

found not only food, but a purse of gold. It was too precious to expend in defraying the cost of travelling. He brought the greater part of it with him across the Atlantic, and lost it in the fire that consumed the church and glebe house in 1820.

In fleeing from France to England, another proscribed priest shared his peril. One night, while on their way to the English coast, they came to a point where there were two roads, leading in the general direction they were going. While they were puzzled to know which one to take, a lad suddenly appeared before them; and bluntly asked them if they were priests. Abbé Sigogne's fellow-fugitive, being frightened, replied: "No," to the lad. Abbé Sigogne said "Yes," whereupon the boy told them to take one of the roads which would lead them to the coast opposite England, but on no account to go to the other road, for a little further ahead, it was watched by gendarmes. Abbé Sigogne believed the boy, but his friend disbelieved him, and regarded it as a device of the officers of the government to ensnare royalists. The abbé took the boy's advice. His friend rejected it. Although Abbé Sigogne lived forty-six years after this event, he never heard of his companion from whom he parted on that occasion. In after years, the abbé believed that this boy was either sent by his father, or that he was an angel in disguise.

From this point, till he arrived in England, nothing is now known of his journey. He found his way to Rotherhithe, Surrey. His lodgings were in Paradise Row. i/

To earn a living while in exile, he bound himself as an apprentice to a turner. While engaged in this employment, he came in contact with a nobleman who occasionally came to the shop to do some mechanical work, for which he had both a fancy and genius. This gentleman soon learned that Jean Mande Sigogne was no ordinary man. His knowledge of six languages illustrated his aptitude for this department of learning. In addition to this, it was evident that his talents, general learning, integrity and culture were of the highest order. The heart of the nobleman was deeply stirred, and through his recommendation, a position, as teacher, was offered the abbé in a school, where a large number of students were candidates for orders in the Church of England.

The salary would be £300 a year. He expressed his gratitude to the nobleman for the interest he had taken in him, and his willingness to accept