

**FINAL SCENES AT DEATHBED OF THE AGED PONTIFF.**

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rides, rattled across the baked Vesuvian stone, with which the square of St. Peter's is paved, and took its place on the cab rank which lies in the shadow of Michael Angelo's four hundred columns. A few half-naked urchins dived in the spray which a slight breeze blew from the fountains that play unceasingly beside the huge obelisk brought to Rome from Egypt by some conquering hero. A few yards away, beside the bronze doors, which lead to the Vatican, some twenty or thirty men and boys and a handful of gendarmes lazily awaited the news. Inside the Swiss guards lolled on a bench and complained of the heat. Scarcely a soul passed up the marble staircase and the courtyard of San Damaso was deserted except for the heavy black carriages of the Cardinals and their coachmen, who were awaiting their masters. It was the hour of the siesta, nothing could have been more peaceful. Occasionally one more energetic among the watchers ventured into the sun to take another glance at the Pope's room, which, kept closely shuttered, was in perfect harmony with the quiet scene it overlooked. At twenty minutes past four a man dashed madly across St. Peter's square, then quite empty. A second later followed one on a bicycle. Within a few seconds, as if by magic, newspaper men, gendarmes and messengers, running, driving, and gestulating, dashed to and from the portals of the Vatican. Like a wireless message there flashed around the words: "He is dead."

Rubbing the afternoon sleep from their eyes, bareheaded men and women, carrying babies, emerged from the darkened houses and cafes and besieged the doors of the Vatican. The transformation was complete. The quick movement and tense feeling of the rapidly gathering crowd was now permeated where a few minutes before there had been no sign of life. The French ambassador's carriage drove furiously from the Vatican and drew up at a nearby telegraph office. Without waiting for the horses to stop the ambassador jumped out and notified his government of the Pope's death. There soon followed the Cardinals, who with set faces drove slowly homewards. Behind the shutters of Pope Leo's room still remained closed, all was over. The heavy bronze doors were swung to and entrance to the Vatican was only obtainable by knocking at a little wicket, which was closely kept within by the papal guard, and without by the Italian police. The latter had been slightly reinforced, but had no difficulty in controlling the crowd, which were allowed to remain in the square, just as they were accustomed to do before the death, but not to enter the Vatican itself. Carriages kept rattling up, their occupants mostly holding in their hands extra editions announcing the Pope's death, which the local papers quickly got out.

**Regina Notes**

July 21, 1903.—This morning's west-bound train brought to Regina, Miss Viola Victoria Devine, of Toronto, who is now the happy bride of Mr. Charles Hall, well known in Toronto and Winnipeg, at which places he has formerly resided. The interesting event took place in St. Mary's church shortly after the arrival of the train. Miss Murphy was bridesmaid, while our much esteemed friend, Mr. Whelan, acted as groomsmen. The wedding party entered the church to the strains of the time-honored march played by Miss Geanger. Rev. Father Van Heertum performed the marriage ceremony and celebrated the nuptial mass, while Rev. Father Lighton, of Wolsley, occupied a seat in the sanctuary. The bride wore a most becoming suit of light grey, trimmed very prettily with white lace, with a white picture hat trimmed with chiffon and large ostrich plume. Miss Murphy was all that could be desired as bridesmaid, attired in a most becoming suit of brown, with hat to match. After the signing of the register the bridal party repaired to the priest's house, where, with Revs. Father Van Heertum and Lighton, they sat down to a most recherche dinner. The table was most tastefully decorated with flowers and the re-

past reflected great credit on Miss Tyne, who on this occasion, as always, proved herself the ideal hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have started on the sea of matrimony in a most propitious manner, fortified by the sacraments of our Holy Church, and we predict for them "Good Luck." We cordially welcome them to St. Mary's congregation and wish them a long, happy and prosperous life together. We were pleased to see so many bachelor friends present; we feel satisfied they were edified, and trust that Mr. Hall's example may not be fruitless.

Miss Granger, of Willow Bunch, has been spending a few days in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. Hamilton. Miss Granger presided at the organ during High Mass on Sunday and sang a French hymn, which was much appreciated. Miss Granger teaches at Willow Bunch, and is en route to Winnipeg to pass her holidays.

Mrs. C. J. McCusker and her eldest son are among the Regina visitors to the great Winnipeg fair.

Miss Stubbings returned a few days ago from a prolonged visit to Winnipeg and other points in Manitoba. Miss Stubbings was much missed during her absence, and we will be pleased to see her in her accustomed place at the organ in St. Mary's church, where she has for nearly five years past performed the duties of organist in a most zealous and painstaking manner. We are glad to learn she had a most enjoyable holiday.

One would scarcely believe the change that has taken place in Regina during the past few months. Fine residences, stores, banks, warehouses, three of mammoth dimensions have been built; while two new elevators are in course of construction.

Regina ball-players are proud over the fact of having beaten Moose Jaw in that town, even though Moose Jaw was reinforced by outside players. Great enthusiasm prevails here over baseball, and some very interesting games are played in the grounds.

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**TRUE FRIENDSHIP.**

There are two indispensable foundation qualities in every true friendship—mutual agreeableness and mutual confidence. We are bound to entertain Christian goodwill towards every fellow-creature, but we are not by any means bound to enter into close relations with people who offend our sensibilities at every turn.

Agreeableness does not necessarily imply external beauty or cleverness, but it is hard to conceive of it apart from gentle and kindly manners.

The foundation of mutual agreeableness is often laid in a moment, but that of mutual confidence is a work of time. There is friendship as well as love at first sight, but it is rare; true friendship is a plant of gradual growth which needs for its perfection, sun and air, watering, and weeding. There are people who promise well on first acquaintance, but who are sad disappointments at nearer range. They reproduce in their own characters the illusions of stage scenery. At a distance one looks through a lovely and almost interminable forest glade, towards a cloudless sunset. Near, one runs into wood and varnish and vulgar paint. Or, at best you get but the shallow of a picture for the depth of a woodland. It is good as far as it goes, but it goes a very short way.

Human magnets are found in every social circle, people who almost without effort attract a following as they move through life, and become, so to speak, the centre of gravity. These are the men and women, who, if they have strength of character behind the external charm, make and unmake nations, and who, adding truth and goodness to strength of character, make the apostolic saints, the great recruiting agents of the heavenly hosts.

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working-women, until they can enter the home of which they shall be mistress, but fret under it's wise restraints, and despise its modest cares and pleasures. Such girls want their freedom, so that they can have a career; and after their hearts are set on the career for which nature has not destined them, and for which training cannot qualify them. Some little graceful aptitude, made much of in the family circle or in school, is mistaken for a great gift which needs only a wider sphere for its exercise to make its possessor famous.

Fond mothers, ambitious unto self-effacement to-day, for your sons and daughters, stop awhile, and ponder on your duty to be equally ambitious for yourself; or tomorrow will come, and you will rightly regret your self-effacement and wrongly regret your ambition. If there is necessity for self denial in the matter of gowns, or amusements, do not monopolize the noble virtue. Give your children a chance to gain some merit too.

Your early education has been rudimentary, your social opportunities humble in comparison with those which improving fortunes will enable you to give to your daughter. Advance her, but advance yourself with her. With a little care for those exterior advantages, and that present-day information which so impress youth, your stores of knowledge gained in the stern school of experience, will more than offset your daughter's longer school course, and more numerous accomplishments.

So strong is filial love, and the natural instinct in the child, to look up to the mother, that with a little tact, and a moderate amount of attention, she will never think of the existence of even a technical disparity in your respective acquirements.

The effort to keep up with the times is a little irksome after the first freshness of youth has fled, but it is not half so hard as the regret for falling back, sure to overtake us if we do not make it.

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