

Written for the Catholic Record.

THE DUCHESS.

The brilliant light is fading
Over the vast and lofty hall;
A thousand waxen tapers
Lead their radiance to the ball;

Now tired of the pageant,
With all its pomp and glare,
She sees the moonlight gleam
And breathe the cool, crisp air.

The cold gray dawn is gleaming
On a dying bed of sunlight
The first bright rays of dawn
Fall on a sister-dead.

CARROLL O'DONOGHUE.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

INCIDENTS.

Captain Denner received Morty Carter
with the same cold and dignified manner
which had characterized his former recep-

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use for your own infamous interests any
little knowledge that you may have gained
superstitiously of a man's birth or family,

"Did you succeed in getting what you
wanted?" he whispered when they
reached a part beyond the officer's

"No!" answered Carter, his face purple
from suppressed rage.
"An' you've got see'n' the young
mether?" said Tighe, in well affected dis-

"You are out of sorts," said Rick,
"quittingly."
"Am," answered Carter, continuing his
nervous stride of the room; "every-

"Yes; something that I rested all my
hopes on—that I plotted night and day
for, has failed me; miserably failed me!"

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shoulder: "You would make beggars of
both Nora and me." He strode toward
the door, opened it, and going out,

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THE WORK OF MEN.

Glasgow Observer, June 29.

The great Anglican Communion is in
a bad way. It is a house divided against
itself, and eventually its fate must verify

the Scriptural dictum that such an
erection cannot stand. The Church of
England, as we have frequently pointed

out, is the work of human hands, and
humanity is not the faculty of imparting
to its productions, immortality. Be

the guidance of a human institution
never so wise—from the narrow and cir-
cumscripted radius of human wisdom—it

may not last. He alone Who placed us
on earth, Who is the Author of our be-
ing, and the Shaper of our destinies,

temporal and eternal, He only has the
power to create or found an
institution which will last for all time.

He only may rear an edifice that will
not crumble. All this has been proved
to demonstration, again and again, in the

chekered and turbulent careers of the
various heresies and schisms that have,
from time to time, arisen in the world.

In perverted human intellect, pride,
baseless greed, or sensuality, they have
their root and origin, and their lives are

such as might be looked for, originating
in sources like these. The great heresy
of the West, which in these countries

has branched off into minor sects ad in-
finitum, exemplifies fully our contention.
Westin, power and influence are the

portion of its professors; yet all these
claims and pretensions, for prevention of
frequent manifestations of its innate rotu-

ness, prevent its final decay and effacement.
The reason is clear. Deep logic is not
required to understand it; the veriest

tyro in reasoning cannot fail to grasp
the why and wherefore. A Church, to
be lasting, must be the handiwork of a

divine, almighty maker. The Church
of England is the work of men, who are
but creatures—neither divine nor omni-

there is an essential degree of difference
between the white and the black man's
religion. They will almost refuse to

listen to the teachings of a white misson-
ary.
Of course, this state of affairs is utterly
destitute to the ideas of the Catholic

Church, who recognizes no distinction of
race or color any more than of rich or
poor, but only children. Still, the situa-

tion is one not created by her, and she
must avail herself of practical means to
solve it. If these poor people will listen

to no white teachers, these colored priests
must be sent to them.
The negroes have been flocking into the

Catholic Church of recent years. They
now number three thousand, it is said, and
have a very respectable weekly in Cincin-

nati. It will be found, however, that the
vast majority of colored Catholics are
drawn from the intelligent classes of the

towns, and not from those solid
masses of the black belt, who have hardly
been impressed.
These colored people are a most docile,

religious and emotional race. The beau-
tiful ceremonies of the Catholic Church
would attract them, even before they

could understand the meaning of the
rites. That very enthusiasm, so wildly
and grotesquely misdirected in the un-

regulated orges of camp-meeting, would
make them quickly and easily appreciate
the symbolism of Catholic devotion.

Many Protestant gentlemen have recog-
nized this fact, and anxious to have the
colored people adopt some restraining

moral form of religion, have openly fac-
ilitated the introduction of Catholicity.—N.
Y. Freeman's Journal.

RETREAT AT BOURGET COLLEGE.
The Provincial of the clerics of St.
Viateur has chosen Bourget College, at

Rigaud, P. Q., as the place where the
members of that order are hereafter to
make their thirty days' retreat. Each

THE SILENT HA...
What spell is on this sparkling
What magic chain thy only
What shows this, that lonely
Round carved wood and glitter

Shell thy rich mood thrill no
Exult through the dear of
Shall loving fingers open the door
And tender eyes peer through

Only to see thee, spectral, stand
With shrouded silence round
Like some dim wreck on twilight
Whence light and truth have fled

A sister's gifted touch may stray
Across the fall piano keys—
By Memory, weeping, taras
Mistake thy kindred harmonies

Musing that master hand (now
And crumbly, as before)
Whence came thy brilliant strain
And gave thy grandest strain

Ah! drifting down from heaven
Thine eyes, thy hair, thy face—
Sweetest, thou art not here,
O'er the first time as conductor.

Through doomed to silence and
Through doomed to silence and
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Written for CATHOLIC RE...
CATHOLICS OF SCOT...
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We now find Bishop Cameron
for the first time as conductor.
1862, he met the bishops of
at Edinburgh, and transacted

with them the usual business
annual meeting. In the latter
granda it was mentioned that B

memory had failed so much
leave him often without word
his meaning. After the meetin

his journey back to Aquortine
with Bishop Cameron. The
a month among his friends in
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winter.
A new and better church was
vided at Aberdeen, Mr. Gordon

zealously exerted himself in
subscriptions among his friends.
Hay contributed in the form of
£300 without interest.

It would be a serious omis-
sion to record the death of
of a venerable priest, who has
faithfully served the mission