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A STORY OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.

By John Talbot Smith, author of "Brother Azarias," "A Woman's Sacrifice," "His Honor the Mayor."

CHAPTER XIV.

MYSTERY.

The clouds had been gathering over the city of Washington during a warm December afternoon...

manner is elastic. It is a Yankee notion. "Purly," said Florian, uneasy at the drift of the Count's remarks...

or that quarter staring, simply staring. Pere Rougevin, reading his weekly Freeman after dinner, was moved to look out of the window by a passing shadow...

I had to do," said he, "required secrecy for two reasons: that it might be more deftly done, and might awaken no unreasonable hopes in the bosoms of American citizens whose birthright of freedom they would not exchange for an earldom."

he gave the message for his mother that Florian had come home. The Count was a trifle curious as he heard the hurried, timid step in the hall, and he watched Mrs. Winifred closely as she appeared...



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SECRET HEART REVIEW. PROTESTANT CONTROVERSY.

The author of "Romanism and the Republic," whose book consists of a number of sermons first delivered to his own congregation, takes as the text of his first discourse God's declaration to the prophet Ezekiel, that if the people of the land appoint a watchman against the enemy, and calamity should result from his negligence, God will require of the watchman a strict account of all the disasters that may have resulted from his unfaithfulness.

This is the keynote of the whole popular controversy against Roman Catholicism. The controversy would amount to little were it not for the constant assumption that spiritual allegiance to Rome is inconsistent with civil allegiance to the Government.

Now let me ask the Reverend Isaac J. Lansing: When, sir, has the American nation appointed you a guardian of her interests against Rome? At no time. Then why should you not be proceeded against before the courts, or if not there before the bar of public opinion, as a presumptuous usurper of a momentous civil charge which has never been committed to you?

Before going into these American proposals, let us consider a religion which actually is what these people would have us believe Roman Catholicism to be. I mean Mohammedanism. There is no dispute here. In this religion Church and State are absolutely one. The Caliph, that is at present the Sultan, is acknowledged, in theory, as having unlimited power in every direction.

Now how do the English deal with this state of things? With the generous boldness of a great and free people. They reflect that men are not responsible for their hereditary religion. They are responsible to the law only for their acts. So long as they obey the legitimate enactments of the Government this is bound to accept their obedience.

It is true, they have had reasons for their attitude. Mecca, which, after all, these are only palliatives. Many—perhaps not all—often ask themselves: Ought I not to revolt against the unbelievers at all hazards? The terrible mutiny of 1857, though only partially Mohammedan, broke out around a Moslem emperor. It can not be said there will never be another.

sously built up. The author declares complete Catholic disfranchisement desirable. He says that if the courts acted on their own principles, they would, and should, disfranchise every Roman Catholic in America. He declares, again and again, that he is not arguing against Catholicism theologially, but politically, yet his book has extended theological discussions. It follows that he views all who hold these doctrines, most of which are purely religious, unfit for citizenship.

This gives us the measure of the man, and of the book, and of the whole class. Their animosity against the Roman Catholics is at bottom bitterly theological. They are fully bent on expressing their hatred by persecution. Yet as our Federal Government, and most of our States, have definitely refused to impose penalties or civil disabilities on any speculative opinions whatever, they are forced, in spite of themselves, on to political ground. Yet it is a very thin disguise. The veneration of the Virgin and of the Saints, and the doctrine of Transubstantiation, can not by any ingenuity be tortured into a political application, or made out to be inconsistent with the temper of honest citizenship.

Mr. Lansing, however, makes quick work here. "These opinions are heathenish. We ought not to suffer heathenish religion or heathenish morality in our republic. Therefore the Roman Catholics ought not to be suffered to vote, nor to teach their religion to their children." I can make nothing else out of his reasoning. I do not think that he means anything else to be made out of it. Indeed one of his headings is: "Shall Romanism teach a Pagan morality to American youth?" Now no one dreams of teaching Roman Catholic doctrines to Protestant pupils in our Public schools.

What meaning then can this possibly have but this: "Shall Roman Catholics be allowed to bring up their own children in their own religion?" If there is another meaning, let Mr. Lansing write and tell me what it is, and I will publish it. Until he does, the obvious interpretation I have given must prevail. However, I hardly feel free to charge this class of men with hypocrisy in saying one thing and meaning another. The veil which they throw over their purpose of religious persecution is far too thin to hide their intent. As they mean, as soon as they can, to violate American principles out-and-out, a decent declaration of veneration for them is graceful, and takes no one in. It is simply like "Not at home" to an unwelcome visitor.

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that must be left to a mightier Hand. Indeed we cannot tell in any land what forces may be lying under a quiet surface. We cannot tell what explosive forces may be lying in our own breasts. England wisely and courageously disarms forbidden things which may never be realized, and entrusts to the higher ability and integrity of the Mohammedans above the Hindus a large share of work of Indian administration. The result abundantly justifies her, and this generous confidence renders it continually more difficult for the Moslems even to wish to actuate the dangerous possibilities of their religion. Indeed there are old Indians who think a far more unreserved confidence yet deserved by the Moslems, and certain to be of great benefit to India.

Now suppose that India had been given over to an English Committee of One Hundred. This would fairly have choked in the abundance of matter offered to its passion for malicious mischief. Frank confidence would have been in its eyes a mere craving for suicide. Mohammedan talent, integrity, public spirit, would have been mere sugar-coated treason. Every commission which sheer necessity had compelled it to give to a Moslem would have been given with so wary a face as to deepen contemptuous hatred where it existed and to create it where it did not. Had they had their counterparts of our Boston celebrities, half the English would have been massacred and the other half driven into the sea. Happily, a strong hand has been held over such people in India, and so England still has her Empire.

Charles C. Starbuck. Andover, Mass.

A GREAT EXAMPLE.

There was much in the life of the late Sir Stuart Knill that would have made him an example to Catholics in any country and an ornament of the Church in any age. A shrewd man of business, he found time, while amassing a vast fortune, for his visit to the Blessed Sacrament, his regular frequent communion, his extra weekly Mass, and the little sanctities of daily life. A man of great placid biliousness, he preserved a cheerful, pleasant manner under interruptions and irritations, ever scrupulously discharging the duties of father and friend,—hospitable, kindly and generous; promptly responsive to every call of charity. A man of the world, he took a knightly pride in professing before men his loyalty to the old Mother Church; and when his blushing honors crowded fullest upon him—when he had risen to the highest municipal office in the British Empire,—he went to visit the Catholic college in which he was educated, and asked as a favor to be permitted to serve the students' Mass, as he had done in his boyhood days.

His life, we repeat, would have been an honor to the Church in any age and in any country; but there are reasons why his example is especially valuable in this country and at this time. When Stuart Knill was chosen Lord Mayor of London, there would have been few to reproach him had he strained a point to prove to Englishmen that a Catholic might be trusted with the dearest interests of the people; that Catholics are not prigs nor hide-bound bigots; and that the rules of social, civil and even religious intercourse, which Protestants call tyrannous, are susceptible of wide and easy interpretation. Strictly speaking, he was the first Catholic Lord Mayor since the Reformation. There are many reasons and numerous circumstances which would justify him, as the Mayor of "the largest and most Protestant city in the world," in straining a point to avoid wounding the susceptibilities of good people, who, not understanding the fine points of theology, respect his life as a model of heretical services in his official capacity.

Stuart Knill had served only a few months in office when it was suggested that, following the example of other Lord Mayors, he ought to attend the official services in St. Paul's (Protestant) Cathedral. "If he had been a man accustomed to insincerities or ready to pay lip service for potage," says the Tablet, "there was a precedent, ready to suggest that he might easily compromise with his conscience. He might have explained that his attendance in a Protestant place of worship was purely formal; that, while his body was present, his heart was absent. But that sort of poor double-dealing was absolutely alien to the simple straightforwardness that had marked all his life. He looked the temptation straight in the eyes, and then, to his eternal honor, announced with all courteousness, but unmistakable firmness, that he would not deviate from Catholic usage, or stoop to subterfuge to pick up the highest honor which London can bestow."

Before his election, there had been a mighty howl against the candidacy of a Catholic for the ancient and honorable position of Lord Mayor. He had been severely catechised by the bigots as to the course he should follow in matters of religion in case he were elected. He had not flinched then, but answered that, whether as mayor or as merchant, he would ever remain an uncompromising Catholic. It was not for him, who had stood with such superb constancy during the trying times of a campaign, to waver now that he actually wore the robes of office, and the public letter in which he announced his decision has the ring of the old Catholic metal that makes Sir Thomas More an everlasting example. His words are precious. "It may perhaps be argued," he wrote, "that I might be present materially and passively, without taking any part in the service. That might be so. But,

without reverting to what I have said already as to the insincerity of such a presence, how would such fine distinctions between a material and a religious presence be received and understood by the English people? It is also necessary to consider the case of multitudes in workhouses and other institutions, of governesses and servants, and others who feel in conscience bound to suffer, and even to give up their situations, rather than attend religious services in which they cannot conscientiously take part. No! It would never do for a Lord Mayor of London to avail himself of a subtle distinction such as this, which would be widely misunderstood, while it would be without the poor excuse of having been adopted under dire necessity."

The effect of his manly adhesion to principle upon the public mind can hardly be imagined at this distance of time and space. Grumbling there was among many, and hard words from the narrow minded; but it is safe to say that the best people of Protestant London were proud of their fearless and conscientious Lord Mayor. And when Stuart Knill went a step farther, and at a public banquet proposed as the first toast "The Pope and the Queen"—giving to the Holy Father the precedence which of right was his,—there was none to question his loyalty, though there were many (the bigots again) to question his taste. His manhood had partially won even them; for when his term as Mayor had expired, this stout Catholic was chosen alderman of an important ward in London; and demonstrated when, at the same election, his son was chosen alderman of another ward. Certainly the Queen herself took no umbrage at his public preference for the Pope; she signaled his retirement from the mayoralty by conferring on him the honor of knighthood.

A knightly soul he was, and a wholesome example for us who live in an atmosphere of heresy and compromise. Let American Catholics learn from this great man that a rigid interpretation of duty is no bar to the esteem of all whose good opinion is worth having; that to be a "trimmer" in matters of conscience is to lower one's flag and to trade in one's manhood; that good Protestants respect good Catholics the more because they have old-fashioned, ultramontane views about infrequent sectarian conventicles; and, finally, that, even in the eyes of worldly men, fidelity to private conscience is the surest guarantee of fidelity to public trust. Ave. Maria.

CHANGE OF THE PROTESTANT HEART.

From the Boston Pilot. Our esteemed Protestant contemporary, the Congregationalist, closes its series of papers by Janet Sanderson on "Seven Great Hymns of the Medieval Ages" with the "Stabat Mater Speciosa," a medieval Christmas hymn by Jacoponus, the author of the much better known "Stabat Mater Dolorosa." He wished by the former to glorify the brief joy of Mary's virgin motherhood at Bethlehem ere the sword of Simeon's Calvary, when she shared the sufferings by which Her Divine Son redeemed mankind. It says much for the progress of Catholic ideas outside the Church to find this series on the old Catholic hymns in a distinctly Protestant journal, and we can forgive the Congregationalist's expression of its own evident misunderstanding of the Catholic unity of faith when it lets Catholic faith and devotion speak for themselves in those hymns of the Church. A still greater change of the Protestant heart is manifested by the Watchman (Baptist) displaying a fine print of the Stabat Mater Madonna on the cover of its Christmas number. All who truly seek the Christ-Child know that, like the shepherds and the Kings of old, they must find Him with His Mother.

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TISSOT'S VISION.

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He saw a ruined castle, a "modern castle," he takes care to tell us, and a man and woman crouching among the broken stones. They were miserable creatures, old, infirm and ragged, bending under the weight of all human sorrows, desperate, with nothing to hope for in this world or in the next. There they sat, among the ruins of that modern civilization which had vainly entrusted to science and liberty the task of guiding man to justice and happiness, and which knows that it is perishing, a victim to the hatred and envy it is powerless to appease, because "O God! O God!" the two poor wretches groaned in their despair. And lo! a form appeared in the dark sky above them, and, floating downward, gently, silently sat beside them, a comforter, a brother, the God to whom they had unconsciously appealed. The blood streams from His thorn-crowned brow and from His pierced hands. Their sorrows are great, but what are they to His? They recognize the Christ, they feel Him near, and this nearness consoles them and inspires them with new courage for the battle of life.

The vision haunted him, followed him to his home, was his companion in every scene, grave or gay. He thought by painting it he might get rid of this uncomfortable visitant. The result was "The Inward Voices," the first picture that meets the eyes of the visitor on entering Gallery A. It is the only one in oils in the series, and in which the figures are life-size. It is, in fact, the frontispiece of the work, and gives the clue by which it is to be interpreted. All the details are symbolic as well as the characters. The mantle that covers Christ is intended to represent the hierarchy of His Church. Other features are typical of the sin of Adam and Eve, the Passion, etc.

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FIVE-MINUTES' SERMON.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

SINNERS, WASH OFF THE LEPROSY OF YOUR SOUL.

"Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." (Matt. 8, 2.) What leprosy is to the body, sin is to the soul. Leprosy is a loathsome, incurable disease, which covers the whole body with suppurating swellings and ulcers, rendering it like to a decomposing corpse. So great is the contagion of this disease that whoever comes in contact with it, has every reason to fear that he has imbibed the fatal poison. And is this not similar to the leprosy of the soul? Does not the robe of sanctifying grace, of its supernatural beauty, and does it not the soul in a horrible manner? Does not this spiritual leprosy, by pestilential odor, spread everywhere the poison of contagion? Does it not also exclude man from the society of God and the angels, and expose him to the greatest danger to fall a victim to eternal death, to everlasting punishment?

Oh, truly lamentable condition of sinner separated from God! Would you say of a person who would be so foolish as to step on the brink of a frightful precipice? Only a slight change of position and he is hurled into the bottomless abyss! Behold, O sinner, you are separated from God, you contemplate your picture. This is dangerous condition in which your soul now is. Do you know with certainty whether you will be alive or morrow? Ah, no man knows the hour of his summons, and yet, you to be immediately called before the throne of God, what would be your for all eternity? Do you not tremble at the mere thought that you would be a reprobate without redemption, without mercy, cast away in the frightful flames of hell? Madman, you venture for a ton of gold, to the tip of your finger over a glowing iron, you are willing to risk but for all eternity in that fiery furnace which has been kindled, not by mercy of God, like our earthly father, but by His terrible anger? O sinner, take heed to my warning! I have admonished you in God's name. Alas, you alone will wall the wall of Mal'aculpa, through my fault. But what should you do to the anger of God, and to save your soul while there is yet time? His example will teach you. See how he had heard that the Redeemer passing when with filial confidence turned to that merciful Heart, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." Oh! what humility, simplicity, what confidence does this petition contain! Jesus is moved and hastens to reward the sentiments. He speaks only of his body: "I will be, be thou clean," and instantly the leprosy is cleansed. O sinner, alone it depends to receive a grace; for the mercy of your Redeemer is as great now as it was a hundred years ago. Prostrate yourself before the Blessed Sacrament, and confess your sins in the presence of God, your future who is there really present. Act of perfect contrition, your confessions, be sincerely so, merely for having offended your Redeemer, your best Father, Sovereign God. This confession, as faith teaches, of calling your guilt and of your the peace of reconciliation before you have confessed. Such an act of perfect contrition purify your soul immediately, leprosy, and make you the child of God and heir of His not, however, forget what requires of the cleansed says to him: "Go and show to the priest!" So must be obtained forgiveness, which is the commandment of God, which to show your loyalty to the sacrament of penance, firm resolution of confession at the earliest opportunity, accompanied with this act of contrition, although the sins remitted by perfect contrition. Beloved Christians, you the means whereby to obtain of the leprosy of your soul, time you should be in danger and have no opportunity of your sins, make an act of contrition with the resolution confession. Should death deny overtake you without the sacraments, in God a merciful Judge. I beg of you, apply this act of reconciliation only when death—use it as often as misfortune of falling ill, but may die at any moment, therefore, to live with God, when hell bursts and death can in an us before the judgment. Let us, therefore, free from sin, and if, unfortunately, been infected by it, seek immediately, so that we always find us, like faithful waiting and watching for Amen.

In Reply to Off Report. It may be well to state, acts as a food as well as a health after wasting labor. Only those who have felt the torture of a corn cause boots on, pain with them a day; but relief is sure to lowly's Corn Cure.

