

"Turn to the Right."

Obedient to the stern motion of his hand, I passed before him into the next room. I can tell by this reference to strangers. For a moment I could see no one. The day was waning, the room entered was long and narrow, and illuminated only by a glowing fire. Besides I was myself, perhaps, in some embarrassment. I believed that my conductor had made a mistake, or that his guests had departed, and I turned towards him to ask for an explanation. He merely pointed onwards, however, and I advanced; whereupon a young and handsome lady, who had been seated in the shadow of the great fireplace, rose suddenly, as if startled, and stood looking at me, the glow of the burning wood falling on one side of her face and turning her hair to gold.

"Well," M. de Rosny said, in a voice which sounded a little odd in my ears. "You do not know Madame, I think?" I saw that she was a complete stranger to me, and bowed to her without speaking. The lady saluted me in turn ceremoniously and in silence.

"Is there no one else here who should know you?" M. de Rosny continued, in a tone almost of persiflage, and with the same change in his voice which had struck me before; but now it was more marked. "If not, M. de Marsac, I am afraid— But first look round, look round, sir; I would not judge any man hastily."

He laid his hand on my shoulder as he finished in a manner so familiar and so utterly at variance with his former bearing that I doubted if I heard or felt aright. Yet I looked mechanically at the lady, and seeing that her eyes glistened in the fire-light, and that she gazed at me very intently, I wondered still more; falling, indeed, into a very confusion of amazement. This was not lessened but augmented a hundredfold when, turning in obedience to the pressure of M. de Rosny's hand, I saw beside me as if she had risen from the floor, another lady—no other than Mademoiselle de la Vire herself! She had that moment stepped from the shadow of the great fireplace, which had hitherto hidden her, and stood before me gazing prettily, with the same look on her face and in her eyes which Madame's wore.

"Mademoiselle!" I muttered, unable to take my eyes from her.

"Mais oui, monsieur, mademoiselle," she answered, curtseying lower, with the air of a child rather than a woman.

"Here!" I stammered, my mouth open, my eyes staring.

"Here, sir—thanks to the valor of a brave man," she answered, speaking in a voice as low I scarcely heard her. And then, dropping her eyes, she stepped back into the shadow, as if either she had said too much already, or doubted her composure were due to say more. She was so radiantly dressed, she looked in the firelight more like a fairy than a woman, being of small and delicate proportions; and she seemed in my eyes so different a person, particularly in respect of her self, from the woman whose features, from the Mademoiselle de la Vire whom I had known and seen plunged in sloughs and bent to the saddle with fatigue, that I doubted still if I had seen aright, and was as far from enlightenment as before.

It was M. de Rosny himself who relieved me from the embarrassment I was suffering. He embraced me in the most kind and obliging manner, and this more than once; begging me to pardon the description he had practiced upon me, and to which he had been impelled partly by the odd nature of our introduction at the inn, and partly by his desire to enhance the joyful surprise he had in store for me. "Come," he said presently, drawing me to the window. "Let me show you some of your old friends."

I looked out, and saw below me in the courtyard my three horses drawn up in a row, the Cid being beside by Simon Fleix, who, seeing me, waved a friendly greeting. A groom stood at the head of each horse, and on either side was a man with a torch. My companion laughed gaily. "It was Malignant's arrangement," he said. "He has a quaint taste in such things."

After greeting Simon Fleix a hundred times, I turned back into the room, and my heart overflowing with gratitude and wonder, I begged M. de Rosny to acquaint me with the details of mademoiselle's escape.

"It was the most simple thing in the world," he said, taking me by the hand and leading me back to the hearth. While we were engaged with the rascals, the old woman who daily brought mademoiselle's food grew alarmed at the uproar, and came into the room to learn what it was. Mademoiselle, unable to help you, and uncertain of your success, thought the opportunity too good to be lost. She forced the old woman to show her and her maid the way out through the garden. This done, they ran down a lane as I understand, and came immediately upon the lad with the horses, who recognized them and helped them to mount. They waited some minutes for you, and then rode off."

"At which gate?" inquired M. de Rosny, smiling.

"The North-gate, of course," I answered.

"Just so," he rejoined with a nod. But they went out through the West-gate and made a circuit. He is a strange lad, that of yours below there. He has a head on his shoulders, M. de Marsac. Well, two leagues outside the town they halted, scarcely knowing how to proceed. By good fortune, however, a horse-dealer of my acquaintance was at the inn. He knew Mademoiselle de la Vire, and, hearing whither she was bound, brought her hither without let or hindrance."

"Was he a Norman?" I asked.

M. de Rosny nodded, smiling at me shrewdly. "Yes," he said, "he told me about you. And now let me introduce you to my wife, Madame de Rosny."

He led me up to the study, where he had risen at my entrance, and who now welcomed me as kindly as she had before looked on me, paying me many pleasant compliments. I gazed at her with interest, having heard much of her beauty and of the strange manner in which M. de Rosny, being enamored of two young ladies, and chancing upon both while lodging in different apartments at an inn, and decided which he should visit and make his wife. He appeared to read what was in my mind, for as I bowed before her, thanking her for the oblique things which she had uttered, and which forever bound me to her service, he gaily pinched her ear, and said, "When you want a good wife, M. de Marsac, be sure you turn to the right."

He spoke in jest, and having his own case only in his mind. But I, looking mechanically in the direction he indicated, saw mademoiselle standing a pace or two to my right in the shadow of the great chimney-piece. I know not whether she frowned more or blushed more; but for this certain, that she answered my look with one of sharp displeasure, and turning her back on me, swept quickly from the room, with no

trace in her bearing of that late tenderness and gratitude which I had remarked.

CHAPTER XIII.

The morning brought only fresh proofs of the kindness which M. de Rosny had conceived for me. Awakening early I found on a stool beside my clothes a purse of gold containing a hundred crowns; and a youth presently entering to ask me if I lacked anything, I had at first some difficulty in recognizing Simon Fleix, so sprucely was he had dressed, in a mode resembling Malignant. I looked at the student more than once before I addressed him by his name; and was as much surprised by the strange change I observed in him—for it was not confined to his clothes—as by anything which had happened since I entered the house. I rubbed my eyes, and asked him what he had done with his soubrette.

"Burned it, M. de Marsac," he answered briefly.

I saw that he had burned much, metaphorically speaking, besides his soubrette. He was less pale, less lean, less woe-begone than formerly, and went more briskly. He had lost the air of crack-brained disorder which had distinguished him, and was smart, sedate, and stooped less. Only the odd sparkle remained in his eyes, and bore witness to the same nervous, eager spirit within.

"What are you going to do, then, Simon?" I asked, noting these changes curiously.

"I am a soldier," he answered, "and follow M. de Marsac."

I laughed. "You have chosen a poor service I am afraid," I said, beginning to rise; "and one, too, Simon, in which it is possible you may be killed. I thought that would not suit you." I continued to see what he would say. But he answered nothing. He looked at him in great surprise. "You have made up your mind, then, at last?" I said.

"Perfectly," he answered.

"And solved all your doubts?"

"I have no doubts."

"You are a Huguenot?"

"That is the only true and pure religion," he replied gravely. And with apparent sincerity and devotion he repeated Boz's Confession of Faith.

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CHURCH FINANCES.

Adjourned Vestry Meetings Resumed and Business Settled.

Excellent Showing Made by the Memorial Church, St. Paul's Cathedral, St. James', St. George's and Christ Church.

Adjourned vestry meetings in several of the Anglican churches were held last night, and principally matters of finance discussed.

MEMORIAL CHURCH.

At the Memorial Church, the rector, Rev. Canon Richardson, was in the chair. The churchwardens, W. M. English, M.D., and R. S. Hannah, submitted the 21st annual report, showing the many parish organizations to be in a very flourishing state. The Women's Aid Association, besides meeting the interest that they undertook to look after, generously contributing \$125 towards the cost of the new ceiling. Through the liberal response to the half-yearly appeals the mortgage debt was reduced during the year to the small sum of \$516. The receipts totaled \$6,749 99, and after meeting the expenditure of the year there is a balance on hand of \$21 49 in the general account and \$148 82 in mortgage and societies' accounts.

Envelope collections amounted to \$2,046; ordinary collections, \$982 77. The salaries are apportioned as follows: Rector, \$2,000; assistant rector, \$370; organist, \$360; organ blower, \$26; sexton, \$200.

Auditors P. E. Bucke and J. M. McWhinney audited the accounts and found them correct.

Contributions at All Saints' Mission Chapel amounted to \$282 21. This is \$44 68 more than the expenditure, \$135 of which went towards the assistant rector's salary.

The account of the Ministering Children's League showed the receipts to be \$66 36, and the cash balance on hand, \$7 70. The Girls' Haverhill Mission Band received \$73 11 during the year, and have a balance of \$23 79. The King's Daughters Circle received \$126 70, and have \$8 65 left. The receipts of the Y.P.S.C.E. missionary committee amounted to \$82 51; expenditure, \$62; The Christian Endeavor Society raised \$19 52 in collections, and have a balance of \$3 89. The W. A. M. A. received \$374 26, and have a balance of \$1 22. The Women's Aid Association have \$38 44 in the bank. The receipts were \$385 70. Sunday school received \$175 90 during the year. Their balance is \$4 37.

The report was adopted.

The rector's report states that the past year had been one of marked progress in church life and work throughout the parish. They had six strong and useful associations in the Memorial Church and three in the mission chapel. The missionary spirit, he said, was deepening, and \$1,000 had been received during the year for missionary purposes. The rector's pastoral work is in a measure represented by 1,150 visits, 58 baptisms, 15 marriages, 56 burials, 173 church services and 50 public and private administrations of the Holy Communion. Fifty-six candidates were confirmed on Easter day—the largest in the history of the church. The mission chapel work shows excellent results. Regular services were held and much faithful visiting done throughout the year by Rev. Mr. Shortt, whose ministry as assistant rector closed on Easter day. The rector asks for the same support for Mr. Shortt's successor.

ST. PAUL'S.

The annual financial statement was brought down by the church wardens at last night's adjourned meeting of St. Paul's vestry. The rector, Dean Innes, was in the chair. The pew rents for the year amounted to \$2,575; ordinary collections, \$1,250 37; special collections, \$500 66; synod collections, \$1,365 15. The total receipts including subscriptions and mortgages amounted to \$50,153 89.

Among the disbursements are salaries of Rev. J. O. Crisp, \$1,063 29; clerical assistance, \$200; organist, \$758 29; sexton, \$541 58. Special collections paid amounted to \$434 94; synod collections paid, \$1,365 15. The expense account reached \$1,015 55. Payment on new building, etc., \$28,152 15. Building fund deposit on Ontario Loan and Debenture Company, \$10,887 80. Agricultural Savings and Loan Company's mortgage paid off \$4,300. Woodland Cemetery year-end for the year amounted to \$5,426 35. There is a balance on hand of \$3,385 38.

Sunday school receipts amounted to \$323 13. There is a cash balance of \$115 02.

The reports of the Church Workers' Association, mother's meeting, junior W. A. M. A., Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and Junior Y. P. S. C. E., showed these various societies to be in a healthy and flourishing condition.

ST. JAMES', SOUTH LONDON.

The adjourned vestry meeting of St. James' Church, South London, was held in the school house, with Canon Davis presiding. Among those present were: J. K. H. Pope, vestry clerk; G. D. Sutherland and E. B. Harrison, churchwardens; Prof. Harrison, L. J. Hessel, W. Foster, R. E. Nugent, A. O. Wallace, W. Hart, J. Wells and several others.

The financial statement for the year was submitted by the auditors, Messrs. Charles B. Hunt and J. H. A. Beattie. It showed the church to be in a very healthy condition, and gave the members cause for thankfulness. The receipts amounted to £8,726 43, and were made up as follows: Balance, \$4 94; pew rents, \$1,584 70; offertory collection, \$1,176 78; special collection, \$88 04; general mission collections, \$171 01; loan on school building fund, \$4,000; ordinary subscriptions paid to Sunday school fund, \$439 08; balance on school fund, from April, 1893, \$950 80, and a number of minor items, making the total named.

The disbursements included the salaries of Canon Davis, \$1,750; organist, \$250; sexton, \$200; vestry clerk, \$80; organ blower, \$25; general expense, \$138 52; choir, \$99 21; general missions, \$171 01; special collections, \$80 55; diocesan mission, \$95 29; expenses on building fund, \$5,519 12, leaving a balance of \$47.

The Sunday school statement was also satisfactory. It showed a membership of 415, an average attendance of 323, with the collection averaging \$3 40 per Sunday. The receipts totaled \$205 10; disbursements, \$147 43, a balance of \$57 67.

The mission fund in connection with the school was accounted for by Miss Cora Beattie, the treasurer. The balance from last year was \$5 96, collections \$50, interest 8 cents. The only expense was that of keeping a boy in the Indian home at Shingauk, which cost \$50. The fund will thus be left with a balance of \$6 04.

The various societies of the church had also been doing good work. The receipts of the Women's Auxiliary being \$140 23; Senior Mission Band, \$46 36; Junior Mission Band, \$13 81; poor fund, \$16 10. Besides these several sales of clothing were sent to the missionists.

A comparison of the assets and liabilities showed a handsome balance in favor of the former account. The assets were made up of: Church property, \$9,909 03; church

furniture, \$935 54; pew rents (due and in arrears), \$410 90; organ, \$1,500; rectory property, \$4,684 95; Sunday school, \$5,477 75; cash in bank, \$47; total, \$22,015 17.

The liabilities only amounted to \$4,501 10, comprised of balance of rector's salary, \$50; interest, \$211 10; Sunday school annual grant, \$2 94; £400 London Loan, church mortgage, \$200; London Loan Sunday school mortgage, \$4,000, thus leaving the balance of assets over liabilities at \$17,514 07.

The report was adopted.

The sexton's salary was increased \$25, and a new scheme for envelope contributions was considered.

ST. GEORGE'S, LONDON WEST.

At the adjourned meeting of St. George's vestry the following members were present: Rev. G. B. Sage, Messrs. Jolly, Kennedy, Rhoder, Paul, Andrews, R. A. Jones and H. Jones.

The chief item of business was the annual report, which the vestry are very well pleased with. The receipts were \$4,350 58 and the disbursements \$4,874 07, balance \$76 51, divided as follows: Receipts—Balance in bank, \$33 52; pew rents, \$566 90; offertory, \$547 79; subscriptions to rector's stipend, \$164; interest, \$1 31; special collections, \$147 46; new church collections, \$538 19; expense account, \$22 59; school buildings, \$21 25; rectory account, \$2,467 67; loan, \$500; total, \$4,950 58.

Disbursements—Salaries, Rev. G. B. Sage (nine months), \$640; Mrs. Milligan, organist, \$100; C. Paul, sexton, \$75; H. Andrews, \$10; expense account, \$350 85; school expense account, \$128 74; special collections, \$147 46; new church account, \$431 65; rectory account, \$2,490 37; loan, \$500; balance, \$76 51; total, \$4,950 58.

The Sunday school is in a very flourishing condition. The receipts for the past year being \$159 06, and the expenses \$128 11, balance \$30 95.

The report of the guild showed receipts \$193 76; disbursements, \$181 67; balance, \$12 09.

The Y. P. S. C. E. has done exceptionally good work during the past year. The report was adopted. Receipts, general fund, \$38 88; rectory fund, \$115 59; disbursements, general fund, \$38 58; rectory fund, \$108; balance, \$7 59.

The W. A. M. A. report was: Receipts, \$27 16; disbursements, \$27 04; balance, \$12.

King's Daughters reported: Senior society—Receipts, \$27 77; disbursements, \$27 09; balance, \$68.

Junior society—Receipts, \$13 13; disbursements, \$11 57; balance, \$1 56.

The Ministering Band have accomplished good results as the following report will show: Receipts, \$41 06; disbursements, \$41 06.

Boys' Mission Band—Receipts, \$4 15; disbursements, \$2; balance, \$2 15.

After considerable discussion the report was adopted. Mr. Rhodes was appointed permanent vestry clerk. The Rev. G. B. Sage closed the meeting with the benediction at 11 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH.

At the adjourned vestry meeting held in the school room last night, the rector presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Present: Messrs. Cullis and Welch (wardens), O'Brien, Irwin, Partridge, Cartwright, Tracy, Chittick, Minihnick, Loney, Dewar, Griener, Winder, McCormick, W. H. Minihnick, W. Winder, Cousins, T. O'Brien and Rogers. Mr. Rogers, vestry clerk, read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. The report of the auditors, Messrs. Dewar and Loney, was then presented, showing the books of the wardens to have been found correct. The receipts of contributions from the congregation amounted to \$1,529, including the Sunday school and other organizations, but exclusive of rectory funds. The disbursements amounted to the same. On motion the auditors' report was received and adopted, and directed to be printed for circulation in the parish paper. After considerable discussion in regard to ways and means the meeting closed with the benediction.

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