MADAME'S WARD

BY PAULINE BEVERLY.

be sure! Do you remain long in Eng-

must play my accompaniment, made-

iest air of dignity.

"What did he say?"

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-there was no doubt about that—and he showed it even more udainly than her black and with her black eves here. he showed it even more plainly than looking full and coldly at Raby St.

did Roger. His slender hand—a hand George. so thin and delicate that it did not "Pardon me, Mr. St. George, my look like a man's—trembled as he took hers, and his slow, languid voice Miss Orme to all but my special friends. Shook as he spoke to her. As for Miss Will you please reember it? Did you me. fore and had his presence now at Cha- ped her hand within my arm, and we ways talking about? vasse been quite a matter of course, marched out into the hall, Madame no cooler and no more self-possessed clously apologizing for having left him than it was. Certainly the artful little alone, while mademoiselle demurely to ask me for Natalie." maid could hold her own, I thought.
"What a surprise to see you, Mr.
St. George!" she said, enthroning her talle was in the gayest of spirits, little figure in Madame's big chair laughing and talking in the merriest with a slow stateliness which would fashion. Madame was serenely grahave done no discount to their district. have done no discredit to that digni-clous, Raby St. George very pleasant, fied lady herself. "Really I could mademoiselle discreetly conversational, hardly believe it! And what in the and I seconding everybody's efforts to

world induced you to take so long a the best of my ability. When dinner journey in such terribly unpleasant was over and we were in the drawing-weather?" So coolly and carelessly she asked dame or me, determinedly frustrating the question, waving her fan idly to all the efforts made by St. George to and fro as she looked at him, that I speak to her alone. Madame did not did not wonder at the dark flush - a notice it apparently; but presently she flush of mingled anger and resentment, suggested that Should sing.

as I read it—which swept across his

"Mr. St. George will like to hear He did not speak you, no doubt, my love, since he is so coolly in reply, and I could see that he fond of music." was paying no more attention to me than to the poker. Whatever might of her shoulders Nat rose. have been the characteristics of Raby Wery well, Madame; but Mr. St. St. George's former love-making. he George has very bad taste not to precertainly did not beat about the bush fer mademoiselle's music to mine. You

"The weather was nothing," he re- moiselle, please; I hate playing for sponded, a harsh jarring note in his myself." soft voice, which had a dogged touch followed you to England as soon as

Leaning with my arm on the man-Leaning with my arm on the man-tel-piece beside Nat's chair, pretend-ing to look at the fire, I saw that her dips trembled nervously behind the dips trembled nervously behind the softly waving fan, although over it her eyes met his as quietly as ever.

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vasse itself is under a certain disadvantage in winter-isn't it, Ned?"-

fan.
"And when did you arrive, Mr. St. George? Lately, I suppose?'

"I landed yesterday."
"Only then! Then I won't ask you ow you like England yet. I think it Is lovely."

"Better than Jamaica?" "Oh, yes, a thousand times."

"Then you are not very faithful to your old country!" He did not say it as a question, but bitterly; and Nat gave a little laugh in which I do not concluded my mother, with her loft- talked of 'The King's Business. think he heard the tremor. "Certainly not. It seems to me very

all, I am half-English, you know."

St. George said, in a tone which sug- Blame the man." gested that he was keeping a tight "Flood used to be a smart fellow on the direct and earnest preaching of the flow of the flo gested that he was keeping a tight laughed carelessly. not. But I pled Lotty.

in England I think."

"Oh, yes, in ever so many ways! I I could answer her question, for I could have grown wonderfully clever, thanks not, but the mere mention of Roger's outside the churches brought to a saving to mademoiselle-you saw her, didn't name just then made me feel con- knowledge of Christ. you? I can play my own accompani- fused and awkward. I stammered ments when there are not too many outsharps and flats, I can manage to write a letter without the dictionary,

"Not quite, Madame declares that I Yorke—was to blame for his going have grown an inch taller, but I don't wrong." saying? Oh, about your business, to langrily.

"It struck me as being so," Madame returned, composedly; "and I lismissed the man, saying merely that he must reform speedily and thoroughly if he wished to have the Wayside Then you don't understand

"Only that his blessed beer must have muddled his thick head," I answered, feeling still more indignant. 'Flood has a stupid dislike to Roger, or two upon his idiotic conduct-and "Only you can tell me that," he anwanted to happen, and, of course, on the present occasion Madame, for nervous fingers grasp her bangled he said Yorke has ever done him any some reason best known to herself, had not taken herself off, but mademoiselle also, and Raby St. George uncomfortably low and fire, "and that is that it's a falsehood. I'll stood by the fire alone He turned would must be who will either keen stake my life on that any day." served him right!-but that's all. If stood by the fire alone. He turned you it must be who will either keep stake my life on that any day."

Note that any day is the property of t a slight inclination of her handsome

borough Chace folk?"
"No-Mr. Froude."

"Oh, him!" I ejaculated, disparagname is not common property. I am ingly. "And what did he want?" 'Guess," said Madame, smiling at

"Can't-I'm not good at guessing. orme herself, I must confess I could say dinner. Madame? You take me, not help admiring the little lady's acting. Had she seen him a week being. Had she seen him a week beWith the greatest coolness she slipWith the greatest coolness she slipWith the greatest coolness she slipWays talking about?" "No," returned Madame, her greeting of him could have been following, with her guest, and gra- laying her work aside as she looked at me-"not this time, Ned. He came (To Be Continued.)

THE KING'S BUSINESS IN CANADA WEST

room, Nat kept close either to Ma-Rev. Dr. McCrae Describes the Great Evangelistic Campaign in the Prairie Country.

With an almost imperceptible shrug RESULTS ENCOURAG NG

Whole Dominion To Be Covered in Four Years-Impressions of

the West.

Mademoiselle had been about to "I simply leave the piano, but she resumed her Presbyterian Church, has just returned as soon as sent at this, and began, without the from the West, where he was called to music, to play the accompaniment of one of Nat's favorite songs, the little evangelistic campaign being carried on bis hearers, but used every moment to point out and emphasize the great truth point out and

I think I remember hearing something he could watch her, and leaned there number of ministers from Ontario have "The evangelistic services conducted by of it before I left Jamaica. It seems a pity that you did not choose a different time in the year. Even Chaferent time in the year. Even Chabella Sign from my mother, I took a seat beside her, I could not help smiling to beside her, I could not help smiling to suits were most encouraging in every beside her, I could not help smiling to suits were most encouraging in every much spiritual blessing. Certainly there think how neatly Miss Nat spoiled the way, and he believed would be lasting. is nothing sensational about the preach think new nearly Miss Nat sponsar the way, and he britter than the sensar than is nothing sensar than the chance of speaking to her alone which The general assumbly's committee on er's style, but a clear, strong and cool glancing up at me with a smile. "You he had no doubt thought her singing evangelism, having charge of this work,

myself by her coolness, and drawing thoughts instantly flew off to Roger It is proposed to cover the whole Doback a little.

It certainly did not seem that she required my protection, and I picked up a paper and pretended to read it. What did he want?"

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Yorke, "Who?"

"The blacksmith—young Flood."

"Phil Flood!" I echoed. "That was every congregation from Cape Breton to Vancouver Island. All the ministers of the church having evangelistic gifts are conditions of the West?"

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"Certainly not!" said Madame, se- carried on simultaneously. For instance, "I much regret that I was in the district where I labored, comprisever induced to say that I would think ing all the congregations on the Soo Lin, of it. Not, of course, that I could from Portal to Moosejaw, the work was foresee how the man would go to the carried on at the same time from sixteen bad. I am much mistaken if he was different centres. In this way religion not partially intoxicated today. His was in the air, and everywhere men prosperity are presenting himself to me in such a ceased, at least for the moment, to talk condition was simply disgraceful," only of land and wheat and sport, and United States. "It's that wretched Cap and Bells," or three weeks in each place. On Frisald, deprecatingly; and Madame days and Sundays there were three most. foolish to say you like a place best I said, deprecatingly; and Madame days and Sundays there were three meetsimply because you chance to have smiled satirically.

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thought of pretty little laughing, dim- Spirit, in answer to united and unceasing prayer. "All the meetings were well attended don't think I was much more than a "I know; but he is utterly changed." All the meetings were well attended, silly child in those days, was I? One And, Ned, what is it that the foolish and a deep impression was made by the changes and grows wise more quickly man has in his head about Doctor Gospel message. We do not count the England I think."

Yorke?"

"Have you changed?" he asked, I started, and felt the color rush But it is not too much to say that whole eagerly, moving a step nearer to her hotly over my face as Madame looked communities received a spiritual uplift, at me with her keen eyes. Not that the members of the churches being quick-

"The men's meetings were intensely interesting. At the last one at which I write a letter without the dictionary. "I can hardly tell you. He was not any pressure, 143 men rose to confess and Ned has taught me to ride and properly sober, as I said; but he Christ, and repeated with me the and Ned has taught me to ride and properly sober, as I said; but he row and drive and fish, and I don't wronged by Doctor Yorke, and being "And is that all?" he asked, gloom-"revenged some day. I really don't pre- tend to understand properly, but he in side delicate hands.

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The negroes of the United States form- ded in 1800 18.8 per cent of the population; to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life, and we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

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Christ crucified, but Christ living and walking in the life of today." The Estevan (Sask.) Mercury, referring to the meetings, says: "The opinion is widely expressed that a substantial work has been done for the quickening of the religious life of the people of this town. whose every word carried conviction in that should guide us in this life, and

the beauties of Daleshire which this tiresome weather had not spoiled."

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I stammered, a good deal taken aback myself by her coolness and dansite."

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"What did you think of the busin ss The winter set in early, and the weather has been unusually tioned that the railways, having made are expected to carry more than 40,000 reople east during the month. There has been nothing like this heretofore in the history of the country.'

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Harry Williamson, who was discharged by Magistrate Love Thursday and told to come back if he didn't get any work, was in his old place in the prisoners' cage when court opened this

the court. Williamson said he couldn't, and the court said he would remand him for a week and consider what to do with

F. Osborne, keeper of a Richmond been street poolroom, appeared on a charge of allowing minors to be in his place. A record run of 1,554 miles by a motor of business. As Mr. Osborne was beat travelling at the rate of 27.3 miles case at the courthouse this charge was laid over until next Tuesday.

Hamilton, Dec. 16.—A company is being organized to establish a stock yards in Hamilton on a larger scale than anything of the kind heretofore attempted here. W. L. Morris, a wellknown butcher, is behind the scheme and has acquired considerable property on King street east, near Sanford avenue, which it is thought will prob-

HOLDING FOR MERGER Montreal, Que., Dec. 16.—The Dominion Coal Company shareholders had till today to decide whether they would hold their shares for the merger with the Dominion Steel Company or accept \$95 per share for their holdings. The same as President Jas. Ross, Of the

for the merger and 3,059 to sell. WELL KNOWN AT OTTAWA. Ottawa, Dec. 16.-Hon. Archibald from London today, was very well known to many Ottawans. He spent considerable time in Canada at time of tenure of office of his father. Lord Aberdeen as governor-general. He was only 14 years of age then. Young Gordon paid a visit to the cap-

ital about a year ago. another an hour throughout the been accomplished by the Brer Fox II.
which left Cincinnati recently to make the long-distance speed test to New Or-

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