

"Let Us Take to Our Heels."

(To be sung by Major Sanderson, at the first and only gathering of the militant Loyalists.)
As last, at the Loyalist summons,
In arms for the cause we met,

A STRANGE CLIENT.

How One Little Kindly Art Turned Misfortune Into Happiness.

CHAPTER I.

It was a bleak December day. A biting, snow-laden nor'-easter was sweeping over the wide expanse of Murley Heights, and apparently exulting in its untrammelled freedom.

CHAPTER II.

Frank Archer sat alone in the inner sanctum of his father's office. The chief Murley solicitor was at present away in the north of England on an important confidential mission and the son was in control of the business during the parental absence.

CHAPTER III.

"No, Frank; you may plead as you please." ("It is a sweet torture," she whispered aside) "but I will not consent that for my sake you shall sacrifice your prospects and incur your father's resentment."

A Living Martyr.

In the Sandwich Islands there are sixteen hundred lepers. Most of those living masses of corruption have been isolated on the island of Molokai, and there, rotting daily and falling to pieces, they await death as a boon that will end their loathsome existence.

ENTERING THE FOLD.

The Objections With Which One Must Become a Catholic.

A LUCID EXPOSITION BY HIS Eminence CARDINAL NEWMAN—HIGH LEARNED AND INGENUOUS MUST COME TO THE CHURCH TO LEARN.

No one, says Cardinal Newman, should enter the Church without a firm purpose of taking her word in all matters of doctrine and morals, and that on the ground of her coming directly from the God of Truth.

The stranger's opening question was at least an equal surprise to Frank's parent.

"Your son is engaged to Miss Murrell, and it is said that you object to the match. Is this true?"

The elderly lawyer's face grew slowly purple, half with confusion, half with rage.

"I cannot see, Mr. Green, that my family affairs—" he began.

"Concern me. That's as the event may determine," the other answered, with a jarring blitheness.

"I am convinced in your reason that the Catholic Church is a teacher sent to you from God, and it is enough. I do not wish you to join her till you are.

"I'll think it over, and—probably shall come to an agreement, Mr. Murrell," the checkmated solicitor replied.

Frank's battle was won in an hour when he least hoped it.

"That same evening there were, in the old-fashioned parlor of Rybeck Mill, two pathetic happy meetings."

"And, Thomas, if love divided us, love—of others—shall also reunite us. I have been hard—"

"Am! And in your magnanimity you are revenged, Andrew, my brother once more!"

"Hark!"

"Ah! the Christmas chimes are preparing."

And with that happy peal, a peace as of God's benediction, fell upon these long alienated hearts.

—W. J. LACEY.

one ever throws in our way, they are lovingly anxious for his soul, lest he come to the point of conviction, and is passing it, and is losing his chance of conversion.

Several secular papers publish the following Washington dispatch:

"The condemnation of the Knights of Labor by Archbishop Taschereau of Quebec has aroused widespread interest in regard to the attitude of the Church towards labor organizations.

"The Knights of Labor should not be taken as a sentiment of the Church towards the organization. I am not familiar with the labor troubles in Quebec, but it is certain that the Archbishop's hostility grew out of some local laws or conduct of the Knights which are contrary to the doctrines of the Church."

"As to the Knights of Labor organization in the United States, I have not thoroughly examined their constitution or studied their purposes, yet from reading the newspapers and Mr. Powderly's public statements, I infer that the objects of the Knights are praiseworthy and in no way opposed to the views of the Church. The Catholic priest who to a man declare in favor of the organization of labor. There can be no wrong in such a course. Organization is the basis of all progress—political, social and religious. Only when it is abused does the Church raise her voice and call out her children."

"Was it not on account of secret pledges taken by the Knights that Archbishop Taschereau hurled on them his anathema?" asked the correspondent.

"That I do not know," replied the Cardinal. "I told you, I have no knowledge of the workings of the societies in Canada. Whether or not such pledges are taken by Knights here is a question on which more light should be thrown by their leaders. Vicar-General Conway, of Chicago, who examined the constitution carefully, assures me that it bears no resemblance to the laws of the Free Masons, Odd Fellows, and other societies which the Church has always antagonized. A distinction must be made, too, as to the nature of the secret pledges."

"What are forbidden societies?"

"As the Church has been greatly misrepresented on the points we would like you to state clearly its points. We hold that if a man joins a society, swearing never to reveal any of its workings, no matter how criminal, and to obey the dictates of its officers blindly, he surrenders his personal liberty, becomes a slave to his fellow-men, and takes on the sacredness of the sacraments of the Church. Such an oath is taken by the prevalent secret societies, hence their condemnation by the clergy. On the other hand, if a man joins an organization, swearing to keep secret its workings, with the proviso that nothing therein shall be contrary to the laws of the land, its conscience and religious tenets, we hold that his action is perfectly justifiable. The whole question as to the Church's attitude towards the Knights of Labor depends on which of these oaths the members of the Knights swear to in accordance with Mr. Powderly's statements, then the Church says to the Knights, God speed you. If, however, the absolute, blind pledge is taken, no matter how laudable the objects of the society are, the Church can never countenance it and will call on her children to withdraw under the pain of excommunication. So everything depends on the proviso. Don't understand me as criticizing Archbishop Taschereau. He is the Primate of the Church in Canada, and would not have taken such decisive action without a firm conviction that the local Knights had something in their laws or pursued some methods that were against the Church's doctrines."

"It is true that the Pope will condemn the Knights of Labor, as was called recently from Rome?"

"I understand that the Pope is examining the constitution, but why he will be I cannot say. Anyhow you may state, his course will be regulated by the principles I have stated regarding the Church's doctrine on secrecy."

"Does the Church condemn the action of the striking Knights who by force prevent others from taking their places?"

"Most certainly no," replied the Cardinal. "While every man has a right to stop work whenever he pleases, he is not justified in preventing others from

selling their labor at whatever price they wish, and if he does so he sins against the laws of the land and the laws of God."

"Pity and Grief."

That day our little one lay dead,
And we were sad and sore of heart,
And all the joy of life seemed fled.

"The Enemies of the Priest."

ERRORS AND FALLACIES REFUTED—IMPORTANCE OF THE POWERS OF DARKNESS.

Pere Monsabre.

On Sunday last Pere Monsabre, O. P. delivered his sixth and last Conference of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the subject being "The Enemies of the Priest."

"The enemies of the priest are those who are against the powers of the earth, so necessary to the religious life of the nations, beneficent to humanity, so evident Divine in its origin, its character and its functions, might reasonably have been expected to gather round the altar of a nation, respect and gratitude."

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