greece her knee-

but he could get no further. He coughed, wiped his lips with his handkerchief and blushed painfully. When Greece her knee-

he repeated, and again in despair, When Greece her knee—" but it was hopeless, and he looked over toward his teacher for sympathy.

"Grease her knee again, Theodore."
suggested the teacher, with a wink,
"and maybe she'll go."

At that the whole school burst into

laughter, and the future governor of New York fled mortified from the stage.—Chicago Record.

OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM

Prof. Robertson Replies to Some Comments on His Recent Criticism

To the Editor of The Advertiser: A copy of The Advertiser of April 19 was sent me the other day, in which you try to show that the teachers and educational authorities of England approve the very uniformity which I and so many of my fellowteachers in Ontario deplore. I am afraid, sir, that you have been misled by inadequate reports, as both your quotations and your comments would indicate that you fail to understand just what is going on now in England in this matter. Undoubtedly a larger measure of uniformity is generally called for there, and is being provided for by the new bill now before parliament, a bill which gives general satisfaction. But you make the mistake of supposing that because more uniformity than now exists is desirable there, it is impossible that we should have too much here. This point I have already developed in a letter, published in the Mail and Empire of the 22nd, a copy of which letter I sent you before seeing your last editorial. I have yet to see any evidence that the uniformity which is advocated there and embodied in the bill, is at all comparable to that which prevails

Certainly there was nothing in the addresses of Mr. Clancy and Prof. Jebb, to which you refer, that shows that I am mistaken. These speeches were delivered before a body of primary teachers and the second services. ary teachers, and the one sentence you quote from the president's address, when read in its context, shows that he was speaking of a quite different matter, namely, the question whether the primary teachers should be represented on the advisory council, which your readers may be surprised to learn, is one of the chief features of the government's bill. The president simply meant that to insure success in education all interests must be represented and all classes must co-operate. The best proof I can offer that he was not referring to the uniformity I attacked is this: the speech is reported in full in the Daily Times of April 5; I challenge you to quote another sen-tence from it anywhere which even seems to deal with any of the questions I brought forward in my paper.

As for Prof. Jebb's speech you apparently quote from a summary. The Times of the same date gives the address in full, together with an editorial upon it which I wish everyone in Ontario could read. The full report shows that, like every other authority in England, he recognizes that much less thoroughgoing uniformity is desirable in secondary than in primary education; but as he has addressed a body of primary teachers he dwelt largely upon the extent to which co-operabetween primary and secondary teachers was desirable, and to certain points, especially the matter of professional training, in which the latter class might copy the former. But now that you recognize Prof. Jebb as an authority, let me quote (from a verbatim report in the Times of Jan. 20) what he said when addressing the Headmasters' Association, the most influential association of secondary teachers in England. After expressing the satisfaction all felt with the new legislation, he proceeded to say that the spirit of the bill was to be gatnered from the speech of the Duke of Devonshire in introducing it." ond point which the lord president brought out was that the new central authority was not to be set up with a view to enforcing a rigid uniformity secondary education, such as was to a large extent necessary in the case of elementary education. Indeed the large discretion which, as he must be left to the local authoritiesenabling them to deal with the vary ing needs and circumstances of their respective localities-was in itself a pledge that the authors of the bill had no intention of establishing an auto-cratic bureau. To bring bureaucracy into our higher education was about

the last thing that would occur to Englishmen educated in the traditions of English schools and universities (cheers), and it would be a wholly chimerical fear to imagine that anything of the sort lurked in the board of education bill." After much more to the same effect, in which for instance he referred to "the freedom, variety and elasticity which were indispens-able to the true life of secondary eduthe Times in conclusion cation," ports, "Looking then at the whole situation, he saw no reason for any fear lest, to use a phrase employed at the Headmasters' Conference. teeming with life should be turned in-

to a dead cosmos." If more evidence is required I can give you several columns of speeches, resolutions and letters from the English press of the last six months, all going to show that, while welcoming the very moderate measure of uniformity embodied in the new legisla-tion, the teachers of England are equally solicitous not to have the freedom elasticity and individuality now prevailing, curtailed or impaired. To use your own phrase, the English papers do indeed "make good reading" for me. I think, sir, you have still to prove that there is not a desirable middle ground between the excessive loose ness hitherto prevailing in England and the excessive uniformity prevailing in Ontario. As you say, the English system is approximating Ontario's, but just in the same way as, when I go to Muskoka for a cool summer, I may be said to be approximating the North Pole. J. C. ROBERTSON.

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