BY WALTER EDGAR M'CANN.

One of the oldest and prettiest places in St. Mary's, Maryland, is Crosswood Manor. Time, which destroys some things, beautifies others, and the mansion with the flight of years, has tallen into a sort of picturesque neglect, which gives it a certain sadness, mingled with an indefinable air of mystery and romance.

This is heightened by the usually thick timber which surrounds the old house, clumps of elms, oak and poplar, within whose lines are cast strange patches of light and shadow upon the dark grass.

Over all broods a mistiness and silence that give the aspect of the place, from a little distance, a kind of welrd unreality.

The sun was near its setting, and the cool evening breezes of the Potomac were stealing up and over the land, and fluttering the leaves of the tall trees.

Within their files two ladies were walking, and the silvery tinkle of their chat and laughter-low, indeed, but very audible in so quiet aspot as this-made, with the vesper song of the birds over their heads, a very pleasant music.

One of these ladies was Miss Phube Brittingham-very stout, goodnatured and comely, with a double chin, and large, round blue eyes and rosy cheeks—a lady who, somehow, always reminded me of a comfortable. motherly abbess.

The other was her niece, Miss Rachael Ludlow, daughter of the old general, now deceased, and heiress of Crosswood and a great deal of other property.

I have not seen many handsomer girls than Bachael Ludlow-tall, slight and dark-eyed. Her features were exquisitely delicate and transparent-a little triste sometimesbaughty and intellectual.

She was a proud girl, as the general had been, but not, like him, excentric and obstinate, though she did not lack firmness. But there was nothing of that cross-grained and selfish element in her character which had spoiled his, and made his life-and sometimes the lives of others around

him—so unhappy. It was of these whimsical moods of his that Miss Phabe was now discussing, with that sort of frankness which is privileged in a sister, and with the eloquence which thorough knowledge of a subject inspires.

"Well, my dear child," she said, a little out of breath, and winding up a long speech, "it is just thislet us rest under this big oak-it is just this: If you had been forced to marry your cousin Oscar, you would have been the most miserable girl

"I never should have married him. I don't like him, and I hope it's not wrong; but I hate him," said Rachel, with vehemence, now seated beside her aunt on the little bench natied around the oak. "He is the most odious person I ever saw, and you know very well that all poor papa's threats to cast me off pever made the slightest difference."

"Your papa was insane, Rachael, on that subject, and I shall never believe anything else," replied Miss Phoebe, serenely. "The idea of coercing a girl to wed a man she detests in order to keep up an old name, and to retain a great fortune in the one family is sheer madness and cruelty."

Upon this point both were agreed. having exchanged views repeatedly, and now a little silence followed.

Rachel was looking on the ground, her warmth of a moment ago having quite subsided, when the sound of wheels arrested her attention.

Miss Phube also heard it and looked up.

"Some one is coming up the avenue," she said. "Who can it be?" "Why, Father Carmel, I wager!" cried Rachel, rising in great glee. "It can't be George, of course. I sent Pierce to the landing, thinking Father Carmel might come this evening, and you see it has so turned out. Let us go and meet him."

So away they hurried, and just as they reached the edge of the wood and looked down the road, one of the persons in the carriage whose wheels they had heard saw them and gotout, stepping with great care to the ground, and came forward to meet them on foot.

This person was an old man, wearing the outdoor costume of an ecclesiastic. In spite of his years he fairs, truly. What does England protrudged along towards the two ladies quite rapidly, and reached them panting. They also bad come a short distance to meet him, and "there is no safety save in silence and Rachel being more agile than her fat silence itself is confession."

aunt, was the first one to give Father Carmel her bood.

The priest was indeed an old man -past seventy. He stroped, and was a little corpulent, and his thin fringe of hair was silvery white; but his face was one of the bandsomest and imaginable. Curiously infantine was it, and no wooder, for Father Carmel, in spite of his threescore winter and ten, was in most worldly things a child.

His gentle blue eyes, as innocent as they were in the cradle, were the windows of a soul that had never harbored a sinful or unkind thought

Eveybody liked Father Carmel; of bim in all his life I don't think any one had ever spoken an ungenerous word. There was not a house in the county, no matter what the faith of its master, where he was not as welcome as at his own.

Left upon reaching his majority a bandsome fortune, he was now in his old age so poor that it was said be very often had not food on his table; his wealth had been spent in

But, simple as a child, serene and cheerful, devoted to his vocation without being in the least a fanatic, and quite unconscious that his youth and his middleage had long ago vanished, and that the path between him and the grave must now be very short, he went about still doing good and making plans for a quarter of a century ahead with the same enthuslasm he had shown on the day of his ordination.

This was the old gentleman the two ladies greeted, each capturing one of his hands.

and looking on her with a happy moisture in his eyes. "My little Radie, grown so tall and-yes; why shouldn't I say it, for it won't spoil her?—and so pretty; Father Carmel's changed in a great many things, I hope, Radie?"

"Not a bit changed, Father Carmel, said Rachel; "and why did you get out of the carriage? You are quite out of breath with walking."

"And so on the day after to-morrow you are to be married." he said, not minding; but his thoughts following their former current. "To George Milburst-not to Oscar, after all. don't think you would have been and phono devices. In the middle In spite of all this, We know but happy with Oscar."

"I heard something-not much. After a while you must tell me."

we must have directly, and I shall make it myself-you always liked mine, you know, Father-and you must drink a great deal of it, for you are very tired."

He was tired, and did drink several cups of that nectar, all three sitting around the little table under the steep roof of the piazza, a spot chosen for the benefit of the cool evening air: and now, all this over, the priest spoke again of the marriage.

"Weil, you know," says Rachel, "papa always had an idea that I must marry my cousin Oscar. Our relationship was within the prohibited degrees; but he was sure of & dispensation, and, dispensation or not, he was determined we should be made man and wife."

"The peace of God be with your father, child," said Father Carmel, gravely shaking his head; "but he was the most obstinate man I ever knew."

"Weil, I was just as determined the other way. I was engaged to Milhurst, and if I could not have him I would have no one, so you can imagine what a war went on here at poor old Crosswood. Papa, you know, had made his will, dated three years ago: but he threatened, he actually swore, Father, to make another, cutting me off leaving everything to Oscar. Still I was not moved from my purpose. I would sooner have died, I thnik, than have married Oscar."

(To be Continued.)

An interesting echo of the Wilde case comes from London. Taylor, who was implicated with Wilde in his unspeakable degradation and who, according to the testimony, is even lower in the scale of bestiality, has not yet been brought to account and announces that if an attempt is made to do so he wil drag down with him men whose downfall will shake the entire British empire. This is a fine condition of afpose to do about it? What does English society dare to do? If it does not accept Taylor's defiant challenge if will virtually enter a plea of guilty, for

OUR ROMAN LETTER.

The Holy Father Writes a Letter in Regard to the Coming Coneral Election.

The Masonic Temple.

ROME TTALT Capite, the church of the English demns Santore for having Catholics in Rome, the feast of St. published official documents that fell Jeremias the Prophet was kept by into his hands, in his capacity the members of the Arch-Confrater Government employee, the more nity of Divine Explation. High since he seems to have done so from Mass was sung in the morning at an personal spicen. There is no doubt early hour. In the evening a too great a flush in the market. Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli gave occasion of the General Election: Pontifical Benediction. The music was rendered by a select choir from the above college. After Benediction the relic of the Prophet was the conduct of the Italian Catholics exposed and venerated. Several concerning the question of taking night was written by monks, and I however, be taken to debote the new members were also added to the partin the political elections has Confraternity, which, under the already been declared by the authorzealous direction of its founder, it of the Roman Pontiff, and has Father Kenelm Vaughan, already been often confirmed. All well know counts 250,000 associates.

Cardinal Aloisi-Masella, Prefect of memory, the Sacred Penitentiary the Sacred Congregation of Rites, directed to the Bishops, to the effect and Ponente of the cause of canonis- that it is not expedient to take part ation of Blessed Peter Fourier of in the political elections in the pres-Mataincour, Canon Regular of St enteircumstances-attentis omnibus threaten society. I honor the Roman in Switzerland; the Recision Honor the Roman in Switzerland; the Recision Honor the Roman in Switzerland; Augustine, and Institutor of the circumstantiis non expedit. And Catholic Church for its enforcement Councils; the Triumphe of Fire II Nuns of the same Order, there was since not a few persons gave a held the anti-preparatory sitting, in wrong interpretation to that deciswhich the Prelates and Consultors ion, a Decree of the Sacred Office of Lax divorce laws are the nation's inventors; sevente. He "Radie, Radie!" he sighed, smiling of the Congregation passed their June 30th, 1886, with Our approbat. Curse votes upon two miracles said to ion added the non expect implied a have been wrought by God through prohibition, it being thus the duty the intercession of the same Beato, of Catholics to abstain from the urns. which are proposed in his cause.

The Vera Roma announces that little girl so changed, and yet not Lemmi, the Grand Orient, will Italian Catholics in the administrative energy they may care to come. certainly have to quit his abode in tive elections is in itself laudable She prays for him, degraded as he History, like Manning the Borghese Palace. On this and ought to be promoted as much as may become. I wish we had some Wiseman, Gibbons, Lavier account some of the persons entrust possible, yet concurrence in the such hold on our people. The Roman Dupanloup, De Segue ed with the care of the Borghese political elections is just as much to property had recently to visit the be avoided, since it is not expedient chambers occupied by the Masonio and that on account of reasons of Chief. They also obtained a forced the highest order, not the least of permission to visit the temple which which is the state in which the Ponthe fraternity has set up there. The tiff has been placed, a state which is room is draped in red and black certainly incompatible with the full hangings, ornamented with triangles freedom and independence of his Well, I am-I am glad. Radie. I squares and other strange symbols Apostolic Minist of it is a kind of throne (for Lemmi, too well the manner in which Our "She would have been the most no doubt), and around it are some intentions are continually subjected miserable creature on earth," pro- gilt chairs, in the top of whose backs to discussion with a view to strip over her members, and the suggest. Religious Orders: The claimed Aunt Phebe, oracularly, "You are some transparent globes in which ping Our words of all authority, and heard all about the dreadful time we is fixed the ordinary apparatus for in order to clude, or cause to be they are dangerous. All men are lats, the White Father had, Father Carmel I never went electric light. At the end of the eluded, the Pontifical orders, through such an experience in my room is a large picture of Lucifer, and near it is a kind of nitar. Here, is being used to make it believed a Catholic is not an acception. The too, are the big books of ritual, &c., that certain changes of opinion have Catholic Church is a boudage only in &c. That the Masons worship come about in Our mind in such "Yes, after tea," said Radie, "which | Lucifer (at least, in the higher grad- way that now C) colics are allowed es) was by many doubted. The to take part in such elections. above discovery, however, together sale in France. It has already run ity. through five editions, and has been translated into Italian, in which the second edition is now on sale.

At Loretto the concourse of pilgrims has of late been very great. Belgrin, Polish, German, Austrian. Slavonic, French, Dalmatian, and Italian pilgrims have in large bodies away Alaska, has made his second an Hence the wisdom of the Divine visited this great Italian shrine. A Venetian pilgrimage has stopped have been successful, that the mines there on its way to Rome. Cardinal have yielded profitable returns, and Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, is that the population has been largely about to take there a large number augmented by immigration; also that of his diocesans. He will be followed der quite as well enforced as in the old by Cardinal Syampa with the er communities. The natives are pur-Bolognesi. Another pilgrimage chasing lumber, erecting modern style brother Courtney, the bondage of from Dalmatia is announced for May houses, have improved methods of pre the Catholic Church is silken cords 29th. Many other foreign pilgrimages have announced their intention tion. The total population is 20.64 of coming in June to visit the Holy and there are thirty-five schools of all House of Nazareth.

The Delegate Santoro, who was governor of the penal colony of Porto Ercole, and who has evidently other civil officers in the territory, innot considered himself sufficiently toxicating liquors are imported landremunerated for his services in tak- ed, and sold without stint in every ing charge of the unfortunate ceings white settlement in the territory. The who are every day being sent to a of Alaska's marine products, as the fur the conditions precedent to sagradies forced abode in that colony, has just seal and sea ofter are rapidly disap taken his revenge against his former pearing. The report says the counts master Crispi by publishing some banks are extensive and inexhaustible revelations concerning the way in which unpleasant persons have been food fishes are to be found in Alaskan, shipful callings of chiropody and veter tura to the penal colony. The revelations were prudently not made till their author had left Italian Territory. A warrant for his arrest has since been issued. The revela- 000 cases. As to mining interests the tions in question are drawn from official documents, but they are (comparatively speaking) not of a very starting kind; they have been now carried on in the territory. published by the Deputy Cavallotti, one of the leading spirits of the the statement that Nansen has discor-Opposition. The Deputy prefaced ered the north pole. Now who is to see the justice of treating widows

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to the panis scandals and Crimpi's conduct in the Here transactions. He defies Crispi to disprove what he says, and calls upon the Premier to cite him to court and 'have it out with him. The revelations treat of the suborning of journals and the arbitary manner in which Government has relieved itself of the presence of undestrable focs by affording them a change of air at On Monday, at San Silvestro in Porto Ercole. Public opinion can thus

paregyrio of the Patron of the Leo XIII, has just directed the Association was preached by the following letter to Cardinal Paroschi, Very Rev. J. Prior, D. D., Vice- Vicar of Rome, concerning the duties Rector of the English College, of Catholics in Italy upon the coming To his Eminence Cardinal

Lucido M. Parocchi.

'SIR CARDINAL - What ought to be of the circular which by order of our On Tuesday, in the presence of predecessor Plus IX., of happy We Ourselves have since repeated

Every kind of argument and art

'We, therefore, Sir Cardinal, think with the authentic documents public opportune to declare publicly that lished by Margiotta and the revela- no change has been by Us at the tions of Miss Diana Vaughan, have above dispositions, and that on this Church, left no doubt upon the point. The account We recommend all who are book of Margiotta, the confessions of true Catholics to accept them and to is as necessary to maintain and peran ex-33. , has had a wonderful obey them with a deferential doell- petuate an organization, as food is

> good will We impart to you with all Our heart the Apostolic Benediction From the Vatican, May 14th, 1895, lawless ungovernable mob. 'Leo XIII. Pope.'

PATRICK BYAN. James Sheakley, Governor of farnual report to the Becretary of the in- founder of the Church is demonstratterior. He reports that the fisheries paring food and clothing, and are mut- with golden tassels. It is the bonding steady progress towards civilization kinds. The only apparent drawback to Alaska's happiness is the fact that not suf to his Church through live is withstanding the efforts of the collector | not entitled to the name of Catholic of customs, his deputies and all the be his or her pretensions what they food fishes will be the most valuable and halibut exist in great numbers besides more than a hundred species of salmon have become an organized inin 1883 with a pack of 36,000 cases it amination and license for editors. has rapidly increased until 1801, the Alaskan pack amounted to nearly 800, Governor states that the manipulation of low grade gold-bearing quartz is easy, successful and profitable, and

The Parls Figaro is responsible for publication with a distrible relating sponsible for Figure's veracity?

that an extensive mining business is

A METHODIST TRIBUTE

The Rev. A. M. Courses of Alexheny City, in a late lecture on the subject paid the following tribute to the Church

'I have nothing but words of oberity for the Roman Catholic Church. First, the name Cathello is simir able. It means universal. It is the expression of the Lord's aspiration that all the churches may be one. But the word Roman is absurd. It cannot be Roman and also universal There is a better word, Christian, But the Roman Catholic Church more nearly than any other on earth. represents this universality. These phurch divisions are shameless and inseless. It is an inestimable wast of overgy in Christian effortburning, blistering shame on Prot estantism. The world owes an ever lasting debt to the Roman Catholic Church for the preservation of the noblest art and architecture the world has ever produced. The music of the hymns you have heard totion John Wesley's and Toplady's bymns. Protestantism owes much program consists of these parts. to the Catholic devotional literatura admire, also, the firmness of the Catholic Church in assertion her authority. We ought to thank God that in many regions this church son of Christian and Fague Pine can hold masses of men, whose sud. of Worship; Great Places of Plantin. of the sanctity of the marriage you, and Leo XIII and its stanch opposition to divorce.

Again, the Catholic Church never like Garda Morano, Windshors turns out her children. She takes Connell and Montalembers: them as babes, and though they may like Roughsoher. Owners. become the veriest outcasts, she wel. Mansoni, Cantu, vivo that, though the concurrence of comes them to her sacrificial grace Balmex Catholic Church is exceedingly wise Strossmayer; preso in its exclusiveness. It has a place dairs and Ravigues, bely for its scholars, orators, musicians ages, like the ture d'

> The Catholic Church will never with natural representation of disintegrate. Dynasty after dynasty peoples evangelised. has fallen into dust, and the lines of Good Works: The La the Popes go on.

The only dead fly in this clament the Sainty Estants is the use of the word "bondage," in Saint Vincentale Pa reference to the Church's control public kitchess, etc. ion that if released from this bondage Charley in the hosp more or less dangerous when released from the restraint of law, and the sense that all law and order, history of the Church. even Christianity itself, is a bondare.

As Father Lambert wave the only dead fly in the Rev. Mr Courtney's lives of the master statement is his reference to the etc. bondage of the members of the

The bondage of lawful descipling to maintain and perpetuate animal 'As a pledge of Our particular life. Stop the use of food and the animal will die; dissolve discipline in an organisation and it becomes

Spiritual discipline in spiritual matters is as necessary as temporal discipline is in temporal matters. ed by the perfection of the organization-the Church, which her conquered all her enemies for nineteen hundred years over the graves of whom she is erecting tabernacies of worships to the everliving God. No. age of affectionate children to a devoted mother. It is the bondage of love. The Catholic who is not obedi-

Chiropodists and horseshoers in Nev York want the Legislature to presentle in their learned "professions." But after all, since the law declares how man shall become a lawyer, a dector. or a dentist, why should not legal metes and bounds be put to the worrelegated by the whim of the Ques- waters. The catching and cauning of mary surgery? When we peruse the turn to the renal colony. The re- salmon have become an organized in New York papers we even think that dustry of large preportions. Beginning there should be a State board of an

> Why do city directory men always take pains to get the names of all the widows, and mention them as such, while they never publish a widower as a widower? Is it not as important that the single state of a widower should be known as it is that the loueliness of a widow should be announced? Let us hope that the directory men may come and widowers alike.

religious arbibidas to be to the Paris Universal But 1900. When reporting in J LOCK Whom to Transmit memorial to this effect. be belleved that the an allusion to the Against which or My Mequate remain with World's Pair in 1803, and COLLEGERY DUCK COL arousing as it doe- the par mon, contributes less to m in a practical way their we a material demonstration of truth and grandour of Catholic as would be willowied by an in tion. By it also the Court of B would be represented as well as a or great powers. An operator could have seen in Catholic books of devo. Frest religious and social qualitation which agitate mone minds. The Part Lounceres the Church in

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