

battle fields, or on that glorious plain, where the heart of the great Republic has shown itself by putting up monuments, to friend and foe alike. Some, and they were growing fewer yearly, had lived and prospered ; others, still surviving, had gone under in the social maelstrom of modern life and were dragging out existence, too often maimed like Foley, or suffering from the effect of wounds.

But in any case, it was both amusing and pathetic to hear the two old comrades, talking in broken, disjointed sentences.

Sometimes, their laugh broke out deep and hearty so that it could be heard half a block away. Sometimes a tear glistened in Matt Ryan's clear, blue eye and even the more hardened Timothy, appeared affected at a particularly pathetic story that had come back to the cronies from the shadows of the past.

So delighted was the maimed veteran, Timothy, at having found some one with whom he could talk of those exciting scenes of the past, that he engaged a room in the vicinity, where he could see his old friend every day. In the familiarity which this close intimacy engendered, oftentimes a quarrel arose between the two, and especially, when Matt began to talk on a subject, dear to his heart, the devotion which was his daily solace. Timothy refused to listen, at first, when Matt spoke of the morning Mass at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, that place of worship which was nearest, and of the refreshment it was to one wearied with the burden of the years ; or when he feelingly discoursed upon his own frequent reception of Communion, and of the blessings he had found therein. To Timothy, all that was in the beginning, intolerable cant, preaching, psalm singing, or any other expression, which conveyed his own distaste and repugnance for the subject.

But gradually he found a charm in listening to Matt's simple but fervid word painting of the quiet and peace of " his corner, over yonder at the Church of a morning," of the priest who said the Mass, the acolytes who served and the people who attended.