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As she stood there silent in that charmed solitude, thinking that the place and the hour were fitting for some shadowy form of the past that should appear, a slight sound made her turn and spirits of immortal loveliness!—it was no antique shade, no togaed sena-tor, no fiery Marius, no Horace Teaning against a cypress with an open, twiceread Homer in his hand, but such a oreature as would perhaps have subjected them all. A girl of 18, slim and graceful, with a heavy, disheveled crown of black hair, brilliant dark eyes, red lips smiling over small, milk-white teeth, and a fresh face and round throat of rosy white, with a delicate richness in the cheeks where a dimple nestled. The vision stood under the darkness of a cypress tree, glowing like the evening star, and waited to be spoken to.

"Come to me if you are human," Valeria exclaimed. "Whether you are human or not, come to me." The girl advanced with a half-bashful, half-confident air, laughing and alternately raising and dropping her brilliant eyes. It was as wonderful as if one of those splashes of sunlight had taken human form. It could not have taken a brighter shape, nor a prettier, simple dress, either, than the white camicia, green skirt and corsets, and

yellow handkerchief. "Speak! What are you?" Valeria repeated, looking with delight into that face as delicate as a flower and as rich as a fruit.

The girl only hung her head and laughed. She was as simple as a wildwood creature, yet not silly. She laughfrom the sweet joy of living, as a brook laughs that runs headlong down the mountain, no matter where, so that it flows and dances. "What is your name?" was the next

'Rosa," said the girl, finding voice; and, in speaking, a sweet, faintly smiling seriousness settled upon her. In work and thought she could be earnest, you saw, when the time for work

"Of course! I might have known you could have no other name." Valeria said. "What is your mother's name?" "It was Felicita. But she is dead." She did not lose her smile in saying it. What did she know of death? Her mo-ther's last sigh had swelled the tiny sails of her newly launched life. There must have been a smile in that sigh. "Is the man at the gate your fa-

'Si, signora." "Have you brothers and sisters?"
"I have one brother, Vittorio." She spoke with an air of pride. "He is the gardener at Villa Mitella, in Rome."
"Do you live here always?"

"I live here all winter with papa and Betta. But in the summer I go up to the old palace and stay with Chiara. I once had a fever here, and now papa will not let me stay."

She spoke with quiet self-possession, was frank, clear headed and prompt. "What do y do here?" Valeria remove her eyes from asked unable that face, which took her observation innocently, and was not disconcerted by "I don't ask what your father and Betta do, but what you do."
"I live here," replied the girl slowly,

not seeming quite clear as to this re-

Ves she lived there as a peach lives on the bough, ripening in the sun; as a rose hangs on its stem, breathing out odors, and feels the breeze and the dew and the sun, and asks no questions. Valeria recollected having read that Pliny had mentioned the roses of Preneste as having been famous among the ancients for their fragrance. It was the city of beautiful roses, he said. "Your name is Rosa Prenestina," she exclaimed.

"My name is Rosa Bandini," the girl replied with a slight surprise. Valeria prepared to go away. "When do you go up to the old palace" she asked, leading her prize down the steps

"In May." The two walked down to the gate together; and when Valeria looked back from the carriage in driving away she saw Rosa hanging on her father's arm and chattering to him like a magric It was all charming. The filthy little town was set in an atmosphere of beauty and its past was a record of beauty. Cicero and Juvenal and Cato and Pliny and Plutarch and Aristotle, and who knows how many others, had praised the town as they might have praised a fair woman. Then the old myth of its origin was so pretty! Teletold by the gods to build a town where

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he should see men dencing crowned with leaves; and, meeting here conta-ding decorated with branches, he had accepted it as a sign, and founded the city. So out of the dark past the history of this town had sprung, men dancing crowned with leaves; and the fountain of their laughter hald never run dry She had heard it today in the rose-white throat of the Rosa Pre-

"Well?" asked the Signora Maria when her visitor returned.
"I am delighted. I shall come back in a fortnight. You must give me that room looking toward the east. And I have a room in the old palace where

I shall go every day."
"Brava! I knew you would like it."

CHAPTER XV. Rosa Bandini had grown up in soli-tude, with no playmates but her fa-Vittorio, and old Betta, except that, since she had been sent up to the palace in the summer, she had made the acquaintance of Chiara. Her father had never allowed her to know children and did not allow her to know girls and boys of her own age.
"Children, especial such as she would

see here, corrupt each other," he said. He and Vittorio had taught her what she knew of books, to read, write and make accounts, and Chiara had taught her housekeeping, knitting, weaving and lacemaking. Lacemaking was her chief employment. Everything in the house on which lace could be put was decorated by her busy fingers, and many a yard was put away for her bridal outfit when she should marry. The most solemn hours of her life were spent in puzzling out a new pattern with her cushion and bobbin.

It will be seen that this was a very old-fashioned little Rose. She had, however, read something by herself: for the owner of the villa had been there for a part of one distant autumn, and had left a case of books, chiefly history and poetry; and these she found, and pored over, especially the history of Palestrina. She had told her father and Vittorio all about the siege of Casalinga, that was so bravely defended by soldiers from Preneste, of the nuts that were floated down on the river to the starving inhabitants, of the rape seed they sowed over the walls showing that they meant to hold out

till it should grow. They let her talk, and said many a "Brava!" to encourage her. They knew that she had not many pleasures or interests. But she never knew it. Her joyfulness and sweetness sprang up and fell about her like a fountain, and all the world looked joyful through it. and Manitoba colleges be abolished Neither did she think that her father and replaced by a three-year universand Vittorio were bitter with the world. ity course, and that arrangements be They smiled now and then for her; and made to bring all the Presbyterian colif they were never merry, why, that leges into uniformity in this respect. was their way. Then old Betta was as gay as a cricket, and cheerful and contented about everything.

Rosa had been to the old palace the year before, and though she had very pal Caven, Dr. Cochrane, Dr. Maclittle company there, and never went Vicar, Dr. Warden, Dr. Robertson, W. anywhere, nor saw anyone, except in J. McCaughan, Dr. Moore, Dr. Torthe presence of Chiara, the custode, who was a friend of her father, she liked the Principal Grant, Dr. King, Dr. Gorwide view, and to wander through the don. Hamilton Cassels. Judge Forbes. deserted rooms and garden, and down | Geo. Hay, Hon. George W. Ross, Robt. into the beautiful church of Santa Ro-salia, that alone, of all the place, had Geo. Croil, J. McDonald, J. Charlton, been preserved in its first beauty. And M.P., Mortimer Clark and J. A. Macshe liked to go about with the tourists | Donald. who came to see the mosaic. Several times Chiara had let her open the door report on French evangelization work they looked, and listen to their strange harsh languages as they talked to each other. She had learned all the history of the mosaic, and told it off very proudly to these curious forastieri. This was her festa. And they all praised her and gazed at her, and spoke of her to each other; and sometimes they told her that she was beautiful. She knew that she was beautiful; she had heard It all her life, and it was one of the sources of her happiness. It was pleasant to see that the most serious face

smiled when it looked at her. The previous year the Danish painter had come there, and he, too, had glanced at her as he went in and out; and he was so unmistakably good, so nearly an angel, as both Chiara and Signora Maria said, that she was allowed to speak to him now and then. He usually painted in the Tempietto when the weather was fine; but when it was bad he came down to a room next that of Chiara, and she could see him at work: for the door was almost always open. Rosa would always be seated at such imes at Chiara's window, with her lace-cushion on her lap; and the painter would glance from time to time across his easel at that bright face in the gray old room, and Rosa glance over her bobbins at the fairhaired northerner who made such wonderful pictures. And if by chance their glances encountered. Rosa would hang her head and laugh, and by and bye begin to peep up again, like the simple, delicious little fool that she was. [To be Continued.]

THE ASSEMBLY

Deals With the Case of Cowan Avenue Church, Toronto.

The Church Must Move Within Two Years-Delegates to the Presbyterian Alliance.

Montreal, June 17 .- At Wednesday's session of the general assembly, the Cowan Avenue congregation came up on the report of the judicial committee, which had to deal with following circumstances. The Cowan Avenue congregation, Toronto, is an off-shoot from the Dunn Avenue Church. The former was permitted to meet in a certain building for its regular services for a term of two years, on the understanding that at the expiration of that period the congregation should build a new church not on the site on which they had been worshiping, but on some other site, farther away from the Dunn Avenue Church. The understanding referred to was departed from, and main where it was. Dunn Avenue obdected. A third congregation, Fern avenue, became a factor in the concause of the trouble. flict, which church has now been established over four years. The Presbytery of Toronto and the Synod of edy for all kinds of bad backs—lame, flict, which church has now been es-Toronto and Kingston have been deal-ing with the differences between these Kidney Pills. Mr. Thos. Calladine, the parties. The judicial committee, to whom the matter has been remitted, proposed to the assembly the appointment of a commission with full assembly powers, to take the matter up. The Dunn Avenue representative opposed the appointment of a commission. On Dr. Sedgwick asking for the adoption of the resolution for the commission, it was moved in amendment by Dr. Bayne and Prof. Hart that instead of the matter going before a commission it should be taken up in open court, and a finding arrived at by

Numerous points of order were reported. Representatives from the Syn-ods of Toronto and Kingston, from the Presbytery of Toronto and from the churches concerned were heard. At the afternoon sederunt an interesting report was presented on the refuse all others.

general assembly. The assembly preferred the amendment to the mo-



proposed educational requirements of students in theology. The report re-commended that the preparatory course at present existing in Knox mendation was adopted.

The following delegates were elected to the Presbyterian Alliance: Princirance (moderator), Principal Forrest,

while was considered, and after some ad dresses, was approved.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS. Thursday morning, after Principal Caven had handed in the report on church union, the dispute between Cowan Avenue and Dunn Avenue churches came up. Rev. Mr. Turnbull spoke for the Presbytery of Toronto in favor of Cowan Avenue Church. Dr. Somerville, for the Synod of Tororito and Kingston, supported the course of the commission in favoring that Cowan Avenue Church be allowed to stand. P. J. Glassford was followed by S. H. Bradford, of Cowan Avenue Church in support of that congregation. Rev. D. C. Hossack, pastor of Dunn Avenue Church, was the last speaker on this subject at this morning's sitting, and the most interesting statement made by him was to the effect that the matter was the result of friction in Dunn Avenue Church. The man who rented Cowan Avenue Church had resigned from Dunn Avenue Church some time before because he was asked to make a statement regarding certain matters with which his name had been connected. The whole matter was the outcome of a disaffected party within Dunn Avenue Church. It was not fair, he said, to put a friction breeding church at the door of a church which had poured out its finances to assist other churches while it carried its own debt. Mr. Hossack had not finished his speech when the assembly rose to take luncheon on board the Allan line steamship The Cowan Avenue Church trouble

was finally disposed of after a prodebate. A motion was made by Principal Forest, of Halifax, to dismiss the appeal of the Presbytery of Toronto, and to allow the Cowan Avenue Church two years to secure a new site. To this an amendment was offered to uphold the appeal and to allow the congregation to hold the present site permanently. After a warm debate the amendment was lost, and the main motion sustained, so that the congregation of Cowan Avenue will have to move from their present site within two years.

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