

UNCLE DICK CURNOW'S CONVERSION. A STORY OF EARLY CORNISH METHUENISM. BY THE REV MARK GUY PEARSE.

CHAPTER III

IN WHICH WE GET TO UNCLE DICK CURNOW AT LAST. "He was eighty-two, sir, when he died, was the old Uncle Dick; and that is a goodish many years ago now."

But I must leave Miss Jennie's narrative, using it only with the rest of the information I had gathered. Good old Dick had been in his early life certainly the very leader in the fierce sports of those times. And no Irishman at a fair finds more delight in a scrimmage than did the Cornishmen of a hundred years ago.

He was still a young man when the arrow of the truth first struck him; it stuck in his heart and he could never get it out again. It was Mr. Wesley's own hand that drew the bow at a venture—the text did not seem a likely shaft to smite such an one as this Dick Curnow.

When the congregation broke up Dick had gone away by himself to the seaside. He sat on a rock, high up the cliff, whilst the waves crept in and out hundreds of feet below him. The sun was setting. The breadth of golden glory that stretched away towards it over the waters changed to crimson.

On this part of Dick's story Miss Jennie had her comment. "He said that he used to go about wishing that he was a cripple or a little child, or a woman, anything that was weak. A woman, indeed! But there, the men alays is so ignorant. I s'pose they can't help it, poor dears."

So young Dick lived on as before, thinking that there was nothing else for him. But, in the quiet night, or, in the midst of the deep stillness underground, the words would come back to him—Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!

good then! In the winter evenings he would creep up to the chapel, listening at the window intently. He looked in upon the little company with a kind of awe. How he wished that he were weak and feeble and old, like Jan Treloar, the leader of the society.

One night as Dick listened at the window, under cover of the darkness, the preacher had chosen for his subject the conversion of St. Paul. There was a somewhat vivid description of the persecution of the early Christians; of the death of Stephen, and of Paul's part in it. Dick drew nearer and nearer to the little window, until his face pressed close against it.

To Dick it was no bit of dead history but a page of to-day, real and present. Suddenly the little company inside was startled by a voice, "Please, sir do he live anywhere hereabout, do he?"

The next day Jan Treloar was at work in his little tailor's shop, when Dick appeared in the doorway. The young giant looked up with such a pleading face and such an earnest voice that anybody might have read all the secret of his trouble in a moment.

"Please, Mest' Treloar, where do that fightin' chap live to, what they was a-tellin' about up to chapel last night?"

"A fightin' man, an' up to chapel! La, Dick Curnow, whatever are 'ee a-tellin' about them?"

"Why, last night, up to chapel, Mest' Treloar, an' her so good as killed one of 'em, too. I should dearly like for to see the man an' hear all about it from his own lips, for to make sure that tes true. Livin' anywhere hereabouts, is he, Mest' Treloar?"

"What!" gasped Jan Treloar, "he do mean St. Paul! To think of it!" And the old man held up his hands, horrified as much at the thought of the apostle being alive now, as at his being spoken of as "a fightin' chap."

"Iss—when you can catch me," cried Dick, defiantly. The discharge of some firearm whistled uncomfortably near as the only reply to his impertinence, and the water flew from the eight oars that now gave chase.

CHAPTER IV

IN WHICH DICK CURNOW HAS HIS LAST TURN AT SMUGGLING.

As the weeks of that winter passed away Dick's companions noticed a strangeness in him. The old sprightliness of manner was gone. He who used to be so quick to pick a quarrel was now very slow to avenge himself. And though he had not lost his skill in a turn at the old combats, yet there was a carelessness in following up his advantage which was quite unlike the Dick of former time.

"I'm caught!" He knew, as everybody along that coast knew full well what the booming meant. The cave, high-roofed and deep within, was at the mouth narrow and low. The tide had risen, until now each wave swept over the mouth, driving in the air that flew back again with the boom of a cannon as the wave began to recede.

But as for young Dick himself, he went on quite unconscious of any change. To him the possibility of such a thing would have been a great joy. No, he could only think of himself still as big, strong Dick Curnow; he could never be good and gentle and loving like the blessed were.

change. To him the possibility of such a thing would have been a great joy. No, he could only think of himself still as big, strong Dick Curnow; he could never be good and gentle and loving like the blessed were. But there was one thing that Dick Curnow never thought of altering—did not wish to alter in. If he were ever so meek and gentle and loving, he need not give this up. It was smuggling.

But with this winter came at once Dick Curnow's last venture and the beginning of this new life. The ship was expected at a little well-known and well-hidden creek to the north of St. Ivar's. It was a bigger venture than usual, and for some days the men of the place had been anxiously on this lookout.

"The officer sprang up in a moment, and called on him in the Kings name to surrender." "Iss—when you can catch me," cried Dick, defiantly. The discharge of some firearm whistled uncomfortably near as the only reply to his impertinence, and the water flew from the eight oars that now gave chase.

THE HELPFUL DISCIPLE. "But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way." "Next to the man who achieves the greatest and most blessed deeds is he who, perhaps himself wholly incapable of such high work, is yet the first to help and encourage the genius of others."

There is no greater mistake than to suppose that Christians can impress the world by agreeing with it. No; it is not conformity that we want; it is not being able to beat the world in its own way; but it is to stand apart and above it, and to produce the impression of a holy and separate life—this only can give us a true Christian power.

tribly there cut off all hope that way. What could he do? A little while and the waves would cover the spot on which he stood. He crept back until he stood on a little pebble ridge that came close up against the roof of the cave.

Again Dick sat. All his strength and courage were nothing now—and never would be any more. He was just a little child—weak and helpless. Might he not kneel down to pray? Get right down on the ground, like the other fightin' man did? He would. He had heard tell of another world; perhaps the Lord would let him be a little child here instead of being big, strong Dick Curnow.

"Tes the devil!" cried Dick, picking himself up very slowly, and brushing the sand out of his eyes—not so much frightened as bewildered. What a dreadful man he must be! That instead of hearing a voice like the other fighting man did, he should have been knocked down in this fashion.

Here, too, there comes in another comment of Miss Jennie's. "The doctor always laughed at the old Uncle Dick's devil. He said that o' course 'tweren't nothing but a seal. May be the doctor is right, for all that Uncle Dick would stick to it that he must know best, 'cause he was there. But seemin' to me that folks now-a-days would sooner for to believe it was a lion or a unicorn, so long as they could get the rids of the devil. Not that I should mind that—not a bit. But get my fool to believe that anybody can get the rids o' the devil by tryin' for to believe that he's dead."

THE DEATH OF BISHOP HAVEN has caused deep sorrow throughout the Methodist Episcopal Church and the nation. He was a great man, eloquent in speech, brilliant as a writer, wise in counsel, broad and far-reaching in his views, a great student and deep thinker, and a profound theologian.

THE NEW EDITION OF WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY, just issued by Messrs. G. & C. Merriam, is a book of wonders—marvellous, indeed, for the amount of information it contains. The previous edition was regarded as perfect, but the present contains 4,600 new words and meanings, and also a biographical dictionary of over 9,700 names.

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Letter from United States.

The year has opened with the most cheering and hopeful prospects to the nation. Business, which had long been depressed, has revived in all its departments, and health and plenty everywhere abound. The laboring classes generally find employment. With the exception of some portions of the Southern States, the country is in a most prosperous condition.

IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD, we are enjoying great prosperity, both in our home and foreign work. Some of the churches were crippled for a season by the general financial embarrassment of the country, but are coming out of their trouble with new vigor and prosperity.

IN THE LITERARY WORLD, we have several recent issues from the press of more than ordinary interest. Among these is "The Life and Words of Christ," by Cunningham Gouge, D.D., a work unsurpassed in our Christology for the breadth and scope of its thought, the force and beauty of its style, the charming appropriateness of its illustrations, and the clear and life-like descriptions of the land, scenes, and time in which the Saviour lived.

Messrs. Appleton & Co., one of our most extensive publishing houses, are issuing works of great value both in matter and mechanical execution. Among these is "Picturesque Europe," a work unequalled for the extent of its information in the field it traverses, and beauty and elegance of its design and finish.

THE ENTERPRISING PUBLISHING HOUSE, a monthly devoted to general literature, is a periodical of great excellence, and well deserves a place in the first rank of magazine literature.

A new and beautiful edition of Dr. McCosh's works, in five vols., has been issued from the press of Robert Carter & Bros.; an edition that will greatly delight multitudes who read the writings of this great metaphysician and divine.

THE next number of Scribner's Magazine will be looked for with interest, as it will contain the first of the series of articles on "The Reign of Peter the Great," by Eugene Schuyler. It is called the "Midwinter" Scribner, and its first edition will consist of 125,000 copies. The magazine has been enlarged, and its illustrations are numerous and superb.

THE BOY

RAISING BY EXAMPLE. Stillman B. A. Boston, retains a place where he has a quarter of a century. One of the boys of the press thought and expressed his opinion that he offered \$2000 to the boys in years of age, who most Indian corn acre. Each boy was to send his name to the President of the Agricultural Society, awarding the prize reported. A committee was appointed to measure every patch present at the and weighing of at the Town House. Each boy was to send his name to the President of the Agricultural Society, awarding the prize reported. A committee was appointed to measure every patch present at the and weighing of at the Town House.

THE average yield trials was just shelled corn per acre was awarded to Mr. Deford, for 160 bushels. The next A. O. Bennett, of Vels; Cyrus H. Smith; Willie B. 142 bushels; Charbon, 141 bushels; Deering, of Waterbury boys raised 131 to 12 raised 120 to 13 duced 110 to 119 bush 100 to 109 bushels who grew 100 bush others produced 90 acre. 29 obtained 7 only 15 fell below 7 corn per acre. 1 poor soil, lack of fertility of the boys getting entitled to high praise. Under we commend the intelligence and content.

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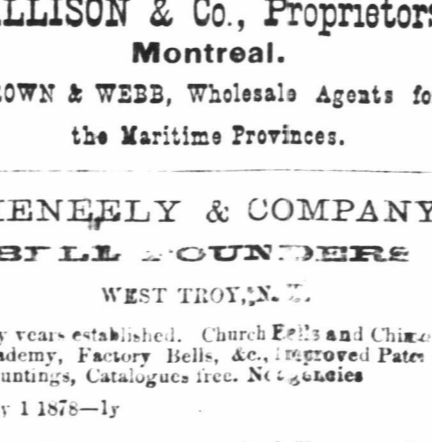
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VILLE, CARLETON Co., Jan. 9. D. D. CURRIE.—The members of Mill's church on this circuit met...

AVONDALE, Jan 13. Christmas tree was a grand success. Amount realized \$140. The services of the week of prayer were...

CORRESPONDENCE.

ACKVILLE, N.E., Jan. 20th, 1880. BROTHER—Friends of our Educational Institution...

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

PROVINCIAL. Rev. D. A. Steele, Amherst, was presented with the sum of \$116 by his congregation...

Expect that some competent hand write an obituary; may we ask that meantime you permit the following...

Saturday morning, death robbed the of Portland of one of her most citizens, Mr. James Williams...

sor of the lot of land on the corner of Main and Simonds street, known as the "watch house" corner. Up to that time this spot...

LIGHT NEEDED.

The Auxiliary Missionary Committee of this Conference after its session in the fall of 1878 informed the ministers on the various mission stations...

OBITUARY.

MRS. JOSEPH KAYE. ISABELLA, the beloved wife of Joseph Kaye, Esq. of Halifax, departed this life Dec. 29th, aged 42 years.

WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Table with columns for Sun., Moon, High Water, and Clock, listing dates from Jan 25 to Jan 31.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Full Moon, 27th day, 5h, 38m, a.m. Last Quarter, 3rd day Feb., 3h, 11m, a.m.

MARRIED.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Chatham, by the Rev. S. T. Ford, on the 15th inst., David McIntosh...

DIED.

At Summerside, Lunenburg Co., Dec. 26th, Mary Helen, the beloved wife of Capt. Daniel Adams...

METHODIST BOOK-ROOM.

125 GRANVILLE STREET. List of Books for December 1879. (CONTINUED.) Homey Heroes and Heroines, by Anna J. Burdell...

Rev. Mr. Mowatt formerly of Windsor, has recently been inducted Pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Fredericton, N. B.

The record of St Paul's goes back for half a century, and its early history is somewhat interesting, recalling as it does the names of men who did good work...

The church was opened by the Rev. Mr. Souter. During the same month, a call was extended to Rev. Ebenezer Johnston, of Kenebec, who, though he did not accept...

The Hayden jury in Connecticut has disagreed, and been discharged. The jury stood eleven for acquittal and one for conviction.

The Bank of Yarmouth, N. S., held its annual meeting on the 14th inst. The statement submitted shows that the amount of notes in circulation is \$83,000.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A melancholy occurrence took place at Marie P. E. I. on Wednesday, 7th inst. As Capt James Battersby, of that place, was chopping in the woods...

Rev. Wm. Waterbury a hardware merchant of St. John died very suddenly at his residence last Friday night.

An extensive revival is in progress at Sackville, N. B. Special services are being held in Charles Street Church and in Kay Street Church Halifax.

An encouraging work is in progress in some of the St. John circuits. GRAFTON STREET SOCIAL AND LITERARY CIRCLE.—The ladies of Grafton Street Methodist Church gave a social tea in the School House last evening...

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