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The Story of the Man and His Books

In the Highland settlement of Glengarry, in the heart of a Canadian forest, Rev. Charles W. Gordon, better known to the reading world as Ralph Connor, was born in 1860. In his career, the markings of heredity and environment are more manifest than in most men, as some hands show the veins more strongly than others.

To the virility, intenseness, individuality and friend-making genius of his father, Rev. Daniel Gordon, a Scotch preacher and teller of stories in the primitive pioneer days of Canada's backwoods forty years ago, was united in him the sympathy, mental keenness, literary temperament, spiritual insight and hunger for helpfulness that distinguished his mother.

In the woods through which he went to school, and where his early childhood days were spent, he grew into that close reverent love and communion with Nature that has become part of his very life, and pulsates through all his pages. At eleven, the removal of his family to another section gave him better school advantages; and prepared him for his course at Toronto University. He earned money in the fields to pay for his education; he was not a hard student, but passed his examinations seemingly by instinct. After a three years' course at Knox College, where prizes and scholarships dropped into his hands when he was not looking, he spent a year in Edinburgh and on the Continent to gain back his fleeting health.

On his return he went to Banff, the National Park of Canada, inhaling the pure, clear air of the mountains and the spiritual atmosphere that seemed nearer to God because nearer to unspoiled Nature. On Sundays he preached in the little Presbyterian Church to an audience of villagers and tourists, and it was while a home missionary in the Northwest that he grew discouraged over the small appropriation made for the work among the miners. His friend, the editor of "The Westminster" of Toronto, invited him to wage his war for funds through the pages of his paper, and, in accepting, Mr. Gordon decided that a strongly human story might win its way to the hearts and purses of the people.

The story was "Black Rock," that virile, crisp series of pictures of life in the mining camps, that made their author famous. Then came "The Sky Pilot," "The Man From Glengarry," "Beyond the Marshes" and "The Prospector," all tingling with vitality-stories tender, humorous, picturesque,

pathetic, strenuous in action and simple in thought Entered according to Act of the Parliament of Canada, in the year 1905, by W. C. Mack, at the Department of Agriculture.

RUSSIA---THE UNKNOWABLE

BY T. P. O'CONNOR, M. P.

about Russia lately, and the more one at Groano, November, 1903; onier or periences. reads the more hopeles one feels about of Warsaw, May, 1905. the future of that unfortunate country. It looks as if the autocracy were

one-tenth of what is going on in Russia at this moment, especially of what is taking place in the rural districts. The majority of the Russian, as of the Linding of the Russian, as of the Russian and the man and the water of land, which in Ireland is confined to her western shores, and to some hundreds of thousands of people, in Russia extends to vast regions and to over twenty or twenty for millions of people.

There is another of the characteristic features of Irish life produced in the life of Russia, and that is the milgratory laborer. Every year some 10,000 small Irish farmers pass over to Bngland and to Scotland to reap the harvests for the farmers in these countries, and then return to their small patches to fish or look after their little holdings in the west, Eurit in Russia some millions are on trampin spaces flow, they have to beg their way back to their own farms again. This is one of the Dowager Empress. The indicate of the Dowager Empress. The indicate of the green the majority of the Russian, as of the staking place in the rural districts. The majority of the Russian and the features of Irish life produced in the life of Russia, and that is the militage of a man one would expect to he mixed up in a cruel trageoy of assassination for a man when this farmers pass over twenty or twenty

more, of the personal element in the tragedy of the empire than of the more general political condition, What a strange being the man must be who has the ambition to be a high Russian official! It almost seems like signing one's own death warrant to accept a portfolio in present times. The governor of Baku has just been assassinated by a bomb; and apparently bomb throwing has become quite a usual occurrence. I was looking over in a newspaper a list of the high officials. assassinated during the last few years.

Bogoliepoff, minister of education, by Karpovich, after the university troubles, Feb. 27, 1901. Sipiagin, minister of the interior. by Balmasheff, April 15, 1902. after a massacre of strikers, May 19, poor Czar have broken down under such a strain.

Gen. Bobrikoff, governor of Finland, by Eugen Schaumann, June 17, 1904. Vice - Governor of Eliz Transcaucasia, July 17, 1904. M. Plehve, minister of the interior. assassinated by means of a bomb as he was proceeding to have an audience with the Czar, July 28, 1904. Lieut.-Col. Boguslavsky. chief administrator of the Sumarin district of

the Caucasus, August, 1904.
Grand Duke Sergius killed by a
bomb at Moscow, Feb. 17, 1905. Among those on whom attempts have been made, in some cases involving serious injury, are M. Pobledon-ostseff, procurator of the Holy Synod. March, 1901: Gen. Wahl. governor of Vilna, May. 1902: Prince Obolenski, governor of Kharkoff, August, 1902: M. Bessonoff, chief of police at Khar-koff, same time: Prince Galitzin, gov-ernor-general of the Caucasus, Octo-

As to one of these-Sipiagin, minister of doomed, and at the same time it is raised so much comment a new months ago. A grim reading it is, especially now, act as manager under me and to push the was chosen for his post through the business. If you do well, there is a partnership ahead. Now, is that a one-tenth of what is going on in Rus-

However, I have been thinking lately more, of the personal element in the sypsies were engaged to sing before royalty telegroups were dispatched to prove that those which were to be found at Yeliseyeff's in the Nevsky Prospect. Fiery sypsies were engaged to sing before royalty telegroups were dispatched to prove the personal element in the supplier of the personal

Hard things have been written and said Hard things have been written and said about the Czar in recent times, and I am no defender of him or of his policy, but in the divorce suit against her husband surely no one would be less human who did not now and then imagine in what kind of condition a poor ruler must be who finds his best friends, ike this man, struck down at his feet and by his side.



Interesting Gossip About Notable Men and Women.

BY THE MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

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Boulogne after the most extraordinary vicissitudes about 100 years ago and is believed to be hidden away at the present moment in some private collection is to say, she served as model for the saint to its sculptor.

The duke's eldest son, the Marquis of Graham, is a remarkable young fellow who, for the purpose of qualifyher own right as Lady Burton, and on whose demise in turn, her eldest boy, the now 11-year-old George Baillie, will become third Lord Rustos and the sentence, the head become third Lord Burton. She is popular, and at the time of her marriage to Jim Baillie, of Dochfour, was credited with having received and rejected ing sent to Dundee and to Aberdeen, other girl in society, among the unsuccessful suitors having been Prince Francis of Teck, brother of the Princes of Wales. That she should have the was the usual place for every size of Wales. That she should have been so much sought after is not alortune estimated at near \$5,00,000. Lord Burton is a sensible man. When reated a peer he was content to be anestored by the true founder of the

stancy is the foundation of virtue." His daughter shares his utter absence of affectation On one occasion, at a dance given by Lord Leven at Holyrood Palace, at Edinburgh, some of the old-fashioned guests were a littie startled by the decidedly lively style dancing which she indulged in Hardly the manners of a Vere de Vere," was the comment of an old general as she whisked past him in the mazes of a highland schottische. "No!" exclaimed Miss Bass, as she was then, dropping him a saucy curtsy.
"They are the manners of Beer de

house-namely, a humble bottle-washer

in a small brewery, and carrier, his

great-grandfather, instead of applying

to the Royal College of Heralds in Lon-

don for the discovery of mythical Nor-

man and crusader forbears. He even

On another occasion at a dance, Lord ullibardine, eldest son of the Duke of Atholl, was introduced to her and askfor a dance.

at his name, which he had scribbled or her dance programme, "Is that really in a fight with a French man-of-war, pour name? It is a very curious one and too long for every day use."

"Well," answered the heir of all the heart, but fortunately leaving the name preity well known in Scotland and preity well known in Scotland who fought at Culloden, or of my construct a gold fligree box in the place.

"Well," answered the heir of all the casket, shattering the gold fligree box, containing to have gone straight from the school as a metropolitan residence.

"Well," answered the heir of all the beart, but fortunately leaving the heart, but fortunately leaving the scaled casket intact. In India, Mrs. Johnston caused a clever goldsmith to construct a gold fligree box in the place.

With one lamentable exception, the first anti-slavery meetings were held in the United Kingdom, and at which heart sorganized in his behalf, Nor did any one know what had bepour name? It is a very curious one and and during the course of the engage-"Never, I am afraid," was Miss Nel-

lie's frank reply. "But then you see my great-grandfather was a bottle wash. I have been reading a good deal ber, 1903; M. Metlenko, chief of police for his age has led to some funny ex-Some time ago in conver-Warsaw police, March, 1995; governor sation with a fellow traveler in a rail-

road train the eiderly stranger remarked in a patronizing manner: the interior—there is a great deal in the "Look here, young feilow, you seem to the interior—there is a great deal in the "Look here, young feilow, you seem to the fine the fine interior—there is a great deal in the "Look here, young feilow, you seem to the fine interior—there is a great deal in the "Look here, young feilow, you seem to the fine interior in the great feel with the second of the control of th

with jealousy, she was forever suing him for divorce, usually without a tained \$10,000 from him in this way in arm of the famous Marquis of Mont-

Buenos Ayres to London when cited by she had never set eyes upon Sir William Abdy in her life She explained that the reason that had led her to journey so far to respond to the sub-need of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was to put an end length of the court was not recovered at the time. poena of the court was to put an end to the extraordinary persecution to the name of Pickering, and it was to the extraordinary persecution to which she had been subjected for over which she had been subjected for over eight years by Lady Abdy, who, al-though a perfect stranger to her, had though a perfect stranger to her, had ber all over Europe and South transferred it to the Duke of Montrose. pursued her all over Europe and South transferred it to the Duke of Montrose. America with charges of too great in-

The latter's divorced wife, by the bye, ner in which it was customary to ex-The latter's divorced wife, by the bye, visited America several times in a professional capacity as a singer under the name of "Princess Wrede." Prince Wrede eventually married Mme. Benitez, and they now divide their time between Madrid, where the princess has some property, and Munich, where the prince is one of the dignitaries of the court.

The Duke of Montrose, who has been yatching in the West Indies, and who has arrived in the United States on a visit of some duration, is any one of the most beautiful women of the day, and, along with the Duckess.

erland and Marlborough, was selected from the Levesons the magnificent esto hold the canopy over Queen Alexandra at the coronation.

on which she raced under the name of "Mr. Manton," and has been portrayed in a popular play under the name of "The Sporting Duchess." Her picturesque and forcible language did not prevent her being pious after a officers and entire crew on board at William A. Bass, who has just paid discover the whereabouts of the heart war benefit of the jockeys and stable well-known verses. Sir William Level \$150,000 for Sir Charles D. Rose's of the most famous of all his ancestelebrated stallion, Cyllene, sire of the sire of the stallion, Cyllene, sire of the most famous of all his ancestors, James Graham, marquis of Montrose, which, regarded as the talisman of his family, disappeared in France at and who already two years Boulogne after the most extraordinary vicissitudes about 100 years ago and is

brewing peers—of what Punch describes as the "Beerage." The heir to King Charles L. was taken Lord Burton's honors is his only child, the Hon. Mrs. Baillie. of Dochfour, who to death, and executed at Edinburgh in level and confiat his, death will become a peeress in 1650 under circumstances of great inbefore the mast, doing duty as a comdante of Queen Marie Antoinette at Verdignity. The body, after hanging three mon seamon and subsequently as a hours to the gallows, was quartered in petty officer, before anyone became accordance with the sentence, the head aware of his identity. being set up on a pike at the Tolbooth, while the limbs were dispersed in various parts of the kingdom, the arms being sent to Dundee and to Aberdeen, The Duke of Sutherland, Knight of the Garter, who has been visiting in Canada and the United States, owns

trunk was inclosed in a "little short ern kingdom, or about a million and a chest" and buried on the Boroughmuir, half of acres. This, with his 30,000 acres rancis of Teck, brother of the Princess of Wales. That she should have which was the usual place for execuin Staffordshire and Shropshire, and been so much sought after is not altogether surprising when it is explained that besides being an attractive woman als, a place of evil reputation, little renders him one of the three or four sought by day and much shunned at biggest land owners in Europe. The private estates of the Czar and of the Esterhazy family alone surpass the of the British metropolis, but of most Montrose, before his death, had bequeathed his heart to his niece by mar-riage, Lady Napier, to whom he was passionately devoted. On the night af-Sutherland property in size. Neverthe- European capitals. Disraeli in one of ess he is the most quiet, unassuming, and democratic of men, who has an almost morbid aversion to notoriety. ter the execution Lady Napier caused He is a good sportsman, a fine yachtsthe trunk to be dug up and the heart to be removed and brought to her by trusty and devoted adherents.

He is a good sportsman, a fine yachts-she wanted Napoleon III. to build for more like a sister than even a friend, her an exact copy of it in Paris, and pinned a ribbon or two to her bonnet, trusty and devoted adherents.

Queen Victoria, when she used to drive fastened back here and there a stray and devoted adherents. She the Rockies when still Lord Stafford. from Buckingham Palace to visit her curl, put those little deft touches to then had it embalmed and inclosed in He is a little over 50 years of age, not great friend, Duchess Harriet of Suth- her visitor's toilette which make all the made fun of the heraldic devices which a little steel case made of the blade very tall, with a shock of hair, a mus- erland, grandmother of the present difference to the "tout ensemble," and he was compelled to assume, and se- of her hero's sword, and placed the tache and a beard. He sat for a time duke, was wont to greet her with the then led the distinguished authoress lected as his motto a punning allusion case in a fine gold filigree box, which to the name of his firm, namely had belonged to her husband's kinsmember for the county of Sutherland, from my house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from my house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from my house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from my house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from my house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from my house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess, taking from house to visit you in your ling was over the duchess. arithms. Shortly before her death, Lady Napier dispatched the casket to

cessor, who was living in exile in Hol-In some way or another, probably a dinner in honor of her eldest daughthrough robbery, the heart was lost, ter, Lady Warwick, when at the last and all hope of recovering it had long been given up, when a friend of the family recognized the gold filigree box containing the steel case in a curiosity shop at The Hague. He purchased the relic at once and returned it not to Lord Millicent, barely 16 years of age, from end of money on its completion under Montrose, but to Lord Napier. On the the schoolroom in order to take the the direction of Sir Charles Barry, the Montrose, but to Lord Napier. On the death of the fifth Lord Napier it passed vacant place. Alone of all those pres- designer of the houses of parliament. into the keeping of his only surviving daughter, Hester, afterwards Mrs Johnston, whose husband was a commodore of the royal navy.

the son of the marquis and his suc

While on a voyage out to India, with for a dance.
"Dear me," she exclaimed, glancing his wife and her possessions on board, the commodore's ship became engaged

by the natives as something uncanny, and the report spread that it was a talisman. Before long the urn and its contents were stolen and for a long time it could not be traced. Ultimately evidence was procured tending to show that it had been sold for a large sum. His son, Sir William, inherited, also that it had been sold for a large sum His son, Sir William, inherited also ease by the duchess, who, treating her the movement Years went by, and one day Mrs

Johnston's son happened while ou shooting to save the life of a child of this Madura chief from death by lay ing low a tiger with a timely bullet. just as it was about to spring. The chief, in true Oriental fashion, fered to give young Johnston anything he might ask, and Johnston naturally availed himself of the opportunity to beg for the restoration of the urn con-taining the heart of Montrose. The chief readily complied with his request, and it may be added was later on put to death by the English for rebel-ling against the nabob of Arcot, after having in vain sought immunity by relating his surrender of the Montrose

The Johnston family returned to Europe in 1792, and passing through France on their way to England, the members were arrested by the revolutionary government at Boulogne, not before, however, they had time to intrust the silver urn with its inclosures, to an Englishwoman living at Boulogne, who promised to keep it hidden until it could be safely conveyed to England Unfortunately the woman in question died soon afterward, and the Johnston family, after peace had been restored, were unable to find any trace of the

low, they have to beg their way back to their own farms again. This is one of the reasons why begging is so composed of the reasons why begging is so composed of their hard-earned money, and many were being imprisoned or banished works of cortical the works of Gorky and other Russian writers.

There is, in consequence, something of the same feeling towards the big landowner in Russia that there formerly was to the landlord in Ireland, and internal revolution, not against the landlord in Ireland, and internal revolution, not against the landlord in Ireland, and internal revolution, not against the landlord in Ireland, and internal revolution, not against the landlord in Ireland, and internal revolution, not against the landlord in Ireland, and internal revolution, and specificating all through the rural districts. I lefleve a vast amount of pillage and marker has taken place of which we have never heard, and that, in fact, anarchy, rather than settled government, is the condition of rural Russia at this moment.

However I have been thinking lately to the bringing about of its finding a final resting-place on Scottish soil after all its extraordinary wanderings

and vicissitudes. I may add that some ten years age the duke managed to recover the right rose. The left arm had been nailed up above the gates of Aberdeen and had thereupon been taken down and entombed in Lord Huntly's vault until 1661, when it was conveyed thence to Edinburgh, where, along with the head, the legs, and the trunk, it was accorded a grand state funeral and entombment in the Cathedral of St. Giles by King Charles II.

timacy with Sir William, charges which were embarrassing, as she was waiting at the time to marry Prince Adolf Wrede.

andra at the coronation.

The duke's mother, Caroline, Duchess ture in his novel "Lothair," crowded of Montrose, was celebrated on the turf with old masters and superb statuary not prevent her being pious after a officiers and entire crew on board at fashion, and she built up a handsome the end of the eighteenth century, a church at Newmarket for the partic-

> The second earl in the next generaion did even better for himself, for he married the heiress of Scrope, first Duke of Bridgewater, and the great Bridgewater estates in Lancashire af-terwards fell to his grandson. He was sailles, and Lady Paramount over the best part of two Scottish counties. The present duke's father kept up the family record by marrying as his first wife the heiress to the broad lands of Cromartie, who was created a countess in her own right, with remainder to her second son. Three separate earldoms, those of Granville, Ellesmere and Cromartie, are now held by members of the duke's family in addition to his

his Movels described it as "not un-worthy of Vicenza at its best," Empress Eugenie was so taken with it that country for the sake of shooting in Queen Victoria, when she used to drive fastened back here and there a stray almost every square mile of which he palace." It is a noble pile, looking on- her own arm a bracelet of massive His marriage to the daughter of the late Earl of Rosslyn was something of a romance, Lady Rosslyn was giving late of the late of Rosslyn was giving late of Rosslyn was given and Rosslyn was giving late of Rosslyn was given by the Rosslyn Stafford. The duke died before his wonderful new house could be finished, moment she was horrified to find that owing to the unavoidable absence of one of the guests, there would be only thirteen at table. The countres immediately supposed in the manufacture of the supposed in the manufacture of the meanwhile become the first Duke of Sutherland, took possession of the building and secured the land on which self the duchess after his death and ent she was not "en grande toilette." According to the terms of the lease, No time had even been given her to the building, as it now stands, with the brush her curly hair, yet such an at-tractive picture did she present that tents, will ere many years are past her neighbor at table, Lord Stafford come into the possession of the ground (now Duke of Sutherland) straightway landlord, that is to say the Crown, come into the possession of the ground fell in love with her and asked her without any compensation to the duke

Have you never heard of Tullibarding who fought at Culloden, or of my great-great-grandfather who fell at turn was placed in a cliver goldsmith to ducal house of Sutherland has always the United Kingdom, and at which been singularly fortunate in its marmary been singularly fortunate turn was placed in a silver urn, on the outside of which was engraved in two quisate, the five earldoms, the four visnative dialects a short account of the latter than the five harmonics as well are the discount of the latter than the five harmonics as well are the discount of the latter than the five harmonics as well are the discount of the five harmonics as well are the discount of the five harmonics as well are the discount of the five harmonics as well are the discount of the five harmonics as well are the discount of the five harmonics as well are the discount of the five harmonics as well are the discount of the five harmonics as well are the discount of the five harmonics as well are the discount of the five harmonics as well are the discount of the five harmonics are the discount of the discount of the five harmonics are the discount of the five harmonics are the discount of the discou mative dialects a short account of counties, and the five baronies, as well ance when the gorgeous appointments as the vast territorial possessions of Stafford House burst upon her view, and she found that she had to address by the natives as smoothing and she found that she had to address and the five barries and the five barries are she had the five barries and the five barries and the five barries are she had the five barries and the five barries are she had the five barries and the five barries and the five barries are she had the five barries and the five barries are she had the five barries and the five barries and the five barries are she had the five barries are

A GOOD COMPLEXION What the Famous "Seauty Doctors" Say To Do. What woman does not crave a good

complexion? And what woman, whose clear, soft, delicately hued skin is the envy of all her friends, does not regard it as her dearest possession? It is very easy to have faultless skin—but it takes time and some patience. Out-door exercise, regular bathing, washing only in tepid water, regular hours for sleep and meals, will assist materially. Blood poisoning from constipation is the great cause of a bad complexion. There is only one thing which will effectually cure constipation, and that is fruit. Ripe fruit purifies the blood by acting on the skin. kidneys and liver. It causes the bowels to move, cures constipation and beautifies the complexion. An Ottawa physician has discovered a method of combining and concentrating the juices of oranges, apples, prunes and figs, and forcing in an additional atom of bitter from the orange peels-which thus makes a stronger fruit. It makes a new fruit with the fruit action intensified. The laxative fruit extract is combined with tonics and then condensed into tablets and sold under the name of "Fruit-atives" or "Fruit Liver Tablets." These little tablets are pleasant to take, have the mild fruit action, and will cure Constipation, Headaches, Liver and Kidney Diseases and all blood impurities. Get the genuine "Fruit-a-tives," Nothing else is "just as good," because "Fruit-a-The duke's London home is certainly tives" are the only tablets made of pure, the most beautiful palace not merely fruit juices. For sale at all Druggists, 50c, a box, 6 boxes for \$2.50 or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited.

to Green Park, and on to Birdcage links of gold, typical of the fetters of walk, and was built less than 100 years the slave, clasped it on the arm of

diately summond her daughter, Lady it stood on a crown lease. He spent no self, the duchess after his death, and when Garibaldi visited London, conceived such a romantic admiration for Italy's national hero that she made up her mind to marry him, irrespective of his other matrimonial entanglements. Indeed, there is no knowing what might have happened, had not her son, the late duke, settled matters by practically kidnapping the great Italian patriot and carrying him hand in marriage a few weeks later. Or his heirs, and there is no doubt that Her wedding took place on her seventhelicity of the members of the reigning family. Island of Capri on board his yacnt. It may be remembered that Garibaldi, at the very climax of the popular enthuscome of him until it was learned that



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