

does Edith some injury. I hid the cross, and being anxious to get rid of it, sent it to Mrs. Cadgett by Figgs. I quite forgot that I should be called on to account for the way it came into my possession. Now, this is all that I know of it, and I tell it to you fellows in strict confidence; I know those of you who have sisters of your own, will do all you can to help me with your advice.

"We will," the boys cried, as they passed round him. "You suspect some one?" said Tremaine, "I think we all suspect the same person, but we will mention no names at present." Farther discussion was prevented by the loud notes of a bugle call, sounding from the bridge. "It is the call to arms of the College Company," Tremaine cried, "something must have happened—all you that belong to the College Corps go straight to the armoury and get your rifles—don't wait to put on uniform—if it is what I suspect, the 'Knights' must not be last in the field." They hurried to the armoury, where a number of the students and elder boys were already busy. On arriving at the bridge, they found the Warden, and most of the students surrounding a trooper, whose smoking horse showed that he had ridden hard and fast.

This took place in the last of those days, when it was thought that a Fenian raid on any part of Canada was a mere chimera. The Fenians themselves, it was said, would never have recourse to so impracticable a method of aiding Ireland. And if they did, the great Republic, with whom Canada was on the most friendly terms, would never permit herself to be disgraced by allowing a band of robbers and marauders to march through their territory unchecked, upon a peaceful neighbour. Fenianism was mere talk, no more. Volunteering was but an expensive amusement, whereby idle apprentices and office clerks wasted their employers' time. So municipal bodies and government officials pooh poohed the volunteer movement, and business men grumbled at the hardly-extorted permission to attend drill. Among those latter, however, were not the authorities of St. Basil College. By them military drill was regarded as an essential part of the education of every loyal man's son; not only were the young boys regularly drilled, but the elder ones and the students were encouraged to take pride in the company they had raised. A good fife band was maintained at the University expense, and when a volunteer ball was given from time to time, by the Matchbrook battalion, the use of their great hall, and every hospitable aid was given by the College potentates.

"News has come," said the Warden, as the boys joined the group, "that a body of Fenians has marched for Matchbrook, and a detached party is on its way hither, in order to plunder the district bank and post office—and the visitors whom we may expect are not far distant. I would ask Captain Lyster what he thinks our best means of defence, for I know there is not one here, not glad of the chance to show that he knows the meaning of 'pro aris et pro focis.'" As he spoke the Warden pointed to the gilded cross which shone in the moonlight, on the east end of the College chapel upon the hill above them. A cheer from the company, now formed in line upon the bridge, answered him; again and again

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