THE CATHOLIG RECORD

AN ORIGINAL' GIRL.

By Christine Faber.

CHAPTER VL-CONTINUED

"Gentlemen," he began, "Mr. Hubrey, as I understand it, makes a motion to have Miss Burram summoned before a Committee of us honorable gentlemen, and I second that motion." Then Cobbs, the gentleman who had made the remark about Miss Burram, akked for the fic r in order to have further explained the name of the charge against

asked for the fic r in order to have further explained the nature of the charge against Miss Burram, on which Hubrey, forget-ting in his excitement every rule of the by-laws, jumped up and cried: "For defying the laws, Mr. Cobbs; de-fying the laws, and—"but he was called to order, and he reluctantly est down.

The President slowly and solemnly The President slowly and solemnly arcse; even his wooden wits felt the im-practibility, not to say the absordity, of the motion which Russell had made, though the fact that Russell had made it, carried much weight.

carried much weight. "It seems to me, gentlemen," he said, "as if the motion which has been pro-posed is not a practicable one; the lady probably would not obey the summons; there is no law that I know of to make her obey, and while I, as President of this honorable School Board, feel that some action ought to he taken which will vinnonorable School Board, feel that some action ought to be taken which will vin-dicate the honor of this Board now so dis-honored by this lady's defiance, still, I think the action should be other than the

extreme course proposed." Dickel paused, and Russell jumped up asking for the floor. It was accorded, and the President sat down with a sigh of re-

lief. "Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Board," said Russel, "I would like pro-posing another alternative which we ought to adopt, not alone in vindication of the outraged honor of this Board, but as a tribute to the zeal and devoted in-the set of the set of t as a tribute as a tribute to the zeal and devoted in-terest of our fellow-trustee, Mr. William Hubrey. My motion is to present in writing to Miss Burram the unanimous censure of this Board of Trustees upon her action, and I would also propose that M. William Hubrer he appointed a corre

her action, and I would also propose that Mr. William Hubrey be appointed a com-mittee of one to present the resolutions. "And, further, Mr. President, and Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board, I cannot refrain from asking if this Board of Tratsees of the only Pablic school in Rentonville is to be dictated to by a woman? Are the laws which govern that school to be openly and unqualifiedly defied by a woman? I raise my voice, Mr. President, in saying a thousand times "No." at which everyoody except the

Mr. President, in saying a thousand times 'No,'' at which everyody except the President clapped loudly. That proposition entirely commended itself to Dickel, and he rose, quite relieved, and presented the working as Reseal bed

itself to Dickel, and he rose, quite relieved, and presented the motion as Russell had stated it. It was unanimously carried, Hubrey felt that he had risen suddenly to great importance, and he accepted without demur the commission to deliver to Miss Burram the "resolutions of cen-read" which resolutions Russell offered Russell offered ure," which resolutions

tee, and both he and his wife would stop at nothing that would bring them notori-ety. But I could not rest, Miss Burram, when I heard it all, without telling you at once—it seemed to lie upon my con science as a most imperative duty, and I said to Mrs. Herrick, 'Bessie,' said I, 'I shall go immediately, even though it is Miss Burram's hour for luncheon, and tell her what people are doing behind her draw up. Mrs. Hubrey, waiting with much im patience her husband's return, was dis-appointed and perplexed at finding him as non-communicative as before his deappointed and popplete as before his de-parture. His new importance had em-boldened him to keep up his reserve with his wife; it actually put her into a posi-tion of rather deferring to, than dominal-ing him, and he who had so long impo-tently rebeiled at her leading-strings felt this new attitude of hera very grainfying to his vanity. Mrs. Hubrey, however, being a woman, did not limit her efforts to find out within her house; she also carried her siege abroad in the matter of interviewing Bilber Herrick. What he did not actually know, Mrs. Hubrey knew he managed to accertain, and to him she went, opening fire immediately by ask-ing if he had any knowledge of the went, opening hre immediately by ask-ing if he had any knowledge of the strange proceedings at the meeting of the school trustees the night before. It was always part of Herrick's policy

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himself : "D_____ other people's money !"

self-importance and his determination to show his wife that he could and would

ery the next day. Russell on his way home, and entirely out of sight and hearto betray ignorance of nothing, and so, though he knew no more than that there

of the Board to tell, but it would not be for any person outside of that Bosrd who had happened to get the information." Herrick cleared his throat: "My dear Mrs. Hubrey, don't you see that a person outside of the Board might have the information given to him under conditions of secrety?" "Conditions of fiddlesticks!" she ejacu. "Conditions of fiddlesticks!" she ejacu. I ated, betrayed by her arger and disap-printment into an expression she used frequently when she was only a grocer's

neve the intrinsition service of the seconditions of secrecy?" "Conditions of secrecy?" "Conditions of fieldlesticks !" she ejacu-lated, betrayed by her anger and disap-pointment into an expression she need frequently when she was only a grocer's wife. "There ain't any conditions that can warrant the holding of secrets about a man from his wife," and she flounced out, leaving Herrick a good deal amused but much more pleased. Having heard that there had been strange proceedings at the meeting he did not donbt his ability to learn epsedily the nature of those proceeding, and that he intended to do from one of the very trustees. Not Russell, Herrick always avoided him; the capacity for humor in Russell being a barrier that Herrick feared a little--but from the President himself, who told him the whole story with which Herrick went straightway to Miss Burram's house. " Do I understand aright, Mr. Herrick, that the School Board of Trustees of Ren-torville has passed resolutions of censure upon me because I do not choose to tell what is none of their business?" " That is it, precisely, Miss Burram ; that is the latest phase of their unani-mons vote, but, prior to that, it was pro-posed, actually proposed, to cite you be-fore a committee to show cause why you should not conform to the regulations of the school." Miss Burram laughed ; she laughed

turning and points with want to tell you "I did, Kitty, I did; I want to tell you all about it, about that meeting, Kitty, "There are times, Mr. Hubrey, there are times, when it is beneath a wife's dignity to listen to communications from her husband," and Mrs. Hubrey swept cost of the room.

ner inducation of the room. "Oh, Lord " ejacalated Hubrey sink-ing into a chair, "it's no wonder the Creator made women the last thing; they're so pesky contrary. He was afraid to tackle 'sm, I suppose, till He'd art erarything else done."

afraid to tackle 'em, I suppose, till He'd got everything else done.' Bat Mrs. Habrey by no means intend-ed to continue to refuse to receive com-munications from her husband; she only meant to impress him with the magnan-imity of her consent when she should finally condescend to give it, and owing to her eagerness to have the mystery ex-plained she could hardly refrain from giving her consent much sooner than the

to her eagerness to have the mystery ex-plained she could hardly refrain from giving her consent much sconer than the time appointed by her judgment. That time came at the lunch hour when she saw her husband take his place at the table in a mute, meek way very different from his bold manner of the past two days. His feelings were not unlike those of a prisoner taking his last meal previous to execution, and the more he realized how near the time was when he must face Miss Burran, as he expressed it to himself, "angle-handed and alone," the more he craved the assistance of his wife. He would have gone upon his knees to her if he thought she would listen to him, and he could hardly credit his ears when, after the servant's departure, he heard her say in a tone that betokened more regret than anger : "William !" He looked at her as if he were too dazed Miss Burram laughed; she laughed miss Burram laughed; she laughed so loudly that Sarah, who had been lingering in the hall with the hope of overhearing some-thing that might enlighten her as to the object of Herrick's visit at that time of object of Herrick's visit at that at line of

the day-his infrequent visits had al-ways been made in the evening-started; never had she heard Miss Burram laugh never had she heard Miss Burram laugh like that before. Even Herrick gave a slight start; to him Miss Burram had seemed incapable of such levity; and to both his and Sarah's further mystification, she con-tinued to laugh for a full minute; then she said with a smile that showed both rows of her large white even teeth: "What you tell me, Mr. Herrick, is another proof of my correct opinion of this mushroom settlement that has sprung up outside my place—its only school has for its Board of Trustees a par-cel of asses."

He looked at her as if he were too dazed

"William!" she said again in the same tone. "Kitty!" he replied in a voice tha

"Do you think you realize the mistake "Do you think you realize the mistake you have made, or rather the injury you have done, in keeping anything from your wife, and especially a wife who has made you what you are; whose money has placed you in your present posi-tion ?" cel of asses." But Herrick persisted in taking a grave

Bot Herrick persisted in taking egettives "It was the ontrage they would com-mit that appalled me, Miss Borram—the ontrage upon your private affairs—as I said to Mrs. Herrick : 'Bessie,' said I, 'they might just as well appoint a com-mittee to investigate the private family affairs of the parents of every child that attends that school 'But it was all due to that fool. Habrey—he's got the 'big tion ?" "Yee, Kitty, I think I do." "And do you feel, William, that any circumstance whatever would tempt you to be guilty of a similar mistake, a simi-tar initre ?" "Never, Kitty, never; I'll swear it to

you." "I'll take your word for it, William "I'll take your tell me all about this to that fool, Habrey-he's got the 'big head' since he was elected school trus-tee, and both he and his wife would stop

and now you may tell me all about this mysterious business." Glad to relieve himself, he told her everything from the contents of Miss Burram's note to Miss Ashton, to his apburram's note to must Ashton, to mis ap-pointment as a committee of one to pres-ent the resolutions, which "resolutions," he drew from his trousers pocket and opened and spread before her.

Miss Burram's hour for luncheon, and tell her what people are doing behind her She adjusted her gold eyeglasses and read aloud : "Thank you, Mr. Herrick, it was quite good of you to come; I shall be prepared for Mr. Hubrey when he calls with those

read aloud : "At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Public School No. 1. in the Town of Ren-tonville, in the Township of New Utterion, held in the building of the Town Hall on the thir-teeuth of October, 18,— the following resolu-tions wers submitted and approved : Whereas : The rules and regulations of the aforesaid Public School preacribe that the aforesaid School shall be given and regis-tered by the Principal in a book kept for such purpose. Her manner told Herrick that the inter view was ended and he bowed himsel

Mr. Russell drew up the "resolutions," special meeting of the Board being purpose, "And, whereas: Such requirement was made known in writing to Miss Bedilla Bur-ram, aresident of the Town of Rentonville, and guardian of one of the pupils of the aforeasid a special meeting of the Board being called for their approval and endorse-ment, and folded, and put into a large, official-looking envelope, inscribed with Miss Burram's name and address, they were intrusted to Mr. Hubrey for deliv-were intrusted to Mr. Bussell on his way

guardian of one of the pupies of the Bedilla Bur-"And, whereas: The said Miss Bedilla Bur-ram determintdly, defiantly, and contemptu-ously refused to comply with such regulation; "We, the undersigned, forming the whole Board of Trustees of the Public School No. 1 of Rentonville, do hereby declare the said Miss Bedilla Burram to be guilty of unladylike and reprehensible conduct in defying laws that are

erasure of that child's name from the school record. Now, as the case stands," went on Rutsall. "the only thirg left for this Board to do is to hang up these resolutions — hang them up nere in our committee room; they will be a re-minder to ourrelves of the daty we de-sired to do but were unable to perform. And I hereby make the motion to hang those resolutions." "Tell Miss Barram," Mrs. Hubrey said "Tell Miss Barram, miss Has must be delivered—it is too closely connected with the community to brook of any slight or delay—in fact you tell your mistress that the laws of Rentonville require her to re-

the laws of Rentonville require her to re-ceive our message." "That's it precisely." added Hubrey, nodding his head at Sarah, and when she had gone, saying to his wife: "Yon're a great woman, Kitty-now. I wouldn't have thought of putting the message that way." Sarah, however, not being able to re-member more of the message than that something had been said about the laws of Rentonville, told her mistress solemnly that if she didn't see the Hubreys to hear what they had to say, they said she would be breaking the laws of Renton-ville.

And I hereby make the motion to hang those resolutions." His sat down as solemnly as he had riser, and the other trastees, with the ex-ception of Hubrey, had a very puzzled feeling as to the state of their minds; they could not help comprehending somewhat the sarcasm of the speech, wrile at the same time they were unable to answer it. Dickel presented the motion, Hubrey feconded it, and it was unanimously carried. Then Russell made an additional motion for a frame for the resolutions, which was also unanimonaly carried, and by the next meeting "Miss Bedilla Burram," in great coperplate letters, with immense florrishes, stared from the wall at every member of the Brard. ville. That bronght Miss Burram to her feet. "You tell Mr. and Mrs. Hubrey that the laws of Rentonville have nothing to do with me. I decline to see them and I decline to hear their business. I forbid with immense floorisnes, stared from to wall at every member of the Board. Miss Barram's Charge, determined or

you to bring any paper to me from Miss Burram's Charge, determined on doing her very best in school in order to astonish and delight "Tom" when he should come to her, had made such pro-grass that both her teacher and Miss Ashton felt she should be promoted, and that withont waiting for the woated time of promotion. Consequently, she was ushered into the class of Alida and Mabel Herrick. Sarab, awed and mystified, delivered

Sarah, awed and mythickey the message. Mrs. Hubrey tossed her head till it seemed as if the big red feather in her bonnet would shake itself loose. "What do you think of that?" she said to her huaband; and he, seeing Sarah's very solemn eyes upon him and feeling that his wife expected him to show some spirit, straightened himself and easi pompously:

billoer, having heard from them of their new classmats, advised them, and ad-vised it so strongly it was more like a command, to cultivate the new class-mate's closs acquaintance; but the twin sisters found Rachel Ferre'f an insurand said pomponely: "I think it is pretty bad, Kit—Mrs. Hubrey, but I feel that we've done our duty and that there ain't nothing left for ns to do but to go back and report to the D. and it.

Mrs. Hubrey picked up the big white bulky envelope which she had laid on a

sisters found Rachel here'f an insur-mountable obetacle; she had no disposi-tion to make acquaintances, and even if she had such disposition her close attan-tion to the exercises of the class, and her attandance going and coming, left her little opportunity. She was regarded by her classmates, and even by their teach-er, as a strange child; the teacher had nothing to complain of except the ques-tions which Rachel asred pertaining to her essens, and these were cometimes so bulky envelope which she had bulk years table. "Yon can tell your mistress," she said to Sarah as she passed out, "that, since she says she has nothing to do with the laws of Rentonville she should rot be permitted to avail herself of the privileges of Rentonville. Her Charge should be turned out of the Pablic school in Renton-ville." At which parting thrust Mr. Hubrey her lessons, and these were comelimes as far beyond what the conservat ve teacher

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At which paring threat Mr. Habrey laughed so immoderately, his fat, round face became almost purple, to the terror of Sarab, who was afraid he might have a fit, and she did not dare to close the door upon them till he had recovered himseit and she heard him say: "Kitte yon'se withty you're positively "Kitty, you're witty ; you're positively

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CHAPTER VIII.

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against him even if the rightcous citi-zens of Rentonville should take it into their heads to effect to no public office any one who was not entirely of their mind with regard to Miss Barram. The mixed feelings of the adults of the community with regard to Rachel were speedily communicated to the children; and Rachel's classmates being older than those with whom she was first associated evening when Sarah's manner to him seemed more lugubrious than ever, he said suddenly: "I'd like to give you a row this evan-ing, Sarah, if you'd come." That invitation, the first of any kind she had ever raceived from him, was more than she could withstand i tratified

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The next morning Hardman brought etter to Miss Burram ; it was in the same penmanship as that which had ap nonnced the coming of her Charge. Shi had an-harge. She trembling ened it at once, her fingers ti perceptibly. TO BE CONTINUED.

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN NUN.

NINA DE GARMO SPALDING IN CATHOLIG

WORLD FOR AUGUST.

The sun was shining softly in the atrium of a Pompeian house, and lingered in the red gold, waving hair of young girl who was kneeling by the marble impluvium watching the gold-fish that flashed to the surface in that same sunlight. The sound of a cithara was heard from oue of the room opening onto the court. She was listening and thinking.

She had just come home from a drive along the shores of the bay. The sun had glittered on the blue water and touched the hills with gold. She had been very happy. It was the fashionable hour for driving ; all the gay youths in their gilded chariots had een returning from the baths. There were many greetings on the way, and it was of one of these youths that Piotina was now thinking and wondering if the young Valerian's heart had really been given to the stately Julia. She thought that he looked like a god as he dashed furiously past her in his graceful bronze charlot, with the sliver bells jingling. He had been leaning forward, watching intently his spirited horses as their delicate hoofs hardly seemed to touch the earth ; he had

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might come out somehow, and now tha Miss Burram was regarded with les

not seen her. She rippled the clear water with her fingers and watched the startled fish dart to the other side of the basin. She heard a step on the mosaics, and thought it was the atriensis whose duty it was to care for this open hall. A deep, musical voice said : "I sought Iar reyond what the confervat ve teacher thought a little girl ought to ask, that she gct out of patience occasionally. There were added to the somewhat mixed feelings with which Rachel was deep, musical voice said : "I sought your father, fair Plotina, but I find a beautiful substitute." She rose and turned and saw Valerian, who was mixed feelings with which Rachel was regarded the many and various reports of the defiance of her guardian to give the Christian names of Rachels parents. It had become known that Rachel herself did not know them, and through Sarah's gossip the Hubreys' visit had been known, as also the message of utter contempt for all Rentonville returned to them by Miss Burram. Nor was Mre. Hubrey less dili-gent in publishing the spirited part she standing behind her, as perfect in face and form as a young god, it seemed in answer to her thought. On her fair skin, under which was a network of almost imperceptible blue veins giving to it a startling whiteness, sometimes the accompaniment of that redgold hair, crept a rosy flush. She looked very beautiful to the impetuous young Roman as she stood there in the soft light. The long folds of her

Burram. Nor was Mre. Hubrey less dili-gent in publishing the spirited part she had taken in the matter, much to the secret chagrin of her htsband. The whole town got to know the final disposition of the resolutions; Herrick actually raid a visit to the committee room and made a copy of them; but he did not make any report to Miss Barram this time. His asp rations to being him-self one of the School Board next election prevented that, for he candidly felt that it might be better for his prospects not to be the means in every instance of exciting peplus, fastened on the shoulder with an emerald buckle, and hanging loose. ly to the mosaic floor, revealed the firm, white throat and arms. The water was dripping from her small, pointed fingers. She raised her blue eyes, which told of her Greek origin. Yes, we are alike, my father and the means in every instance of excitin that lady's wrath against the town. I

I, although I tell him that it is only he color of our hair that is the same And she smiled with a gleam of mis-Miss Burram was regarded with less favor than ever, it might be more pru-dent for him not to seem to act with such singular friendliness to her; the fact that he had her custom, and that she herself continued to drop into his store once or twice a week, could hardly be urged against him even if the right ous cuti-rans of Reproville should take it into chief that made her still more charm ing because more human. "When I left Pompeli Plotina was

still a child, and I return to find her a young woman to fill the Roman beau ties with envy." His openly expressed His openly expressed admiration brought a light cloud over her face, for, as he said, the motherless child had suddenly grown into a young woman of great beauty, to all of which the father, absorbed in his music, had been blind ; so she had not been satiated with the praise which the young gallants showered upon the Roman women.

again: A few crystal drops still clung to She clapped her hands, her fingers. She clapped her hands, and one of the drops leaped through the air and lighted on the gold em-

his tunic.

Flaving passed his hand over his forehead and sighed again. "I had not realized it. I am afraid that I keep her too much with me, and she ligion, mor When F his surprise keep her too inden with me, and she has few pleasures such as young people enjoy." And Valerian vowed to himself by Hercules, his favorite god, that before many moons had risen and ast he would bring some of the pleasure, Valerian a The day gentle Plo d set he would bring some of those happiness same pleasures before that fair shrine. As a means to that end he talked embraced '

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with the old enthusiast about the music trine of th of Rome as compared to that of Greece, she had w and brought forward the new song, which really had been his object in when her hinted at which really had been his object in coming. He talked so eloquently and so well that when he rose to go the half had not been said by Flavius, and sacrificing always ter ened eage he eagerly cried, putting his hand on the young man's shoulder: "Come to me sgain, Valerian, and, by Minerva, of Christia gan maide It was a God was a me sgain, valentary, and the world I'll convince you yet that the world has never heard the equal of the Oles of Horace. Come and dine with us to. times sin had tried of Horace. faith ; bu There will be no other morrow. as he love

He had dined with Flavius that night belief, an and many other nights, and there been many moonlight excursions on her own the bay and the Sarnus. For young Valerian, the wealthy son of a wealthing of gi "By l tinian's ier Roman father, who preferred the soft southern air to that of Rome, had yet to learn that anything could oppose his will. He was the product of the times, and with the example of a profligate court before him he gratified is every desire.

strangel was something about this his spiri There was something about this young Greek girl, some subtle power, which held him, yet repelled him. His thoughts were all of her, and his gay young friends found him a poor com-He for to love Julia di the side panion. He would feel a great love in his heart, and with the love light in some fo she kne his eyes he would see her only to find burning words grow cold on his He could not explain this, nor in " Ab thee, P the days that followed, what it was ing to l that drew him again and again to her W88 88. side, if it was not a love that he could ready I for who

loved ? One evening they were sitting in the garden. Flavius had been called into when t e atrium by some clients. The water he said rushed down from the urn over the rocks and the air was full of the odor on the of flowers. She had grown more lovcovere ly than ever, in the young Roman's He was lying on the soft grass ther feet, as she sat on a low marble seat with her hand lightly clasped in her lap. He lifted his head, which was of that for the resting on his hand, and looked at her

eyes met. There was a whole world of etness in the gaze of the blue that was caught and melted into the glad light from the brown. He sat up and leaned forward until his face almost touched her clasped hands.

not answer. He looked up into her face face, but she closed her eyes so that they could not speak the love that filled them. He bent his head and pressed his lips to her hand. Again he looked up, and now her eyes were open wide.

"Plotina, beloved, I love thee." He almost whispered, and taking one of the small hands in each of his he placed them against his face. He felt them tremble, and he could hear her uickened breath above the sound of failing water. She leaned over closer and closer until her lips touched his hair. It thrilled his sensitive being through and through. He pressed the little hands closer and murmured

"I love thee, Plotina."

"And I thee, Valerian," she whispered. He rose to his feet, still hold-ing her hands in his, and drew her up from the carven seat, close to him. the He put a hand lightly on either shoulder, and looking down into the

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though he knew no more than that there had been a meeting, his manner imme-diately conveyed to his visitor that there had indeed been very strange proceed-ings at the meeting the night before, and that he, Herrick, knew all about them, "Well, I'd like to know what they were," said Mrs. Hubrey in her quick short way, "for my husband".—in her cooler moments she always said Mr. Hub-row.— "has heen preparing something for

cooler moments she always said Mr. Hut-rey—"has been preparing something for that meeting, and the whole five trastees must have done something last night that's never been done yet in the history of this place, for William came home looking and acting as if he was another man-and this morning he's the same way, and he won't tell what it was-the way, and he won't tell what it was-the first time since we've been married that he's dared to keep anything from me;" and the lady's little, very black eyes fairly flamed on Herr'ck. But that gentleman said sympathet cally: "How did the doings at the meeting seem to affect Mr. Hubrey? Was it his nerves or his solving ?"

seem to affect all introducts? I want to the re-merves or his spirits?" "His nerves or his spirits?" she re-peated; "he acted as if ne'd got them both into one, and when I asked him for an explanation he just looked at me as

I'm doing at you." Herrick smiled inwardly, knowing the ludicrous contrast Hubrey's fat, round, expressionless face and fishlike eyes preted to the sharp, animated counten-ted to the sharp, animated counten-te of his wife. She continued : He said there were times when a man ance (

"He said there were times when a how, had to have secrets from his wife, Now, I say, Mr. Herrick, that there is no time I say, Mr. Herrick, that there is no time when a man ought to have secrets from his wife, and such a wife as I've been— I've made William Hubrey—my money has set him vp, and if it wasn't for me where would he be to-day?" "All very true indeed, Mrs. Hubrey," Harrick's voice was sympathetic still—

"All very true indeed, Mrs. Indorey," Harrick's voice was sympathetic still--"and I entirely agree with you, my dear lady, and I say, as I have said to Mrs. Herrick: "Bessie," said I 'a husband who has any secret from his wife is just

who has any secret who has been appendix so much less a man."" Mrs. Hubrey resumed: "I must find out what the business is that's been done at that trastees' meeting I have a right to know, since my husband thave a right to know, since my husband according to his own account, proposed the business, and since he is one of the

Certainly, my dear lady, you have every right to know, but from your hus-band; it would be a betrayal of confi-der.ce most unworthy for any other mem-ber of that Board, or for any one outside ber of that Board, or for any one outside of that iBoard, who had received knowldge of the business transacted, to betray that knowledge.

that knowledge." "I don't see it in that light," Mrs. Hubrey aharply rejoined. "It might be a betrayal of confidence for any member

ing of his companions, laughed loud and heartily. Like Miss Burram, he thought his brother trustees were a parcel of assee; not one of them had thought for a mo-ment that Miss Burram, in inscribing n us,

prehensible conduct in defying is we that are defor the public good, and in reflecting up us, honorable gentlemea. (gned) AMOS DICKEL, President #EREMIAH ROUNDRIGHT, Chairman, MILLER COBES, Trustee. SIMON RUSSEL, Trustee. WILLIAM HUBREY, Trustee."

Mrs. Hubrey had made no comment till she had finished reading and had lifted ber eyes from the paper. Then she said, taking off her glasses : "I shall go with you to present these resolutions, and we shall go directly after lunch." very possible regulation as to the names of parents; but it was not Russell's plan to spoil such a piece of fun for himself by any enlightenment, and he laughed more heartily still as he pictured the possible result of the delivery of the "resolu

" But, Kitty, it said a committee of one

vas to present them--if you go, it will be committee of two." Mrs. Habrey turned upon him.

Are not a husband and his wife

show his wife that he could and would get on without either her aid or her knowledge, had been very firm. But now the imminence of his meeting with Miss Burram, of whom nearly every one in Reatonville stood in awe, appalled him. The glory of his sudden import-ance in the Board had made him forget to what he had committed himself in comparing to present the "resolutions." That argument seemed unanswerable, That argument seemed unansweratio, and though he had some misgiv-ings about the propriety of being accompanied by his wife, otherwise Hubrey felt much relieved. Sarah Sinnott's eyes, when she ans-wered the door and found Mr. and Mrs.

consenting to present the "resolutions," and he walked home that night with very different manner from that with which he had gone home from the previ

His wife, finding all her efforts fruitless His wife, finding all her efforts fruitless to extort anything from him, resorted at length to the role of the silent, deeply in-jured and deeply offended woman, and for three days not a word was spoken by her only as it was absolutely necessary, except when she muttered in a kind of soliloquy in her husband's hearing, about the fearfal ingratitude of some people-people who were made with other people's money, and who didn't have nothing till

Sarah Sinnot's eyes, when alle ans-wered the door and found Mr. and Mrs. Hubrey, seemed to grow larger and more solemn-looking than ever. "Whatever is bringing the two of them here?" she asked hereelf while on her way to deliver their cards. Miss Barram was in her private parlor reading. She took the equare of paste-board from Sarah, ejaculating : "He has brought his wife." "Yee, men," said Sarah, as if the ejaculation were addressed to her, " and a sne's all in lace, men, black lace with red I trimmings, and she's a-carryin' a big white envelope like as if it might be for s you, mem, and she told me to tell you that they was here on very important g business."

money, and who didn't have nothing thi they got other people's money. Bat the little fat man was too firmly set in his own supreme satisfaction to be brought to terms by wiles like these—indeed, he had become so accustomed to hearing how he had been set up by other people's "Did Mr. Hubrey say anything? money that it made no impression upon asked Miss Barram.

"Did Mr. Hubrey say anything ?" asked Miss Barram. "No, mem; he only nodded his head and sort of kept behind his wife as if he didn't quite know where to put his feet till he could plant 'em in her tracks."

On this night of the special meeting, however, when but a few hours were be-tween him and the facing of Miss Bur-ram in her own house, he felt as if his wife's advice and help would not be so The lady straightened in her chair. "Tell Mr. and Mrs. Hubrey that I thank them for the visit, but I beg to be

"Yes, mem," said Sarah, retreating o

bad after all. "Women," he said to himself, "kind of understand women, and anyhow it's out of a man's province to be dealing with them." He hoped to find Mrs. Hubrey waiting for him as she had done on the previous occasion, but though that martyred woman had heard there was to be a special meeting, she would show her lord how utterly indifferent she could be to his concerns by going to bed at an exception-ally early hour, and when he came home,

but rad ever raceived from him, was more than she could withstand ; it gratified her, in a smuch as it was a proof of the wisdem of the means she had employed to bring Jim to terms, and partners

to bring Jim to terms, and perhaps, as her rapidly beating heart whispered, it was a sign that Jim was not entirely in-

sensible to herself. "Trank you, Jeem," she answered in her old voics, "I'm much obleeged to "You'll come then ?" he asked, the re-

"You'll come then the hanged man-ner showing in his face. "I will, Jeem, and thank yon again." "I told you," she said to Mrs. McEl-vain, "that I'd make him take back them

words; he knows now what it is to hart the feelings of a fierd." In the boat she told him of the Hubreys' visit, but he could throw no light upon their business, and Sarah well knew upon their business, and Sarah well knew that if he could, he woold not, but she believel in this case he d not know. Mr. Hubrey was earnestly but secretly anxiors that it should not be known, at least in the School Board, that his wifs had accompanied him to deliver the "re-solutions" to Miss Burram; and at the next meeting when he mide his record

and accomptant in the neutral and at the solutions" to Miss Burram; and at the rext meeting when he made his raport the was careful to word it so that no hint of Mrs. Hubrey's part in the attempted presentation should appear. And when, having given from a memorandum which his wife had prepared for him the dis-dainful raply returned by Miss Barram, hedid not, as the memorandum instructed him to do, repeat verbain Mrs. Hubrey's finel message to Miss Burram, telling at the same time it was entirely Mrs. Hub-ray's language used by Mr. Hubrey, but he put it forth as a motion of his own, that, as Miss Barram refused to cor sider herself bound to obey the laws of Ren-

that, is Miss Barram refused to consider herself bound to obey the laws of Ren-tonville, she should not be permitted the advantages of Rentonville, and her Charge should be dismissed from the Public

school. Such an action wes not deemed feas

Such an action wes not deemed leas-ible by Mr. Dickel—Miss Burram was too if rich and too independent to be treated in that manner. Mr. Russ-ll said, support-ing the objection to the motion, but with a serces in that belied his words: " if would te a most impracticable plan, a Miss Burram is a landed proprietor, and as such is in a position to defy laws and lawmakers concerned alone with the affairs of the common pacple. Were Muss Burram's Charge the child of a day-laborar, the case would be different. In that case, did her guardian refuse to com-ply with the regulations of the school and irreat with contamely a committee sent with 'resolutions of censura,' the stricters propriety would approve of the instant

cause of her clothes that they show and even fashionably dressed than most and even fashionably dressed than most of her classmates. What was it, then ? she asked herself; and when she could think of no reason, and when the feeling seemed to grow, and to extend itself to the teacher, Rachel's pride came to her aid. She had nothing to say to any of her broidered looked at it gravely while she told the slave to summon her father to the tab-linum, where Valerian would await him.

"You have baptized me, fair priestthe teacher, Rachel's pride came to her aid. She had nothing to say to any of her classmates, and she carried herself with so proud an air that the girls, especially the Herrick twins, mimicked her among themselves and said all sorts of ill-natured things behind her back. Rachel's pride kept her from even tell-ing Hardman about her treatment in school, and when some uppshally open ess, with the mystical rite of the fan-atic Nazarenes, and my soul is thine as truly as they pledge their lives to the impostor, Christus."

She looked up at him with startled eyes and started to speak, but checked herself and walked around the impluy.

ium towards the tablinum. "By Hercules!" he said to himself ing nardman about her treatmate in school, and when some unusually open manifestation of dislike, or contempt oc-curred, that made the proud tears start to her eyes, she forced them back, and said to barself. as he followed her, "her soul is as gentle as a dove's, and she must be wooed in a manner far softer than the eagle-hearted Romans." And so think-ing, he spoke to her impersonally of a I am just as good as they are." Hardman, however, heard much what was going on outside of his tress's gates—a good deal of it much new song that he had brought to her

father, in which he himself was much tress's gates - a good tean of h how Sarah -- but strangely enough, not for one week did that gossip-loving woman hear all the facts pertaining to the "resolu-tions." Hardman had heard them, but with his usual reticence he said nothing. When Sarah heard of them she said at Sarah the Sarah and the said at the said at sarah the Sarah didn't know. or interested. They walked slowly side by side, and through the tablinum they could see the red pillars of the peristyle with its tall vases of rare flowers, and beyond when Caran neard of them she said at once that Miss Barram didn't know, or couldn't know, or she'd a done something to take that paper with her name in such big letters off the wall of the committee room : and she fails non the her ministee that, through a mosaic triclinium, the rich green of the garden made the bright mosaics sill brighter and the gleaming marbles whiter. Opposite big letters off the wall of the committee room; and she fairly ran to her mistress. "They've stuck you up, mem, on the wall of the committee room as large as life, mem, a lookin' down on every mem-her of the School Reard." the entrance on some rocks reclined a marble maiden, and from the urn in her hands gushed forth a stream of clear water which trickled down the ber of the School Board." "Have you lost your mind, Sarah?" asked Miss Burram. "No, mem; I'm in possession of me seven senses, as you'll see for yourself, if you'll to go the committee room. They have you there, mem, and it was you the Hubreys had that day in the big enve-lope they carried, and the trustees put a frame on you, and there you are, mem, a-hanging for every one to see." Miss Burram understood perfectly de-spite Sarah's ambiguous account. and it sides of the rocks with a musical sound. The cithara was still tinkling in the distance, and the warm southern air, trembling with sweet sounds, filled the soul of the young Roman, so susceptible to pleasing impressions, with

happiness. The music ceased, and when the old Flavius joined them Plotins withdrew into the garden, where, they could hear her happy voice as she taiked with her maidens or sang a bit of song. Flavius saw the eyes of the younger man follow her graceful steps through the peristyle and into the garden where sighed and she was lost to view. He sighed and said : "She is a good daughter, Valerian; but I fear that she is no longer a

child." He looked his surprise, however, when the young man answered : "You would hardly take her for a child with that beautiful, womanly head and stately carriage.'

beautiful eyes he sai

"O my Plotina ! I love thee more than life itself ; it is thou who hast taught me what truly is love. Thou hast been to me a goddess to be wor shipped. At thy shrine, fair one, 1 have long poured out the offerings of my heart. I have come to thee many times, beloved, to confess my love, but ever there has been some mysterious force which held thee from me and stopped my words ; but now thou art mine, mine

A tear of happiness, which could not find expression in words, hung on her long brown lashes and brushed against his face. He spoke lightly : See, beloved, thou hast baptized me again." She draw me away from him, and sitting down on a low seat made room for him beside her.

Dost thou believe in the gods Valerian?

"'As my life, and my love for thee," "Charles and a my love for thee," "Dost thou remember what thou saidst to my father about the Arena?"

"That I would like to see every one of the new sect of the Nazareness thrown to the beasts and killed as mercilessiy as they crucified the mad Carpenter. Is that what thou speak-est of, Plotina ?" She shrank from Carpenter the arm that would encircle her.

"Wouldst thou see me the prey of wild beasts ?" He started and the color left his lips. He was impulsive and sensitive, and whatever he did or believed he did and believed with his whole soul. He said slowly and with horror :

"Art thou a Christian ?"

"As I live and love thee, Valerian. He bowed his head in his hands and

sat with his eyes fixed on the mosaic floor. Slowly he lifted his head and looked at her.

But his great love was stronger than his horror, his determined lips relaxed and, drawing her to him, he said :

"Plotina, I love thes more than all