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The Old Bureau; Or a Question of Luck.

BY B. SHIRLEY.

"You'll help me, Nelly, won't you? Just this once more."
"Oh, Jo, I can't."
"Nelly, you must!"
Josephine Jarville conquered. She always had conquered her shy, timid cousin since the days when they were school children together; and she invariably obtained the biggest titbit out of the lunch basket, the prettiest ribbon to tie her hair, the most interesting of the story-books which Aunt Keziah gave the two girls at Christmas.

At eighteen, Jo had taken her fate boldly into her own hands, and, defying Aunt Keziah, she had ventured into the great whirlpool of London life as a factory girl. True, the wages were low, but there was a certain independence about it that commended itself to Jo's half-gypsy nature, and there was always the prospect of promotion. While Nelly remained to be the old woman's drudge in the ancient farmhouse.

Aunt Keziah had been very angry at first. She had vowed she never would forgive "the disobedient mix." But in the course of time she had melted a little; Jo was allowed to come back to the old homestead in her few and scanty vacations, and the old dame even evinced considerable interest in the girl's description of City life and its surroundings.

She had come to Roserville for a day or two. There had been a death in the family of Mr. Wallington, the owner of the factory—so she told her aunt—and the girls were to be left until after the funeral; so, of course, she had returned to the dear old home, to get a glimpse of the budding trees, and smell the hyacinths that were beginning to peep up in the garden.

"Home is so lovely!" said Jo.
"Humph!" grunted Aunt Keziah; "you didn't used to think so when you lived here."
Jo laughed. It was difficult to snub this careless, merry-natured girl. Many a time had Nelly wished that she had a temperament like this, more especially when Aunt Keziah's sarcasm willed her to the ground, or her angry words cut like sharp knives.

"I'm wiser now than I was then," observed Jo. "But, aunt, what makes you look so sober? Is it the toothache again?"
"No; it isn't the toothache," curly answered her aunt. "It's sheer ill luck."
"What?" cried Jo.
"I'm not superstitious," said Aunt Keziah (which was a misrepresentation, for, in truth, the upsetting of the salt-cellar was sufficient to make her wretched, and the flight of a black crow over her head shattered her nerves all day long. Beginning a piece of work on Friday was unheard of, and she was in low spirits for the

whole month if, by any mischance, she beheld the new moon over the wrong shoulder; nor never was but things haven't never gone right with me since I went to the auction sale of them two old maids at Gapwood Hall, and bid for that bureau full of old gowns and shawls, and laces, for two ginneas the lot. Jane Dockweed told me then that dead folks' belongin's didn't never do anybody any good, and I believe she spoke the gospel truth. I ha'n't never had the heart to look the things over. I didn't tell you, girls, but one evening, last winter, I did take the candle up in the garret to give 'em a good over-haulin', and, as true as you live, there was somethin' more than human up there.

Jo was sitting carelessly on the kitchen table, swinging her feet, while she waited for the kettle to boil for tea. Nell, on her knees was toasting bread at the blaze. Both started and turned pale, exchanging quick glances as Aunt Keziah Keziah stooped to pick up her knitting-needle.

"A grey figure, almost like a shadow," went on the old woman. "A woman's figure vanishing all of a sudden into the darkest corner of the garret. Girls, as true as we live and breathe, the three of us, it was old Adeline Gapwood, that's laid in her grave this six year. She was always a cranky, ill-natured thing (with a jurtive stance around (the twilight-room), and it's my belief she ain't pleased because her things was sold at auction an' scattered abroad over 'the face of the earth; I haven't had nothin' but sickness an' trouble since 'hat old bureau came into the house. The big barn burned down, and squire ad distemper and died, and Squire Lowrie began the lawsuit about the 'ootpath, and tramps set the biggest haystack ablaze, and my poor half-brother was killed in a railway accident. And now here's a letter to say 'hat the Pinchbeck Bank has failed, and all my property, is gone!"

Jo jumped up.
"Aunt Keziah," she said, "come and live with me. I'll take care of you; and you'll soon get used to town life."
"The old woman shook her head."
(To be continued.)

day night. In spite of the busy nature of the season the congregation was large and a very hearty service resulted. Besides the new Rector, the Rev. Isaac Parsons, late Incumbent of Bonne Bay, the following clergymen were in attendance: the Revs. A. G. Bayley, M. A., Rural Dean of Bonavista Bay; J. T. Hiscock, B. A., Rector of Newtown; and T. W. Upward, Incumbent of New Harbor. T. B. Mr. Upward said the Office for Evensong, Misses. Parsons and Hiscock read the Lessons; the Induction was performed by the Rural Dean assisted by the Churchwardens. The Rural Dean preached an able sermon on "Pastoral Duties." The new Rector officiated at all services on Sunday, and his sermon at Evensong on "The Church and Her Teaching" was as earnest, straightforward and Catholic utterance as was ever heard in St. Stephen's.

After the Induction Service on Friday night a meeting of the parishioners was held in the Parish Hall, and a large audience assembled. The object of the meeting was the presentation of an address and purse to the Rural Dean, the Rev. A. G. Bayley, in appreciation of his great services to the Church in Greenspond during the past eight months, at a time when, owing to the lack of a resident priest the Church was so devoid of life and enterprise that lovers of the Church feared for her future in the Mission. It was at that juncture that Mr. Bayley left his own parish at Bonavista in charge of the Mission, the Rev. Edgar Jones, and assumed charge of affairs at Greenspond, with the result that within a short time zeal was revived, interest was quickened, and financial obligations were so well met that the Diocesan Synod was enabled to elevate the Mission to parochial standing. The Rector, Rev. I. Parsons, presided, and expressed his profound pleasure at having to per-

form such a pleasing duty at the very entrance to his ministry in Greenspond as to take part in this function. He called upon the People's Warden, Mr. J. J. Miffen, J. P., to present the address. Mr. Miffen first spoke briefly, commending the creditable work done by Greenspond during the year; he said that the success of that work was made possible only by the Rural Dean's labours. He then presented the address. The purse was presented at the conclusion of the address by the Rector's Warden, Mr. E. Edgar, J.P. In replying, the Rural Dean thanked the people for their kind address and purse. He was really surprised at the presentation, and felt unworthy of it and the kind things that had been said about him. He was proud and glad to have helped in the revival of Church life. But what he had done was only accomplished by the strong backing which Greenspond Church people had given him in his efforts. He acknowledged with gratitude the immense help rendered him by all Church officials, especially by the Lay-reader, Mr. Samson, whose sterling worth was deserving of unstinted praise. At the request of the Chairman the Rev. T. W. Upward addressed the meeting. It was pleasing to him to hear of the progress of the Church in Greenspond, and he trusted and hoped that it would continue to go forward, and grow strong in the full favour of the Catholic Faith. The Rev. J. T. Hiscock also spoke, and congratulated Greenspond on its admirable work during the year, and the Rural Dean on his good fortune in receiving such a fine presentation.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology. The Chairman pronounced the Benediction.

Greenpond News Budget.

(For the Telegram.)

As Friday last was the Twelfth of July it was observed by the Orangemen of this town with the customary celebrations. Numerous flags were flying throughout the town, and during the afternoon, the old cannon down "Pound" bellowed forth their thunderous salute in honour of the memory of the Victory of the Boynes.

July 12th, 1912, will be noted as a red-letter day in the history of the Church in Greenspond, for the reason that then its first Rector—elected by popular suffrage—was inducted to his office. For the purpose of that ceremony a special service was held in St. Stephen's Church at 8 o'clock on Fri-

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"Do they think of me at home?"
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Do they think of me at eve?
Of the songs I used to sing?
Is the harp I struck untouched,
Does a stranger wake the string?
Will no kind forgiving word
Come across the raging foam?
Shall I never cease to sigh,
"Do they think of me at home?"
Shall I never cease to sigh,
"Do they think of me at home?"

Do they think of how I loved
In my happy early days?
Do they think of him who came
But could never win their praise
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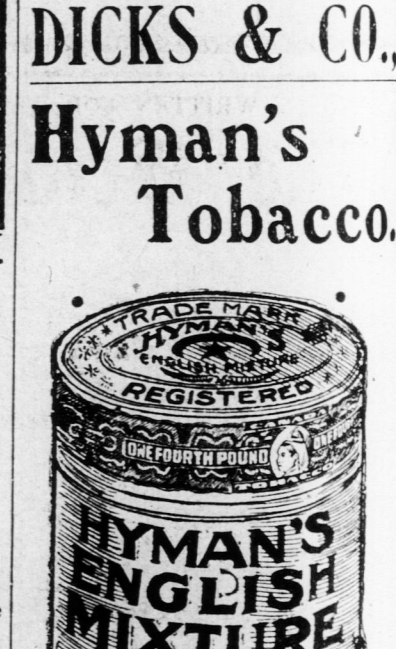
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