

The roof, which was very lofty, was lighted by four great windows of dimmed glass, and from it were suspended, by cords passing through the crown of the skull, four or five large skeletons, which swung slowly round upon their ropes, as if surveying with their dark, hollow, eyeless sockets, the various members of the assemblage. Behind the area was a recess, supported on two pillars of marble, and with a door at each side leading into the other anatomical rooms.

Partly in this recess, and partly on the wooden floor of the area, were placed the various portions of an immense galvanic apparatus; the plates, I am sure, were about a foot square each, and two or three hundred in number. On the table was a small box of dark polished wood, mounted in silver, and containing dissecting instruments. There was yet no one in the open space, but the whole seats were crowded up to the very ceiling, though none were admitted but gentlemen who had received cards of invitation.

As we entered at the top, all eyes were turned to us, and immediately the hollow seats resounded with a burst of applause. Johns, in whose honor, I need hardly say, this was done, pressed my arm. I looked at him: there was on his pale intellectual face a flush of pride and enthusiasm, while his deep blue eye seemed to burn. We found our way down to a side-seat, the first from the area, which had been kept for us, and sat down to await the coming scene. As I sat, I could not help admiring the magnitude as well as the elegance of the apparatus, as it stood before me. I think it was the largest that had ever been constructed; indeed, when it was set in action, several gentlemen afterwards declared that they had felt its influence on their bodies, though seated at a considerable distance, and altogether unconnected with it.

After a while several elderly gentlemen entered by one of the doors into the area, one of them enveloped completely in a gown of glazed leather: this was Dr. Z——, the demonstrator of anatomy. Dr. Q——, who was among them, came over to Johns, and entered into conversation.

About ten minutes elapsed when a young man came in suddenly, and whispered to Dr. Z——. They were all immediately on the alert; the acid was poured on, the apparatus put in motion, and ere we were aware, one of the gentlemen was thrown to the floor from a violent shock from the wires having accidentally got entangled about his person. Things were put to rights, and in another minute, several men hurried into the room, bearing a body, with a sheet thrown loosely around it. Thereupon arose a loud murmur throughout the crowded hall, and every one sprang to his feet, shifting about, and pushing aside his neighbours' heads and shoulders to get a good view. The men who had borne in the body placed it, face downwards, on the long table, with the feet towards us, and the head towards the other side of the hall. They then removed the sheet and withdrew; and there lay before me Severn, the house-breaker, highwayman, and murderer.

I have never seen a more muscular frame than he presented. Every fibre was in a state of rigid tension, displaying the strength and elegance of his form to most striking advantage. The hair of the head was of an iron-gray colour, and in some places almost white.

Dr. Z—— took out his scalpel, and Dr. Q——, crossing to Johns, told him that the neck appeared not to have sustain-

ed any perceptible injury, owing perhaps, to the strength of its muscles. Johns was delighted. He took hold of Dr. Q——'s hand between his own, and looked at him with features full of anxious hope, lighted up every now and then with the wild unearthly expression so peculiar to them.

Dr. Q—— then went forward and addressed the assemblage, telling them that the body had been suspended by the neck for one hour, and now been nearly half that time cut down, and was of course quite dead. He spoke in a hurried, excited manner. He would now, he said, proceed to try upon it the powers of his battery, in the hope of returning to it pulsation, respiration, and motion.

"Yes, LIFE!" said Johns to me. "Vitality—intelligence—mind! Yes, that corpse, which for this hour has been dead and cold, as a clod of the valley, shall, in ten minutes, walk forth from this hall a LIVING SOUL! I shall be the power that shall have put the breath of life into his nostrils. I shall be proclaimed before this meeting—before London, England, the world, as the first being that has ever—" I shall not go on—it was a sentence of most hideous blasphemy.

As he spoke his eyes gleamed with an enthusiasm almost maniacal. It was the last flash of his wayward but magnificent intellect; the last irradiation of a spirit that gave all but sensible indication of its presence.

Dr. Z—— now proceeded to make incisions down upon important nerves in various parts of the body. The wires were then applied. The body slowly drew up its lower limb—I saw the muscles eluded up in knots under the skin. The next moment it was thrown out with fearful violence, and fell back motionless upon the table. Thereupon arose from every part of that great hall a thunder of applause.

The excitement was now most intense; for my own part, I could not take my eyes from the table. I had forgotten there was such a being as Johns at my side, so engrossed had I been with the scene before me.

The wires were now applied to different parts of the body, violent convulsive motions of various kinds being produced.—They were applied to the nerves of the head and face. The head was immediately drawn spasmodically back, the face looking right up from the table upon the benches opposite to me. I could not of course see it, but of the gentlemen who *did* see it, several rose abruptly, and fled up the stairs, and out of the theatre; one vomited, and another fainted away, and was immediately removed through the area to the rooms adjoining. The galvanic fluid was then brought to bear upon the phrenic or nerve of respiration; breathing immediately began, at first low, then natural, then hurried, labouring, at last gasping.

The wire from the one pole of the apparatus was now affixed to the large nerve that runs down the thigh behind; that from the other, to the one that comes out upon the bone over the orbit. The effect was terrific. The corpse suddenly turned completely round, with its face upward, and rose upon its haunches, every muscle being fixed in rigid spasm. Heaven keep me from ever beholding such a sight again! Its neck was thrust forward, its long gray hair stood on end, its brow was contorted into innumerable wrinkles, the eyelids were drawn forcibly back, the eyeballs, with their dead glazed pupils, protruding in a hideous stare, its nostrils were widely dilated, while a horrible greenish foam oozed

out at the corners of its working lips. I could not remove my eyes from it one fraction of a second. Never, before or since, has my whole soul been absorbed by such a feeling of muttering horror!

A moment and it suddenly raised its right arm and pointed convulsively with its forefinger to Johns, who sat beside me; whilst its ghastly lifeless eyes glared in the same direction, and every fibre of its face was twitched with a most diabolic, gibbering grin.

I felt sick and faint: the theatre swam around me; but at that instant my ears were cut to the quick by a cry! With the sighs and sounds of the operation-room I have been familiar, but never has my heart quailed at such a scream. I had at first the idea that it rose from the corps on the table, but the next instant a heavy body fell against my shoulder. A dreadful idea shot across my mind! that cry came from Johns, and in its prolonged, spluttering yell, my ear could trace the articulate words—

"MY FATHER!"

To be Continued.

A New Miracle in France.

(From the Crusader.)

The age of miracles has not passed; the wonders of the Church are yet in great renown in Catholic countries, only England and the United States are not favored with those celestial blessings. The Jesuits know their people, and the places where they can freely make their magic exhibitions; and, as it is customary at the present time to bring into the field of priestly speculation the Mother of Christ, the Virgin Mary is continually operative in these performances everywhere.

The "Queen of heaven" has appeared once more *in propria persona* in France. The fortunate being who first discovered the Queen of queens was not a boy, as it happened to be last year; but the blessed Mary preferred to converse on this occasion with an old woman, quite ugly and ignorant.

The Mother of mothers made her first appearance on the night of Feb. 8th, 1854, in the city of Rennes, France. She was dressed, not as the poor wife of the carpenter Joseph, but in a robe, the brilliancy of which would have outshone even the rays of a tropical sun. The Lady of heaven was sad, notwithstanding such a gorgeous display of luxury! The old woman of Rennes inquired from the "Mother of God" the reason of her sorrows; whether immortal spirits in heaven did not enjoy all the eternal glory of Paradise. "I come," answered the Blessed Virgin, "to announce through you to infidel France, that the price of bread will increase; that in 1851 all the churches will be closed; and that they will be opened again in 1855, perhaps by—the Cossacks! Therefore, I order all the good citizens of Rennes to build for me a chapel, by public subscription." The Virgin Mary returned to her kingdom, but the whole city of Rennes was thrown into general excitement.

To increase the *furor*, the priests have hired the old woman to visit every village in the province, and make their medium tell her own story before crowded assemblages!

The Liverpool Northern Daily Times of the 18th February, says:—Last evening Exeter Hall was crowded with an audience which had met to hear a lecture from Father Gavazzi, upon Popery in America and England. Upon the lecturer ascending the platform, attired in a black gown, upon which was embroidered the tri-color of Italy, the applause was most enthusiastic. He said he had lately returned from America, where he left several states under the interdict of Rome; his souvenir in North America was a sad one. The Jesuits were the cause. The lecturer then spoke of the acts of Rome, and then denounced the various means by which Popery was assiduously introduced into Protestant families. Throughout the whole of his lecture he was vehemently applauded.