

And for the few last days of Constance's life, she was watched and tended by a daughter's love.

Mary Bertram's was a strange history; her childhood had been an unhappy one; her stepmother was stern and unloving, and treated the child with undue severity. It tended however to keep alive in her mind a tender remembrance of the mother's fondness she dimly remembered. She never forgot the prayer she had been taught, and she cherished an intense desire to know more of the religion for which her mother was banished. When she grew up and made her appearance in the world, she was taken notice of by the French Ambassador, who remembered Constance, and who, from political reasons, was high in favor at court. By her Mary was instructed in her faith, and by her means a marriage was arranged with the Marquis de Coucy, who had been attached to the Embassy, but who on his marriage, would return to France. Mary was one to inspire ardent affection, and he was as eager to grant as she to ask, that her first act should be to visit Belgium, and see the mother from whom she had been so long parted.

So thus it came to pass that Constance first saw her beloved child received into the Catholic Church, and left her the wife of a Catholic. All earthly sorrows and cares were over; and leaning on Mary's bosom, and holding Rose's hand, she not long after passed to her home.

At the same hour in a royal palace, there was another death-scene, and the sufferer sat upon the ground in sullen despair, and "dared not" die in her bed.

Long ere this Basil Travers and Arthur Leslie (who became a priest) had gained the martyr's crown, and in their turn, gone "to Tyborne."

And Thoresby Hall. We must not forget one look at that and its inhabitants, and what they have been doing these long fifteen years. Good Sir Robert sleeps with his father, and Sir Henry Thoresby rules the hall. Blanche, too, has long since gone to her reward; and Mary and Clinton reside at their manor at Northwolds, near Colchester. Sir Henry has married, and little merry voices wake the echoes in Northwolds and in Thoresby Hall, and childish feet patter up and down the stairs, and childish minds wonder much why the large tapestry chamber at Thoresby is kept so sacred, and never used save by the priests.

Three hundred years are past and gone! The last of the Tudors and the last of the Stuarts alike crumble into dust. A new dynasty holds the sceptre of England, and a queen, with all a woman's virtues, sits upon the throne. The rack and the torture chamber are things of the past, and the savage laws of Elizabeth can be found only in some obsolete statute-book. Men walk abroad in safety, for England is free!

Still fondly do we linger over the traces where our martyrs suffered and our confessors endured. Still stands Thoresby Hall; its walls are grey and the ivy clings lovingly to them. Though still the property it is no longer the habitation of the noble line. The pressure of fines removed, they have grown wealthy, and a more stately house has arisen for their home, and their honored name is on the rolls of England's nobility. There has been no stain on the history of their house. No apostate has ever been reckoned among their ancestry; and in Thoresby Hall, though the daily sacrifice was oft suspended, and the faithful worshipped in fear; still, never through these long three hundred years has the sound of alien worship, of mutilated rites, or of false doctrine, been heard within its walls. The chapel now was the chapel then; small and not richly adorned, yet breathing the odor of a changeless faith, of an abiding presence. And the lime-trees send forth their sweet fragrance in the moonlight, while other lovers, perchance plight their vows; and on the grassy slopes the sunlight shines. Go visit Thoresby Hall, as we erstwhile did, on some summer day, when the scorching glare of the sun is almost blinding, and yet round Thoresby there breathes the air of coolness and repose. Go and look at the "hiding-hole" where Walter de Lisle once lay and pray-

ed. Look around the garden and mark the rose trees bending to the earth with their luxuriant weight, and feel as we did that over Thoresby Hall there breathes a "perpetual benediction."

And what of Tyborne? Three hundred years are past and gone, and the tall trees are cut down, and tall houses have risen in their stead. A wilderness of houses, and the once muddy broken road is smoothly paved, and the green fields are laid out into Hyde Park, and the rush of gay carriages, and gayer ladies pass by, without a single thought, the place where many won the martyr's palm. How few know the spot where close beside the Marble Arch there stands a little milestone to tell where Tyborne stood. Its name serves now to mark a fashionable quarter of town and there are none who, like the Catholic Queen, kneel at the spot and water it with their tears. It is hard, indeed, to stand there, in the midst of bustling, gay London, and recall the scenes such as we have dwelt upon in these pages; and yet Tyborne should not be forgotten; its witness pleaded to Heaven, and it pleads still, more powerful than man's weapons, more availing than his strong words; for

"God knows it is not force nor might,

Not brave nor warlike band,
Not shield and spear, not dint of sword,

That must convert the land;
It is the blood of martyrs shed,
It is that noble train
That fight with word and not
with sword,

And Christ their capitaine."

THE END.

Mr. Cleverly.—I have a great joke on my wife! I've bought her a hat for \$5, and had it sent home with a \$15 price mark on it. She'll never know the difference!

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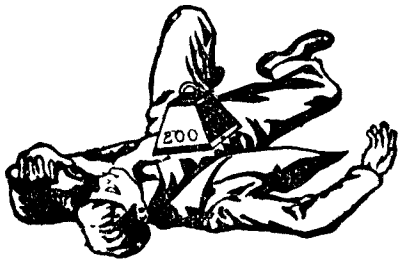
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