

THE BLINDNESS OF DR. GRAY

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CHAPTER XXIII REMINISCENCES

So thought his venerable pastor, who read him a homily on the subject, to which Henry listened with bowed head and burning cheek, but with a decidedly unconvinced and unconcerned spirit.

"It is not the universal necessity?" "I don't know," said Henry. "But I think 'tis a mistake for us to speculate on the universe, instead of looking to our own needs."

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"Quite so," said the old man. "But how do you propose to supply it?" "By preaching it in season and out of season," said Henry boldly.

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come the laudator temporis acti; but, while an old man, he had the freshness and vigor of youth.

He seemed to sink into a reverie of memory, and Henry, struck by the appearance of sentiment in this stern old logician, who breathed syllogisms, was also silent.

After a long interval, during which the young man saw a tender light creep down over the strong features of his pastor, the latter woke up, and said in tones of unusual tenderness:

"I remember, when I was a young curate (it was in your native town), I was summoned one wild night to a sick call. The rain was coming down in torrents, and before I got well into the main street I was wet through."

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nearby two acres of ground, literally covered with spring flowers, although large quantities had been shipped away to the London market by means that called and hung out in the offing and sent their boats ashore, or availed of the services of Pete, the Gypsy, who was quite indifferent whether he carried lobsters or orchids, so long as he was paid.

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brother to walk with her over the cliffs. Henry felt that there was something coming. And there was. For when his sister came, she had the same look that called and hung out in the offing and sent their boats ashore, or availed of the services of Pete, the Gypsy, who was quite indifferent whether he carried lobsters or orchids, so long as he was paid.

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ordinary stage of life, helped his neighbors by putting slates on the roofs of outsheds and barns, when the three storms that beat along this unprotected coast had laid angry hands on them.

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want of appreciation of a great drama, and the intense vulgarity of that rowdy song, he had them all soon reduced to humiliated silence. He then sorrowfully, and with tears in his voice, expressed his regret that in an assembly of Irishmen such a rowdy song reflecting upon the Irish character should be tolerated for a moment.

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WANTED—AN ORAL PADDOCK

The London Free Press of Nov. 21st contained a report of a sermon of the Rev. J. W. Graham, secretary of the Methodist Church in Canada.

DR. SCHURMAN ON DOGMA

The President of Cornell University is Dr. Jacob G. Schurman, a Canadian by birth, a man whose talent is justly acknowledged.

THE RUTHENIANS AND DR. McLAREN

Dr. McLaren has most assuredly not come out of the controversy about the Presbyterian Missions and the Ruthenians with any credit to himself or his body.

Higher criticism will leave it with as much or as little reality as myths may have in the minds of men.

"Now I believe that myriads of men and women will go from the Roman Catholic Church to heaven, but what do they say to their young men to-day?"

"And further, I believe that the Bible is true and that I have the right to interpret it for myself.

Brushing aside the ill-mannered way in which Rev. Mr. Graham pretends to state the doctrine of Transubstantiation

Methodism has no jurisdiction can give no power. It does not believe in sacerdotalism, so that the difference between the layman in the pulpit and the layman in the pew is one of a little more literary study and gibberish of speech.

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study religious independence and to give them an intelligent grasp of the fundamental principles of evangelical Christianity."

"There is really no reason to quote even extracts from a letter of which any well-educated schoolboy might be ashamed."

THE GERMAN CATHOLICS

For a year or more a deplorable division was growing from bad to worse amongst the German Catholics.

MAYOR NATHAN

It is gratifying that a number of Catholic bodies have vigorously protested against the insolent attack made by the Jew Mayor of Rome upon the Holy Father.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

AS ILLUSTRATIVE of the onward march of the Faith in China to which reference was made in our issue of 26th November, comes the report of Bishop Paris, of the Vicariate of Kiangnan.

AN AMUSING incident arising out of the recent upheaval in Portugal is related by the correspondent of The World.

THE WHOLE affair is a splendid exhibition of that "chivalry" which came so prominently into play with the advent of Knox in Scotland.

WE WROTE last week on the subject of the South American priesthood, demonstrating by independent testimony

THE "LOYAL" ORANGEMEN The United Kingdom is in the midst of a fierce battle of the ballots.

neither understand nor assimilate would seem to be proven by this extract from an examination paper in physiology of a little girl in Chicago:

"The body is divided into three parts, the head, the chest, and the stomach. The head contains the tongue and brain, if any; the chest contains the lungs and part of the liver; the stomach is devoted to the bowels, of which there are five—a, e, l, o, u, and sometimes w and y."

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