

THE REQUEST OF MARIAN.

BY CONSELIO.

It was a beautiful morning in spring-time. The brilliant sunshine flooded the green world with light. "The unchanging sky of May" was blue and clear, the air warm and fragrant. Flowers bloomed, birds sang; nature fairly rioted in joy. But in the midst of the gladness and in contrast to it, in the cemetery at Mr. Auburn, a group of persons stood about an open grave watching a white casket that was being gently lowered to rest.

Many eyes were tearful, but there was one whose grief seemed too deep for tears. It was Mrs. Somerville, the mother of the young girl whose remains, lying in the flower-laden burial case, were about to be hidden from her eyes forever. Less than a year before, the bereaved woman had buried her husband. Now, Marian, her only child, was being laid to rest beside him.

Standing with white, drawn face and tightly hands, with sable robes falling around her, she looked like some woman incarnation of sorrow. So thought pale-faced little Ruth Moore, her husband's orphan niece, who stood near regarding the stricken mother with pitying eyes.

justice to myself, I will tell you that Marian's reason for refraining from such an unpleasant subject was her dislike to grieve and agitate you. On the occasion I have reference to she said to me: 'Mamma cannot bear to hear me speak of dying. You will tell her for me after I am gone.' Forgive me for disturbing and distressing you. I have fulfilled my promise and now I am going.

Ruth turned to the door. Her heart ached for the desolate woman who had insulted her. Cold and impassable, Mrs. Somerville stood, never opening her lips as her niece passed out of the room and left the house. Then she sank down and covered her face with her hands. She lived over again her daughter's last illness and death.

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toward the brow of the hill. There she saw an angel, brighter than the radiant beams of sunlight. But his face was sad, and mild reproof shone in his eyes.

"Behold your guardian spirit," he said, sadly. "You have turned a deaf ear to my good counsel. You have allowed the human nature to triumph over the spiritual. You have refused to reconcile yourself to God's decrees."

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the sanctions of conduct which come to us stamped with divine authority are more efficacious than those which have been of them only human authority. The mere statement of this carries conviction with it.

"Healing, consoling, tender to the unfortunate, even to the evil, love engenders light beneath her feet. She clarifies, she simplifies. She has chosen the humblest part—to bind up wounds, wipe away tears, relieve distress, soothe aching hearts, pardon, make peace; yet it is of love that we have the greatest need. And as we meditate on the best way to render thought fruitful, simple, really comfortable to our destiny, the method sums itself up in these three words: Have confidence and hope; be kind—Charles Wagner."

What a radical change has taken place in this respect is shown by a discourse by the Rev. Dr. Lyman S. Abbott, the well-known editor of The Outlook, delivered last Sunday before the West Side Young Men's Association, New York.

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"A handful of earth in a coffin lid, A coffin under the daisies. The beautiful heart of the girl, The snowy, snowy daisies."

"Ashes to ashes—dust to dust!" Mrs. Somerville started and a faint cry broke from her lips as the first clod fell with a muffled sound. As in a dream the lines of an old song, heard in her childhood, echoed drearily through her brain—

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"How long have I lain here?" asked Mrs. Somerville. "Fearfully four weeks. You fainted in the summer house, out by the rose walk, and there Jane found you lying unconscious."

"My trouble," echoed the poor woman. "Yes, I will tell you. I had a daughter once, good and beautiful. How I loved her—even after she left me alone and strayed from the path of virtue. Do you see these gray hairs?"

"What a strange guest paused before her. 'No human help can reach me. What would become of me, if I had not God to comfort me?'"

"I love you, Aunt Alice, but I cannot love poor little Felix."

"Of course not, said Mrs. Somerville, weak but happy. "Felix shall come with you."

"Why are you weeping, my good woman?" asked Mrs. Somerville. The woman wiped her eyes on the corner of her faded apron.

"It is such a relief to weep," she said. "Before her, I cannot allow myself even the luxury of tears."

"Your daughter? What of her?" interrogated Mrs. Somerville. "She lies very ill—dying with an incurable disease. She is poor, very poor, my child who once had the luxuries of life. There are six mouths to feed, six little fatherless ones. Once, many years ago, when my child was young and free from care, she was very ill. Life seemed so bright and full of promise that I could not give her up to God. I besieged heaven with a storm of tears. I called her back from the very brink of the grave, and although the gates of death seemed already open, God gave my child back to me. Now, even in the midst of affliction, when every earthly hope has faded, still do I trust in Him."

"She arose, lifted her heavy basket and walked wearily on her way. A darker shadow than that cast by the tolling branches of the elm trees fell across the rose walk. Up and down a richly robed figure paced. It was a lady, clad in silk and trailing laces. Her pale face born evidence of grief and anxiety. Finally she spoke—

"How much worse than death to see my child bereft of reason! Better, far better, to look upon her lying in her coffin sleeping peacefully her long last sleep."

"The lady rose to her feet. She was very pale and determined. "Ruth Moore," she said, coldly, "I do not believe you. This is a trumped up story to work upon my love for my dead darling and enlist sympathy for Felix. If Marian had any such desires she would have imparted them to me, but such a subject was never mentioned between us."

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What is the character of the new theology which is acquiring so firm a foothold in the United States may be judged by the extract from Dr. Abbott's discourse we have given above. Young Protestant ministers who come forth from these theological seminaries imbued with the teaching of the new theology will not preach the divinity of Christ, and, failing to do so, they will not be preaching Christianity, however they may label their preaching.

Until this last! Protestantism, which started out with the alleged purpose of promoting the cause of "pure and undiluted Christianity," is rapidly reaching a point where it is discarding the fundamental principles of Christianity. It has already practically discarded the Bible as an inspired book. With the Bible goes the divinity of Christ. What is left is "the new theology," which, in the course of time, will degenerate inevitably into a species of Pantheism.

The seeds of dissolution which Luther and the other founders of Protestantism planted nearly four hundred years ago have germinated. The flower and fruitage can be seen in the "new theology," of which Dr. Lyman Abbott is a champion.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

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The celebration in connection with the Golden Jubilee of St. Michael's College, Toronto, began on Tuesday, April 22, at 10 o'clock with a celebration of the Pontifical High Mass in St. Basil's Church by the Apostolic Delegate.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM McCABE, TORONTO.

LARGELY ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATED COMPANIES. Representatives of nearly every insurance company in Toronto, and of many banking and other financial institutions, were present.

THE TALBOT CENTENNIAL.

Mr. W. B. Waterbury of St. Thomas was invited to deliver the address at the Talbot Settlement Centennial at its organization. The Talbot Settlement was founded in 1808 by the Rev. John Talbot.

NON-CATHOLICS AT CATHOLIC FUNERALS.

Having had a death recently in our family and living in a community where Protestants predominate, we were surprised to find that non-Catholics were not allowed to touch the remains after the rites of the Catholic Church.

THE APOSTOLICAL DELEGATE AT TORONTO.

His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, who arrived in the city on Saturday evening at 7:30 from Ottawa, celebrated the 9 o'clock Mass in St. Michael's cathedral on Sunday, and in the afternoon he presided at the Golden Jubilee of St. Michael's College.

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MARKET REPORTS.

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