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(Continued.)

CHAPTER XXI

To Be In Time.

"It is plain enough to me," Silva growled; "but then I am acquainted with the facts of which you two know nothing. With all his faults, Count Flavio was passionately attached to his little girl. Through her he could see a means of stabbing his wife to the heart, and he was never the man to hesitate where a piece of refined cruelty was concerned. He arranged that kidnapping himself."

"Incredible," Mrs. Delahay cried. "And why?"

"Have I not just told you so?" Silva went on. "You remember Count Flavio and his brother twenty years ago? You recollect what a handsome man he was? No one was more popular or sought after. No one was more pleasing and fascinating. But behind that fair exterior was the nature and disposition of a devil. Oh, I knew it before that unhappy marriage took place. And that was why I insisted upon accompanying Signara Carlotta when she fled with him. It was not long before she found him out. It was not long before he began to employ the petty tyrannies which poisoned her life and made existence almost unendurable. I have stood behind his chair when guests have been present. I have seen his clever simulation of affection, whilst all the time he was saying things that wound sensitive women and drive them to despair. Many a time I have been tempted to thrust a knife between his shoulders. More than once I have had my hand upon a blade. But if I stayed here all night I could not sum up the catalogue of that man's diabolical cruelties. And when at length he paid the penalty of his crime, I stood by my mistress, and saved her from a felon's grave. It was hard work, for everything was so cunningly laid that my mistress stood convicted from the very first. Perhaps Count Boris reckoned upon an untimely end. At any rate, all his servants, the greater part of his tenantry, followed one another in the witness-box and gave him the character of a saint, whilst his wife was painted in the blackest colors. But for a little scheme of mine, she would have been convicted beyond the shadow of a doubt. Still, we are getting away from the point. I was going to prove to you how I knew that the Count had arranged for his daughter to be kidnapped before his death. Some time previous to his marriage one of his greatest friends was an English nobleman, called Lord Ravenspur. Quite by accident, a few months before the tragedy, I saw a letter which the Count had written to Lord Ravenspur imploring the latter to give him a secret interview at once. In that the most horrible charges were levelled against the Countess.. But we need not go into those now. I managed to get hold of the reply to the letter, and I had no scruples in reading it. Mind you, I did not think then that there was a plot on foot to kidnap the child, and I was prevented from attending the interview owing to the cunning of the Count, and within a few weeks afterwards I had plenty of things to occupy my attention, so that those letters were forgotten. And so things went on for years, until I heard from the Countess again, and I found that she knew nothing of her child. Oh, I have made no secret of my feelings in that matter. I have spoken quite freely to-night."

Silva paused for a moment, and wiped his heated face.

"From that time forward," he went on, "I have devoted myself almost exclusively to my search for the child. It did not occur to me till comparatively recently that Lord Ravenspur had had anything to do with it. In fact, that nobleman's name had quite gone out of my mind. I heard him spoken of from time to time as a great artist. I am fond of pictures myself, and about three years ago I went into a private view in Bond street, and there I saw a face which attracted my attention. It was the head of a young girl precisely what little Vera would have been by that time. The more I studied those features, the more convinced was I that here was the object of my search. And when I asked the name of the artist I was told that it was none other than Lord Ravenspur.

"Then it came upon me like a flash that my search was at an end. The recollection of those letters came to me; then I knew as plainly as possible that, at the instigation of the Count, Lord Ravenspur had taken the child away. Those two were in league together. But the one who still lives shall not escape his punishment, I will see to that."

"But are you quite sure?" the countess asked eagerly. "Have you seen Vera? Does she live with Lord Ravenspur?

"That I don't quite know," Silva said. "I have hung about the house; I was determined to find out things for myself without raising suspicions in the minds of the servants. I gradually discovered what the household consisted of. On and off for the last two years I have watched and waited, but I saw no sign of anybody resembling the girl of whom I was in search. And gradually I began to think that I had made a mistake. Business took me away to the north for some months, and when I came back again I put in a day or two more in Park Lane in the faint hope that I might be rewarded at last. And I was. At length I saw her. And now you know where your daughter is to be found if you want to see her again. I am perhaps wrong to tell you this——"

"But where had she been?" the Countess exclaimed.

"Ah, it is easy to be wise after the event," Silva said. "She had been at school on the Continent for the past three years, and that is why all my efforts ended in failure. I did not mean to tell you this. I meant to have kept it to myself as a punishment for your heartless conduct all these years. But I must own that your arguments impressed me. I can see now how the child would have reminded you of her father. And that is why I have said so much. But, at the same time, this thing has been an indignity to the family which I cannot overlook. Lord Ravenspur will have to pay the price of his audacity. Blood is thicker than water——"

Silva appeared as if he would have said more. But he checked himself, and his words died away in low mutterings. In some respect it seemed to Mrs. Delahay that the man was sane enough. In other matters she was convinced that he was little better than a dangerous lunatic. Were they on the eve of another dreadful tragedy, she asked herself, or was this man merely uttering vaporing threats when he spoke in this fashion of Lord Ravenspur?

"You will do nothing rash?" she said.

A queer smile flickered about the corners of Silva's lips. His eyes were glittering like stars.

"Oh, I will do nothing rash," he said significantly. "I have been brought up in the wrong school for that. When we South Italians take our vengeance, we strike and strike hard. But it is done in the dark, so that the right hand does not know what the left is doing. But we never forget, and we never forgive."

Silva turned on his heel, and walked slowly and thoughtfully away. The Countess called for him to come back, but he took no heed. He might have been deaf to the sound of her voice.

"It doesn't matter," she said; "at any rate, I shall know where to find him again. But are you not coming back with me?"

"I think not," Mrs. Delahay said. "It is getting very late, and I must be returning to my hotel. But, if you like I will come and see you again, only it must be stealthily and in the dark. You will quite see the advisability of our not being much together till this cruel mystery has been cleared up."

(To be continued.)

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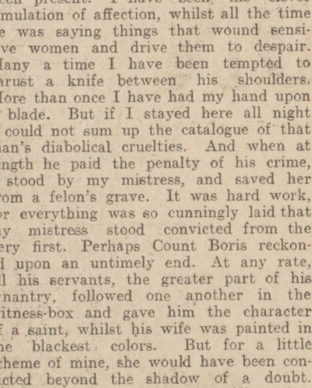
The directors of the St. John Railway Company are completing arrangements to replace the fenders now in use on the cars, with a guard of a new type. The new fenders will be heavier and larger than those now in use. The centre will consist of a rope netting instead of wire or iron. The front of the fender will be about six inches from the ground. A somewhat similar kind is said to be in use in Montreal.



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MUCH BUSINESS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recommendation to Separate Queen's University From the Church Causes a Spirited Debate.

Winnipeg, June 10.—Half the time at today's session of the general Assembly was occupied in a spirited debate on the question of separation of Queens university from the church; opinions for and against being vigorously expressed. The subject came up on presentation by Principal Patrick of the report of the special committee appointed to advise the assembly. Principal Patrick said the committee was unanimous in the decision reached, and concluded that conditions which had lately arisen had justified the University senate in raising the question of a change in the constitution of the University.

The committee advised a deliverance to the assembly on the subject, expressing gratification at the rapid growth of Queens, and further that while the church was ready to maintain its present relation it believed that the question of the character of the relation should be determined by the trustees, who were ultimately responsible for the welfare and financial position of the University. The trustees should be authorized to take such steps as might be deemed in the best interests of the institution.

If the change were decided on, a provision must be made for carrying on the work of the Queens theological faculty on a basis satisfactory to the church. In view of the urgency of the case, a committee should be appointed to give legal effect to any action taken by the trustees and to protect the church's interest in the theological faculty.

The report of the augmentation committee, eastern section, was presented by Rev. S. J. McArthur of Newcastle, N.B., and adopted. The report showed an income from all sources amounting to $10,978 and expenditure of $8,410. The receipts for the year were $531 greater than last year, but the largest factor in the fund's credit balance is the lower amount of payments, which were $1,029 less than last year. The action taken two years ago to stimulate augmented congregations in the matter of self support has been quite successful, and a growing number have advanced to a minimum of $800 with manse.

A special committee was appointed to arrange for religious services by the Presbyterian church in connection with the Quebec tercentenary in July.

Thirty-two standing committees for the year were appointed, with but few changes from last year.

The report of the widows' and orphans' fund (Eastern), was considered at some length and adopted. It was presented by Rev. Robert Laing of Halifax, and showed receipts totalling $10,116 and expenditure of $4,463; the balance being added to capital. The assets are $171,709, an increase of $925 over last year. The number of annuitants is twenty-four widows and seven orphans.

The resignation of George Mitchell as treasurer was reported and the appointment of his son, George MacGregor Mitchell, of Halifax.

If one feels dull and spiritless, in the spring or early summer, they call it "Spring Fever." But there is no fever—usually. It is the after effect of our winter habits. The nerves are mostly at fault. Tired, worn-out nerves leave us languid, lifeless, and without spirit or ambition. A few doses of Dr. Shoop's Restorative will absolutely and quickly change all of these depressing symptoms. The Restorative of course won't bring you back to full health in a day or two, but it will do enough in 48 hours to satisfy you that the remedy is reaching that "tired spot." Druggists everywhere are advising its use as a splendid and prompt general tonic. It gives more vim and more spirit to the spoonful than any other known nerve or constitutional tonic. It sharpens a failing appetite, aids digestion, frees sluggish livers and kidneys, and brings new life, strength and ambition. Test it a few days and be convinced. Sold by all druggists.

An enjoyable dance was held by the Telegraphers Outing Club last night at the Ferns. There was a large attendance. The party left the city and returned in buck boards. Music was furnished by Conway and O'Hara's orchestra. The committee in charge consisted of F. C. Colborne, C. O. Morris, J. Evans, F. A. Casey and W. S. Emery. The chaperones of the evening were, Mrs. Joseph Bardsley, Mrs. H. J. Sheehan, Mrs. Fred Quinlan and Mrs. Edward Emery. There will be an outing held by the club every two weeks during the season.

The joint delegation from the common council and board of trade appointed to discuss with Hon. William Pugsley the suggestions contained in his letter with reference to harbor improvements, left for Ottawa last evening. The delegation consists of the Mayor, Ald. Baxter, Frink and Elkin, with H. B. Schofield and T. H. Estabrooks representing the board of trade. It is expected that the business will be completed early on Friday and that the delegation will arrive home on Saturday.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers

VISITING COSTUME FOR A MODISH YOUNG MATRON.

Taffeta coats, either hip or three-quarter length and of semi-fitting cutaway or empire modeling, are now used as separate wraps or to accompany a princess or two-piece gown in a matching shade of voile, veiling, marquisette or other semi-transparent material. These coats have puffed or flowing elbow sleeves, collarless necks and fronts closing with cords and cabochons. They are trimmed with fancy silk braid or tucked self-fabric bands, like those used in the pictured imported costume of taffeta and chiffon cloth, which, with the aid of its accessories, demonstrates the effectiveness of black and white combinations.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

DEWITT CAIRNS TONIGHT

DeWitt Cairns, St. John's most popular vocalist, will to-night at the Nickel sing his masterpiece, "Good Night, Beloved, Good Night," an impassioned love ballad, with gorgeous scenic accompaniments. Mr. Cairns sang this number last fall at the Nickel, but, since his Boston tutoring renders the great ballad much more effectively. Miss Wren is to sing Alice Lloyd's latest success, "Over the Hills," with pictures posed for by Miss Lloyd herself. The new pictures are excellent. Trip On China's Great Canal, Poverty and Probity, drama; The Mission of a Flower, pathetic, and A Good Medicine, comedy.

FAUST HERE FRIDAY

Chas. C. Silk is coming to the opera house in Faust for next Friday and Saturday, heralded as a worthy successor to Lewis Morrison. He is spoken of as the only young actor who can make a success of the part of Mephisto. In the company are several St. John favorites. "Bill" Reardon (The Hustling Kid) is in advance of the company. William O'Neill has already presented a number of productions in St. John and Faust is said to be his masterpiece.

HOWARD AT THE PRINCESS

Howard scored another big success at the Princess last evening, a large crowd attending, and all leaving expressing surprise at the possibility of securing such a wonderful artist. This evening the great ventriloquist will give an entire change of programme again.

A meeting of the creditors of W. A. Patton took place in the office of E. S. Ritchie yesterday. It is understood no definite action was taken and a further meeting in two weeks time will be held.

HANDSOME GIFT TO UNITED BAPTISTS.

New Brunswicker Whose Name is Withheld Offers $10,000 for Church Annuity Fund.

A handsome offer of $10,000 has been made to the conference of the United Baptist church in the Maritime provinces by a New Brunswicker, whose name is withheld. This sum will be available for the annuity fund of the church, provided the members raise enough money to increase the present fund to $100,000 and provided the fund be made available for the maritime provinces. At present there are three separate annuity funds in the church and these together amount to $45,000. Efforts are now being made to amalgamate the funds.

Meetings were held all day yesterday to formulate plans. These will be presented to the New Brunswick Association meeting at Hillsboro, next month, and to the maritime convention which will meet in August at a place to be decided on later. Provided the plan submitted meets the approval of both meetings, amalgamation will be proceeded with.

Rev. Joseph McLeod, D.D., and Havelock Coy, of Fredericton, appeared at the meeting in behalf of the committee having charge of the annuity fund of the old Free Baptist denomination. R. B. Smith, of Moncton, and Rev. W. E. McIntyre, D.D., of this city, were present in behalf of the Baptist fund of New Brunswick, and E. D. King, of Halifax, for the Nova Scotia fund.

The idea is to amalgamate all three funds into a general fund for the whole of the maritime provinces. The annuity fund is for the benefit of ministers who have become disabled through sickness or age.

BIG SHIPMENT OF SYDNEY RAILS

Sydney, N.B., June 10.—Three steamers are expected by the Dominion Iron & Steel Company to load rails for lake points for the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Transcontinental Railways. Each of these vessels will carry 6,000 tons of finished steel.

Arrangements have been made by the Steel company to load twelve steamers with rails during the next two months, all of which will be shipped to lake points. It is conceded by experts that rails manufactured by the Dominion Iron & Steel company are superior to any turned out on the American continent.

The local plant is running twenty-four hours shift with every skilled laborer in harness and the output for 1908 is expected to double that of any previous year.

OBITUARY

John A. Henry

Salisbury, N. B., June 10.—John A. Henry, of Scott Road, passed away about 5 o'clock last evening, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Henry. The late Mr. Henry was very popular in this village where he spent some years of his school days before going to Normal School, Fredericton, some years ago, where he passed with high honors, being one of the medallists.

During the later years of his school life, Mr. Henry was stricken with tuberculosis. He was operated on at different times at a Boston hospital. On the first occasion the doctors found it necessary to amputate one of his limbs above the knee. Later operations were from the ravages of the disease on internal organs. Few persons, young or old, have passed through more intense physical affliction and borne it with such splendid Christian fortitude, than did the late Mr. Henry.

The sorrowing members of his family are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Henry, two sisters, Misses Carrie and Alice and one brother, George. The funeral, it is understood, will take place on Thursday afternoon.

Deceased was a member of the Free Baptist church and a Liberal in politics.

William McLaughlan

Annapolis, June 10.—The death of William McLaughlan, proprietor of the "Bargain" store, occurred rather suddenly on Tuesday morning of tuberculosis at the age of thirty-five years. The deceased was for many years engaged by a Montreal firm as commercial traveler, and some three years ago started in the dry goods business here which was formerly run by Samuel Riordan, in which he was very successful. A father and mother and brother George, away from home, and three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Rice of Bear River; Mrs. Samuel Riordan of the Queen Hotel and Miss Belle, at home, survive him.

Mrs. Reta Fraser

Yesterday morning, Mrs. Rita Fraser, wife of William A. Fraser, of Prince William, York County, died in this city, aged fifty-three years. The body was forwarded to Prince William last evening.

Thomas Parlee

Thomas Parlee died yesterday morning in his mother's residence, 11 Frederick street, aged twenty-five years. He was unmarried. Mr. Parlee was held in high estimation by all who knew him.

It was reported yesterday that Rev. Wellington Camp, of Leinster street Baptist church, had received and accepted a call to Centreville, York county. Rev. Mr. Camp, when asked about the matter last night, said he had received a call as stated in May. The call was conditional on his acceptance of it during the month. He wrote saying that it was impossible he could accept in the time named. Rev. Mr. Camp says he does not expect to hear any more about the matter.

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S.S. CONVENTION AT WOODSTOCK

Helpful Papers Read Before Church of England Teachers.

Woodstock, June 10.—The Church of England Sunday school teachers conference for the deaneries of Woodstock, Fredericton and St. Andrews opened here today with a fairly large attendance of delegates. A service was held in St. Luke's church this morning at 11.15 with the celebration of the holy communion and an address was made by the Very Rev. Dean Schofield of Fredericton.

At 2.30 this afternoon the conference was called to order by the chairman, the Rev. Dean Schofield, and after the singing of a hymn and prayers a paper on the "Scheme of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools in the Diocese," by the Rev. G. A. Kuhring, was read by the chairman, owing to the absence of Mr. Kuhring in England. In this paper the scheme of the standing committee on Sunday schools was elaborated very fully and many improvements were promised in Sunday school work.

In the absence, also, of Miss Ethel Jarvis in England, her paper on "Primary department" (including cradle roll), was read by the Rev. E. B. Hooper of St. John.

This was a very excellent paper, dealing with the difficulties and different ways of teaching the young.

Mrs. H. H. Pickett of St. John gave a very interesting model lesson to a class of children and also read an excellent paper on "Kindergarten Work in the Sunday School."

The Rev. J. H. MacDonald of Brunswick Baptist church, Fredericton, read a paper on the "Home Department," dealing with the subject of having every man, woman and child engage in some sort of systematic study of the Bible at home if they do not attend the Sunday school.

This evening a public meeting will be held in the parish hall at 8 o'clock, the general subject of discussion being "Work among the Young." Addresses are to be given as follows: "Parental Responsibility," Rev. E. B. Hooper; "Teachers opportunities," W. A. Earp; "Influence of the child," Rev. R. P. McKim.

The body of the late Robt. Caldwell arrived here from St. Johnsbury (Vt.), yesterday and was taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. E. W. Williams, where it remained till this afternoon at 2.30, when the cortege formed in charge of the Masonic order and proceeded to the Anglican church. The pall bearers were members of the order: Messrs. John S. Leighton, C. J. Tabor, J. N. W. Winslow, D. Munro, M.P.P., J. T. A. Dibblee, and Colonel Vince. Rev. H. G. Alder, the rector, conducted the religious exercises. Among those attending the funeral from outside places were the two nephews, Evans Barker of Montana, and Carter Barker, of Mexico; also his former partner, Mr. Varney of Vermon; Wilmot Anderson of Lakeville; Albert Orser, Geo. R. Burtt and Humphrey Taylor of Hartland. The deceased was worth about one quarter of a million dollars, having extensive business interests in this town and county and many of the states in the union.

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