

Lucy Stone's Favorite.

The following beautiful poem was a favorite of the late Lucy Stone, and it was of great comfort to her during the last hours of her life. She cut it from a newspaper, but did not preserve the name of the author:

LINKED LIVES.

By Lady Gertrude Douglas.

CHAPTER XXV.

THE BETTER PART.

"Nada te turbe, in paciencia. Nada te espante, en tu esperanza. Todo se pasa. Queda Dios siempre. Dios no muda. Nada te falta: Solo Dios basta." - St. Theresa.

rears, and also kneel while the Bishop in the outer chapel intones the "Veni Creator." Very calm and saintly is the face of Claire de St. Ange; very happy in its unclouded serenity. She looks like one who has found out early in life the end of her creation. No enthusiasm or excitement is visible in her appearance; there is nothing rapturous in the expression of her deep violet blue eyes. Deep, intense peace is written upon every line of her countenance; and this lesson of peace which she reads there goes home to Mabel's heart, making her cry, not with pity, not with regret, as little Annette gives her credit for doing, but with real craving and yearning to know the source whence that river of measureless peace flows into the young novice's soul.

manifestation of that interior spirit which has for its nutriment the study of the life of Jesus in all its varied forms of revelation; she is opening her eyes gradually to the beautiful vision of true charity, nowhere so cherished as in its own true home, the Catholic Church. She is beginning to suspect that the faith which has grown up with her is Catholic faith, the Roman faith she has so long despised. No priest has beguiled her into believing what she now believes. Her conversion, if begun is the work of the inward voice, which has led her from her cradle to this day, to this hour, when, yielding to the impulse of sudden conviction, Mabel resolves during the Cure's sermon that, come what may, she will go to the bottom of her misgivings—she will inquire into the truth, whether that Roman Church be indeed entitled to a special claim to being the "Unam Sanctam Catholicam Apostolicam Ecclesiam," whose faith, unless a man believe faithfully and steadfastly, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly—according to the words of the Athanasian Creed in her own English Church Prayer book.

Agnes. "Can you not believe that it is so? Ah, but I do assure you that there are some few on earth to whom God alone suffices!" "It is a beautiful idea," returned Mabel, shaking her head; "but I cannot understand these horrid grilles, and black curtains, and all—" Sour Agnes laughed gaily. "No, of course you do not," she replied. "That is the secret of the Good God, and He tells it only to those who have a vocation to religious life." Mabel was silent. In the presence of that happy face, telling its own story of deep peace, she could make no contrary answer; but within her mind a world of thought opened. It gave her broader ideas of God than she had ever before enjoyed, to believe that there were some chosen souls on earth to whom His love could suffice; who needed no other. This was a grand, a soul-soothing thought; not that at any time of her life, either then or afterwards, Mabel was deceived into thinking herself likely to be one of that chosen few, but the thought helped her, as all thoughts which open out a vista into the measureless power of the love of God made man must ever do.

and read it; then refolded and returned it silently to Jessie. "You see, Mabel, how he blames me, how he reproaches me for my 'folly,' as he calls it—even worse, 'my treachery,' he says I have brought you into a nest of red-hot Popery; he seems certain of the consequences that must ensue. Really it is too bad! I think it is a very cruel letter!" exclaimed Jessie, indignantly. "All the more so because I only came abroad for your sake; and I should have thought you would have told him so, Mabel." "So I did, Jessie," said Mabel, with a curiously pained smile. "Hugh has certainly not a high opinion of my constancy." "But it is all rubbish, is it not, Mabel?" pursued Jessie, eagerly. "Of course you have too much sense to allow yourself to be misled. I may write and tell Hugh that he is quite mistaken, may I not, and that you are as good a Protestant as ever?" "Protestant!" replied Mabel, in a low, bitter tone; "you know, Jessie, how I have always hated that word!" "Oh! well, Puseyite, Ritualist, High Church, Anglican, Catholic, just what you please, only not a Papist—at least not in name. I daresay Hugh will not mind how you 'ape' their religion, provided you leave the name alone," said Jessie, in a tone of irony, "for there was a look in Mabel's face that filled her heart with misgivings lest Hugh's surmises should be indeed correct.

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