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## FREEDOM'S FORTRESS.

BY THE REV. JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING, D.D.

Free men alone are they who do the right,  
For liberty obedience is to law;  
And they who from this service  
sweet withdraw  
Are made the slaves of a stern tyrant's  
might,  
To serve within our place and in God's  
sight,  
To keep our lives unstained and  
without flaw,  
To walk in humbleness and holy  
awe  
Is to be clothed with freedom as with  
light.

The truth, the blessed Saviour said,  
makes free;  
And they who do the right the  
truth shall know,  
And only they are sons of liberty.  
No laws of men the heavenly gift  
bestow;  
The soul is freedom's fort by God's  
decree,  
Which naught but our own deeds  
can overthrow.

—Ave Maria.

## Blandine of Betharram.

BY J. M. CAVE.

(American Messenger of the Sacred Heart.)

(Concluded.)

PART II.

Daria is not very well satisfied with Nan this time. There is a little tinge of jealousy at the bottom of her discontent. She has seen Daria's "little angel," as Daria most frequently calls Blandine. Besides, she expected to draw largely on Nan's sympathy in a certain matter, and, in return for her appeal, received—only advice. The owner is coming to take possession of the house at the end of the year, and asks her, "Daria," to remain with his wife. "I shall never consent to that," she says. "I shall serve only that little angel; and, if I cannot serve her, I will find a way to live near her, even if I have to be in that island, that English land. You say she is happy, Anita? Nan had said it fifty times at least already. 'Say with the new family, Daria; you may like them, and you shall see your little angel some day. Have I not told you they were all coming to France, and to Betharram, and she loves you? She will want to stop and see you, I know.'"

Daria was highly indignant. "I thought you knew me better, Anna Ivanovna, than to think I would be satisfied with just a visit. I want to be with her, and I will never again serve any one unless it be a real Vallinski."

"Patience, Daria! Do nothing in a hurry!"

"Patience!" matters Daria. "Patience! Patience has been my meat and drink since she went from here! I'm like that from patience!"

But Daria did not die of that gentle virtue. On the contrary, she threw on it. Setting to work to prepare the house for its new owner, the time passed so rapidly that she could hardly give a thought to her own work—the work of preparing for her departure for the new life she was to lead in some strange land. Not so she would not serve the new master and mistress.

All is ready. The day is come that sees Daria lay down her sceptre. She has dowered the plum-colored gown, ready to depart, as soon as the new mistress makes her appearance, and as soon as she can deliver the keys into her hands. She has the keys, a heavy load they are, in the pockets of the great black silk apron that protects her new gown. The bell has rung. Some one walks smiling down the hall towards her.

"Anna Ivanovna! how strange that you should come to-day, when I cannot so much as ask you to take off your bonnet. I am myself ready to depart. But do set down and rest at least a few minutes. What if you wait till they come? Then we might go together to the quiet lodging house, where I expect to stay for a few days."

"I will wait willingly, Daria," Nan tried to keep a grave face. "How soon will they be here?"

"At any minute. There they are now!"

There was great commotion in the hall; but the door was closed at last. Daria saw nothing of those who had entered. Standing modestly, with downcast eyes, well in the background of the group of servants new and old, she waited to give up her keys. Some one is coming towards her. It is the new mistress. Daria makes a low courtesy without raising her eyes.

And has Daria no word of welcome for her old friend?

Daria's answer was a loud cry of love. On her knees, clasping Blandine's feet, kissing them in spite of restraining hands, now looking up into the face of her new mistress, again prostrating herself at her feet—it was a sight that made the lookers on weep and smile at the same time. "O, my angel! O, the blessing come back to us! O, my Blandine! my Blandine!" cries the faithful creature.

"And the keys, Daria? I hear you wish to give them up. Shall I take them?"

Daria, a little puzzled, drew them forth. Still on her knees she placed them in the outspread hands, and a little pang of jealousy smote her. Nan had told on her, and perhaps would take the keys herself now.

"Are there no more, Daria?"

Daria had no more; but Gregory and the chief maid had plenty. Blandine took them all.

"Hold your step on, Daria," Daria held her apron wide, and Blandine dropped in the whole mass of keys. Then stooping she kissed her tenderly. "Take them, Daria, you are my klontchizka (\*); now, you will not refuse the charge, will you? May I take off my bonnet, Daria, and can you venture to give me a cup of tea?"

Nan was laughing with good will at Daria's discomfort, her shamefaced confusion and happiness, all uniting to make her nearly hysterical with joy. Daria shook her fingers at her. "O, you cunning creature! Could ever any one suppose you could act such a roguish part!" They laughed together with heartfelt content for the happiness they both had such a large share in.

Sister Noella is preparing for another pilgrimage; preparing to receive once more a group of English pilgrims. And each pilgrim has some special reason for thanks, not even excepting the babies. As for Margaret and Antony, we know what they have to be thankful for. Sister Christmas and Father Francis would be thankful under any circumstances. The latter is pretty thankful now for having reached Daria in time to bless the nuptials of the happy couple, who have most cause for gratitude. "They think, John and Blandine of Betharram, that the longest life will be all too short, though they fill the years with acts of thanksgiving, for the surpassing mercies vouchsafed them both."

And Nan Olough and Daria, comparing notes as to what they have received from heaven, find plenty to talk about in that chapel of Betharram as well as on its Calvary.

Blandine herself is among the Blandines, the old friends and the new. She has brought a stranger to introduce to them; one she is going to leave amongst them. "My friend Zoe," she says, "Zoe Mark."

And Zoe is glad to be here. She would not return to Karloff for a mint of money, although there is a new mistress over the workers at the ouvroir, and the mistress who takes Blandine of Betharram for her model. Sophie is herself mistress now, not only of the ouvroir, but of Karloff Domain, thanks to the generosity of her cousin Sacha. Mr. Barde found out (if he did not always know), that Karloff Domain had once been in the market, that it had been purchased by the wife of the great Vallinski for her baby daughter, Blandine's mother. The great Vallinski's interest in Madame Karloff and her subsequent union caused this to be forgotten. But Mr. Barde, if he knew it earlier, was no longer willing to cover up the fraud.

(\* Keeper of the keys.)

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