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THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL.

A Story of the New Awakening in the Land of the Old.

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During his stay in London, Renaldo was, as a matter of course, the Conde's guest; yet up to the time of his conversion with Macdonald his intercourse with Elvira had been very limited.

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So things remained until the day arrived which preceded that on which Renaldo was to depart on his return to Spain. He had been a week making calls with the Conde, all the morning, and arranging matters with friends interested in his Spanish mission; and early in the afternoon Don Fernando had gone out again, leaving him with Elvira in the little room which was used for their library.

They talked of Spain, of the work going on there, so secretly, yet so effectually, and then— "And you will be doing the same work among our countrymen here," remarked Renaldo. "I have been sometimes almost tempted to believe that my own place was here, too, but the Lord has shown me clearly that He calls me to the center of the fight against evil. I go gladly with a willing heart, and yet, senorita, it is a sacrifice that I lay on the altar! I never felt that so intensely as now. But no man, putting his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God! Nor would I."

He was pacing the room in his old fashion as he spoke, and paused at the door, looking back, as if for the first time, at the other place than the one to which God appoints me. Yet, while the soldier glories in the wound received for his sovereign, he none the less feels the anguish.

She started, and flashed one hurried glance at the speaker. There was no mistaking the look which met her. Her eyes were beautiful, and not knowing what reply to make, her trembling fingers went on arranging the tracts, although she no longer knew what she was doing.

Don Fernando had for some months been engaged in Macdonald's mission as an openly professed Christian; yet the fear of his cousin's distrustful reality of the change wrought in his heart and life had made him delay again to step forth as the gift of his hand.

But now, when Senora de Ramirez wrote him, telling him that all hope of permanent restoration was over, and that at most a few months must suffice for the dreaded disease, consumption, to complete its deadly work, he at once decided to see her, and urged his suit. "Let me have the comfort of possessing the right to watch over you this little remaining while, my beloved," he pleaded. "I could not do much for my cousin, give me the right to attend on my wife to the last."

And so he yielded, and the two who had been parted so long ago spoke the unspoken words in the little church of the quiet Devonshire village. Macdonald went down for the day—the only present except their own family circle.

The Conde and his wife would not take Elvira from London, where she was devoting herself so entirely and effectively to the Lord's work; and Senora de Ramirez, at the request of all three, accompanied her back to town, and took up her abode with her.

"That's Tillie," said Tommy, "and she won't stop at calling; she'll bust me up." He looked around for a hiding place. He could hear Tillie running down the stone walk. She would be there in a minute, so he hastily jumped down from the work bench, he ran across the floor and climbed into an old cupboard, which shook in a threatening manner, as if resenting the intrusion. He pulled the door too just as Tillie appeared in the doorway.

"Tommy! Tommy Dawson!" she called so that there might be no mistake as to what Tommy was wanted. Tommy held his breath lest she might discover him, and wished that his heart would not thump so heavily against his ribs; surely Tillie would hear it. But she turned toward the house as if satisfied that he was not to be found. Tommy chuckled in high glee, and after hearing the door shut, clambered down out of the crazy old cupboard, his face very red, his clothes covered with dust and cobwebs.

Tommy's mother was very old, but he will never forget how mean he felt just then. "You'd better not stand there," continued Tillie. "Uncle Tom said we must be ready in half an hour, and he's been here 'most fifteen minutes now."

Tommy's Experience. "Tommy! Tommy!" Tommy shut one eye, and with the other looked through a convenient knot-hole in the side of the wardrobe.

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