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and cursed Snapper and "the Fordes." Shaun a Dherk was very generally a favorite, because he had a free open hand, and promised diffi-cult things to many, which he either did, or accident found them accomplished, when he had once promised them. But even Shaun a Dherk's them. But even Shaun a Dherk's popularity was no proof against the praise of Snapper and against the sworn declaration that he was "loyal." A loyal man, in Ireland, has a sense which it bears in no other part of the world. It means a man who discowns his creed, or the truth of God. In its true meaning every Christian whet his creed, or the truth of God. In its true meaning every Christian must be a "loyal man;" in its historical acceptation, in the sister kingdom, no Christian can be. Shaun a Dherk was therefore completely over-whelmed by the imputation—the sworn imputation that he was a "loyal" man.

Let not the writer be supposed to pass over another view of "loyalty" —the affection which a man has for the power which represents his "country." This is a burning love that is inspired by a country's historic glory, by her eminence, her influ-ence, the defence which she guarantees to the liberty which she bestows, the solicitude with which she watches over her children, and the yearning devotion with which she ministers to devotion with which she ministers to them. All her beauties are repre-sented by a "sovereignty," and all her claims are centred in it. To men at the English side of the Channel, this loyalty of the "affec-tions" is familiar; but it would be a grievous error to suppose such a loy-alty to exist in Ireland. It never has been, even for one moment of her historic connection with England, and their is no likelihood that it ever will be.

will be. But there is a "loyalty" far above the "loyalty" of a mutable feeling— the loyalty of unchanging Catholic principle. "Protestantism," as principle. "Protestantism." as Brownson says (after a hundred others), "is the religion of rebellion; it springs from rebellion, and was nursed in the school of resistance and change. The only security it can ever give to a state is to stand by it as long as its 'private judgment' thinks proper. But the Church of Christ, as long as 'Cæsar reigns, bows to him in the things which are of Cæsar " of Cæsar."

TO BE CONTINUED

BETWEEN TIM AND THE PADRE

The sun shone down pitilessly on the dusty plain, on the rough scrubby herbage and the cactus plants that stretched green fingers into the white desert in a vain attempt to wrest it from the universal drought. From the distance came the roar of cannon, and now and then the thunder of a thousand voices shouting! That was without.

But within the mission there was peace that hovered above the ruins that war had left; the peace of death to some, of suffering for others, in the quiet shadow of the mission patio, where the cots of wounded men were laid in serried ranks under the low cloister. In the center of the enclosure a little fountain splashed and glittered in the sunlight amid orange trees and oleanders, making a pleasant sound that in-

making a pleasant sound that in-clined to slumber. The quiet priest of the mission, Padre Joachim, as the Mexicans called him, though he was of Irish parentage, passed from cotto cotsooth ing and comforting as he best he could. He was not ignorant of medicine, but without supplies he could do little for the men under his pro-tection save shelter them from the

rest; and there's hot work going on out there. We're better out of it." Lieutenant Tuttle drew in his lips in a low whistle of astonishment. This from Tim, the biggest dare-devil of them all, the boy who was always spoiling for a fight and seemed always sponning for a ngitt and scentral as though he could never have have enough of it! He began to think that the boy really was "killed entirely," as he bad said. And then the Padre came again. This time he bent over Tim's cot tended and the padre of him gently.

tenderly and spoke to him gently. The lieutenant watched him, and saw him raise his hand for a moment over the suffering form. He saw, too, the restful look that crept into the lad's grey eyes and the calmess of them, even when the pain forced him to bite his lips lest he should cry out and disturb his comrades. He saw too, how the Padre's face softened

when the boy spoke to him in some queer language that he had never heard before. And then the priest passed on with a gentle smile and a courteous inclination of his head to the officer.

Lieutenant Tuttle was annoyed. After all, Tim O'More but his servant, and he felt that it was his right as an officer to receive the first attentions of his host; but another glance at Tim's suffering face disarmed his resentment and even caused him a little quiver of shame, for he began to see quite plainly that the boy's hours were numbered The Padre paused untiringly from cot to cot, bending now and then to whisper words of consolation to one of the quiet occupants, and the lieu-tenant noticed that he always raised his hand in the same mysterious way as though he commanded some invis ible enemy to be gone. The darkness fell, blotting out the fountain and the orange-trees, but the perfume of the white blossoms was heavy on the night air. For long the lieutenant lay awake, and over and over again when occasion demanded it he swore under his breath, and every time he swore Tim sighed softly. That sigh irritated him after a while and he began to connect it with his own protanity. He could scarcely realize that one of his men, and his own servant at that would dare so to ex-

press disapproval of his words. He swore again more loudly this time, to test the truth of his surmise. "Easy now, lieutenant," whispered Tim, softly; "try to sleep. You're getting yourself all wore out acting that way."

"What way, man?"

For a moment he thought that he was dreaming still, but his shoulder was stiff and painful, and he knew that he must be awake, only. Tim's cot was empty—and as he still looked, another was brought in to fill it—an "Swearing lieutenant! an' now I've said it. But I'll be dead in the morning, and you can't be angry with a dying, man, now, can you ?" old soldier with a deeply scarred face, a Mexican. coaxed Tim.

He was silent. Not even a groan escaped him as his comrades laid him The lieutenant was nonplussed. He knew that Tim spoke truly, and that in all probability the morning would find him dead. Angry?—well not exactly— he wasn't angry, but it wasn't the down with rough tenderness, yet the pain must have been almost intolerable for he was fresh from the hands of the surgeons. The Padre came to him very soon and knelt by his side, while the old man made his confesthing for a man to speak to his offi-cer like this. But of what use to sion brokenly. Again the lieutenant watched and again he saw the mys. argue with the poor boy? Tim had closed his eyes; he could see that much, for the moon had risen now terious power of the priest; yet when Padre Joachim ,turned from his task and would have spoken to the officer, and flooded their side of the patio with her soft light. Lieutenant Tuttle lay and looked at the handthe latter feigned to sleep. The priest looked steadfastly at him for a noment and his evelids flickered, some face beside him, and his heart his his lips were grave as he raised his hand in blessing ere he passed to another who needed him more was filled with pity for the youth thus early cut off. Tim opened his eyes again and smiled: 'You aren't angry with me?" he urgently.

his cot.

whispered. "No, no my lad. Don't think of it. You did me a good turn; saved me

Another ten days passed. With the finishing of the battle had come the end of the war, and wounded combatants from both sides mingled from wasting my breath, may be." "That's it," returned the boy, eag-erly, "that's it. Wasting your breath. When you want to swear say a prayer instead; it helps a lot at the mission, and fought their battles over and over again in friendly

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lieve all that, but I think I should he might have room to think. He like that blessing you spoke of. It told them that he needed quiet, and couldn't do me any harm," he added, he spoke truly; he needed it more whimsically.

he spoke truly; he needed it more than he thought. The village that he selected was not very remote from the city—just far enough away to be out of sight and sound of the houses and the people—and it stood amidst gently rolling country and green fields and pleasant woods where the violats No ; it couldn't do you any harm, "No; it couldn't do you any harm, and it might do you good, for the blessings of God works wonders for those who receive it right," returned the priest. "But you must go to sleep now. I will give you the bless-ing you ask for. May God make it fruitful to eternal life," he added solemnly, and Lieutenant Tuttle lay back very still and full of thought pleasant woods, where the violet sprang blue amongst the tender green of young ferns, for it was May. Here he could sit and dream, and think, too, now and then, of the long, hot back very still and full of thought

until he, too, fell asleep. The morning sunshine woke him, days at the Mexican mission, and the and his first impression was of the bubbling of water and the soft cooing Padre, and the boy Tim who had taught him the one prayer that he knew and used. He strolled into a of pigeons. He opened his eyes slowly and looked about him. The sun was little graveyard one day and wandered falling in long slanting rays athwart the waters of the fountain, making a amongst the flowers and the tomb-stones until he came to a gray granbrilliant rainbow that spanned the ite cross that stood alone.

He approached it carelessly to rea broad basin. A dozen or so of pigeons, the inscription, and found that it had been just erected to the memory were perched upon the rim, bowing and cooing to each other, and beof the Catholic men who had fallen in the war, and amongst them was ween whiles they dipped their bills into the cool water to drink. The ieutenant watched them idly for a the name of Tim O'More, late of the -Regiment. And the long list was few moments; it was as though he dreamed. Then a sharp pain passed through his wounded shoulder and followed by the usual prayer for the departed : "Requiescant in pace." Lieutenant Tuttle bared his head.

the quick word that rose to his lips turned strangely into the words of Tim's prayer—" God help me!" It was so rapid that he was scarcely conscious of having thought at all. " God help him, if indeed he need it !" he prayed, not knowing that he had said the words aloud. A woman who had knelt behind

but the words brought Tim to his him touched his sleeve deprecatingly. remembrance and he looked toward 'Twas you was Tim's officer ?" she asked timidly.

" I-er-yes," he hesitated : " and For a moment he thought that he

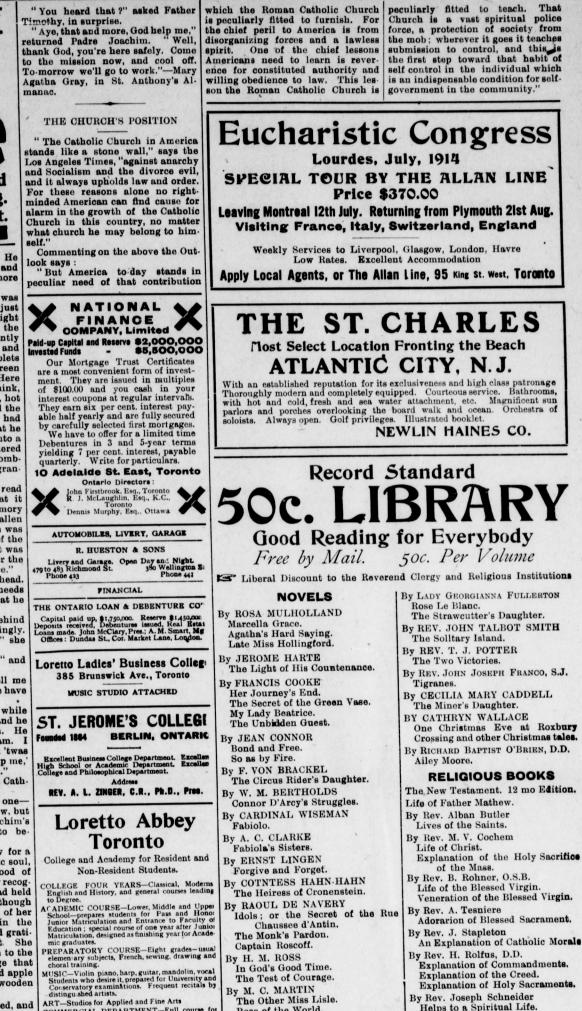
you ?" "I am his mother, sir. Tell me how he died, if you can. Did he have the priest ?" "He died beside me, ma'am, while

I slept. He was a good lad, and he was cared for by Padre Joachim. He -he taught me to pray. Ma'am. was a heathen before then, and 'twas Tim taught me to say 'God help me,' nstead of swearing at the pain.

"Then-you-you are not a Cath-olic," she sighed. No, ma'am. But I may be one and that soon-I-I don't know, but that boy's end and Padre Joachim's blessing have inclined me to be-

lieve.' She forgot her own sorrow for a while in the joy of her Catholic soul, while she poured out a flood of strange language that he dimly recognized as that in which Tim had held converse with the priest. Yet though he understood not the words of her canticle, he discerned therein the faith and love and wonder and gratitude of an Irish mother's heart. She grew silent at last, and led him to the tiny white and green cottage that nestled among the pink-tipped apple blossoms close to the little wooden church.

There she bade him be seated, and r home, come to rejoin their re-gave him buttermilk, and suffered him to tell her his story—and Tim's For information, address The Superior. fashion. Many left that calm refuge for home, come to rejoin their re in his own way. Soldier like, he told her of fierce fighting, and of deeds The old Mexican recovered slowly. He was a man they couldn't kill. But this time he would fight no more, for gaiety but he drew a veil of silence their sufferings and hardships over he was hopelessly crippled. for he remembered the tenderness of The lieutenant was able to be up. The bullet had been extracted from her mother heart. After a while she his shoulder, and the shattered bone left him, feigning to remember some duty, and bidding him not stir till she carefully set. It was a painful wound and long in healing, but the lung had returned. sscaped, and in time he would be Sure, 'tis the priest must do the quite well again. Now and again he rest ; but he's Tim's convert, Glory be to God !" she murmured joyfully tried to converse with the old Mexias she slipped away and stole by a back lane to the rectory on the other can, but the man's Spanish was s mixed with Indian and other words that it was very uphill work. Moreside of the church.



heat and dust of the d followed him with eager eyes, those American men of Irish and German and Italian parentage; even those with a long time of New England Puritan ancestry grew calmer for the presence of the grave old priest in brown habit, whose eyes smiled them as he passed along ever seeking those whose need was the greatest.

Lieutenant Tuttle closed his eyes wearily. Hishead ached, and the pain in his shoulder was like burning sword thrusts, but at length, utterly sword thrusts, but a tenguh, userly exhausted, he, too, fell asleep. Now and then a sharper pang than usual aroused him, and he swore; not loudly but the Irish boy in the cot next to him shuddered at the man's wild words. He was too weak to speak much, however, and besides, the lieutenant was his officer, and so military discipline sealed his lips. The cannon shots grew less fre-

quent and more distant as the day wore toward evening, and the shouting had ceased. The lieuten-ant noted it all, and understood that the battle was over, and he longed for news. How had the day gone and how many of his brave comrades had fallen? He could stand it no longer, and made a frantic effort to rise, but he was too weak, and, in the pain of his wound admonished him to desist. He lay back weakly -and swore again.

A sigh came from the cot at his side, and he turned his eyes languidly in the direction of the sound. To his surprise, he encountered the features of his own familian servant. Tim O'More, the life of the regiment and the most impressible

A prayer," the lieutenant smiled. Long Journey.' a little sadly. "Blest if I know a prayer, Tim! my memory's not good or such things.' "God help you sir! was the unexpected response. "God help me!" echoed the officer.

"But that's a queer prayer, Tim." "Maybe not so queer as you think, ir. 'Twas but a thought that came sir. to me.'

Their voices had attracted the Padre's attention, and he stole silently to Tim's side. So quietly did he come that they did not hear his foot. steps. He paused for a moment with a half smile to listen to Tim's last over, the lieutenant was still weak neither was he a patient man, and his favorite ejaculation, "God help me!" made the Padre smile, it was so word's; then because the others about must not be disturbed, he came forward and motioned for silence, like swearing. Now and then the priest would stop but when he saw the look in Tim's eyes and the peace of his face, he fell upon his knees beside the cot,

questioning him. "And the pain is all gone, Padre,' was adamant. Yet for all that he concluded Tim. I think I could sleep had learned many things, and perhaps chief of them all, not to mock at that

"You are quite willing to die?" which he could not understand. When at last he, too, went home to Boston inquired the priest, anxiously. "Yes, Father, I know what it means

when the pain goes—a few hours that's all." he bade farewell to the Padre with

unaffected regret. The priest sighed a little when he was gone. He had partly guessed the The priest sighed gently, but he raised his hand once more before he turned from Tim's side. He felt a young man's state of mind-perhaps, too, he had permitted himself to light touch on his sleeve as he passed hope, but—Padre Joachim's eyes grew strangely bright as he raised them close to the lieutenant's cot, and turned to him at once. "What is it ? Can I do anything

for a moment to look into the sunset for you, sir ? Anything at all ?" "I don't know, Padre, but it seems -" there is always prayer," he mur mured.'

to me that you might do the same for me as you did for Tim there, I've watched you all day, and when you have made a certain sign the men For a time the lientenant almost forgot those painful days at the mis-sion in the pleasant bustle of his rejoker of them all. "Timi" he exclaimed, feebly. "Lieutenant," replied the boy. "You are wounded, too, I see." "Killed entirely this time, sir." "Killed entirely this time, sir." "Not so bad as that, Tim. You"li be better soon—curse this pain in my shoulder, he muttered. "I'd be at the front yet if it wasn't for that." The irish boy's eyes glistened, "Deed then sir, 'its time you took a turn and the eloving greetings of

Five years had passed, Padre Joachim walked slowly across the white sand to the brand new station that was one of the results of the war He was old, and the anxieties of that time had aged him still more, so that and speak to him courteously, but he avoided mentioning religion and Tim he had petitioned his superiors to send him an assistant, for many of O'More, and the lieutenant's reserve his people lived a day's ride from the

mission 'Maybe I shouldn't have asked,' he thought, fingering his rosary nervously. But then he remembered his feebleness, and his dear people who lived so far away—so very far away. "All is good that God pro-vides," he told himself, and just then he had no time for any more thoughts of the kind, for the train came snorting and panting into the little station in the midst of a cloud of dust.

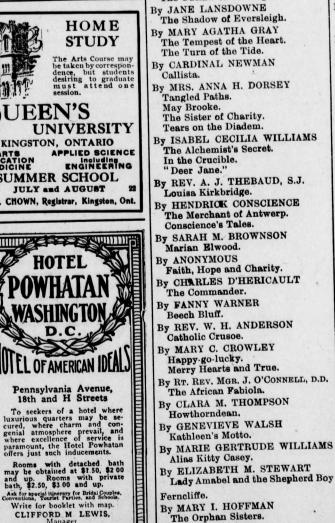
There was only one passenger. He would have known the tall, soldierly figure among a thousand, and he semed to reach the Padre's side in two steps.

You didn't know that they were sending me, Padre !" he cried, and his blue eyes danced with the joy of it. No. Father Guardian said a

"No. Father Guardian said young man from the seminary." Young man from the seminary." And Father Timothy laughed. "And when I had told him all about my days here at the mission, he said that had a right to come and prove my gratitude, for it was your blessing began it, Padre."

And Tim's prayer " flashed back, the old man.





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