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THE BROWN CURL.

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CHAPTER I.

she found the greatest pleasure in the know what was the matter. she never forgot.

It was a rainy Saturday afternoon for me. in April and Aunt Laura had gone to she took it down.

when they had been kept among her and in my classes again.

were with her again. Just then a rap came to the door, dying. and without raising her eyes from the table she said "Come in," knowing kept from my friend no longer, for that it was one of her brother's chil-

among the children.

up to spend the afternoon with you.

"Thank you, dear, "said Aunt Laura, "I do not know what I should do dur ing your mother's absence if it were not for you. It is so lonely without saw me, "I am so glad to see you -I We therefore, on account of our her, but she will be home Monday, and I think we can keep each other the Sisters I wanted to see you, but integrity of the faith and the security company until her return."

Clara was about to answer when her eyes fell upon a dark brown tress which lay on the table. "What a beautiful curl," she exclaimed, holding it up and looking at it admiringly. Laura, "but not any more beautiful

than the girl who once wore it." "Who was she?" asked Clara, found out. Please describe her to me and tell me all about her.'

"Her name was Melissa Chambers."

said Aunt Laura.

a pretty name, though so odd.

to tell you about the girl. I first met much, so it is very lonesome." her at the Academy of St. --___in Detroit, when I was fifteen.

child, came to the Academy. think of her as she was then. She ued, "As much as I prize the time and too well pleased with the picture studies than be kept from her when she saw there. It was the picture of she is so ill.' a fair childish face, with light blue

eyes, which contrasted most beauti-

fully with her long brown curls. Poor POPE child, she knew she was pretty and

she wished others to think so too. Her mother often took her away to spend Saturday and Sunday with her. Heroine of Charity." and Farmer Carson's and it was on the return from one of these visits, which she made about the middle of April, after she came to the academy to board, that she complained Aunt Laura Markham was a great of feeling slightly ill. When we were favorite among the children of her about to retire she told me that in the brother, with whom she made her morning she called on a little girl who home, and they never seemed happier was sick, but as the Doctor had not than when they were with her, while arrived before she left her, she did not Most Eminent and Reverend Lord

company of her little nieces and "We had a private room together nephews. Although she had passed that term, and, although, I did not had the bonor to make known to your down, and which the Church. either them forth in print to the world, have the Holy Spirit, yet we find these who her fortieth birthday, the memory of fully realize it then, I have often Eminence that the Holy Father inher own youthful days was still fresh thought since that it was very fortunate tending to address in due course of in her mind and she possessed those we did, for in the morning Melissa time a pontifical letter concerning charming ways which win so many had a fever and was quite ill. I called "Americanism," so-called It now friends among the young. One of her in the mistress of the boarders, and devolves upon me to remit to you a greatest attractions was her art of story when she saw how bad Melissa was, she copy of the promised letter, advising telling and the children spent many sent immediately for a physician who, you at the same time that other copies pleasant hours listening to the interest | when he came, said that she had the | will be forwarded to you through Moning tales which she never wearied of scarlet fever. Had she been in one of signor the Apostolic Delegate. telling them, but what interested the the dormitories it would probably have I profit by the present opportunity girls most was to hear of her school spread through the whole boarding to renew the expression of my prodays and some of the old friends whom school. I had had the fever when I found veneration. Kissing your was quite small, so there was no fear hands, I am your humble servant,

"The dormitories and nearly all the her room to put the things in order rooms used by the boarders were in which her little six year old neice had the southern part of the building, while scattered about that morning. She the infirmary was on the upper floor had nearly finished when, glancing up of the north wing. It was there that to the top shelf of her closet, her eyes Melissa was taken and I begged to be rested on a small wooden box, and, allowed to remain with her, at least wondering what its contents might be, | part of the time, but the Sisters obiected to this, saying that my duties The box contained a few treasures could not be neglected and if I went to which she had saved from those happy my classes after visiting her, I would school days now several years passed, be exposing my classmates to the fever. and as she took them out one by one As it was now I was obliged to keep and laid them on the table, her away from the other girls two days, thoughts wandered back to the time but on the third day I was with them

dearest treasures, and scarcely a week had passed without her looking them over, then she remembered how she had packed them away in this box when she was preparing to go away on the same sense and scarcely a week in one and the same doctor in one and the same sense and one without human intervention He teach and the same judgment."—Const. do catholic interests. Moreover, we have often considered and admired the noble anything but my little friend, whom I when she was preparing to go away on the same intervention He teach and the same judgment."—Const. do catholic interests. Moreover, we have often considered and admired the noble anything but my little friend, whom I when she was preparing to go away on the same intervention He teach and the same judgment."—Const. do catholic interests. Moreover, we have often considered and admired the noble of no small over confidence to desire appearance rather than the preparation rather than the preparation and the same doctor in one an dearest treasures, and scarcely a week 'For five days I only heard from a long visit some years ago and had feared would die without my seeing gifts of your nation which enable the has been accustomed to so yield that, to measure and determine the mode of virtue. Grant that it is vit a long visit some years ago and had put them away where they had long since been forgotten. From this her thoughts went back to the days when hey had been collected, and in her mental vision she saw again many of the scenes of that time and the dear tool. I would dram of her at night the scenes of that time and the dear tool. I would dram of her at night to measure and determine the mode of viruse. Grant the viruse the divine principle of morals being the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the viruse the divine principle of morals being the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the viruse the divine principle of morals being the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the divine principle of morals being the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the divine principle of morals being the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the divine principle of morals being the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the divine principle of morals being the divine principle of morals being the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the divine principle of morals being the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in the Divine communication to mankind, we would arm in old friends she had loved at school and awake with a start as if some one but rather to call attention to some were at my bedside telling me she was things to be avoided and corrected;

"I could endure the suspense of being felt that she would certainly die and I expect that you will take it as another must be with her, and on Saturday proof of our love; the more so because The door opened and a girl of about morning I went to my room, as usual, fourteen entered. "Ohit's you Clara, after breakfast, to put my things in tentions which have arisen lately I am glad you have come, 'said her order. This I did very quickly, and among you to the detriment of the aunt smiling for this was her favorite while the mistress of the boarders was peace of many souls. nong the children.

in the dormitory, I stole quietly up that the life of Isaac Thomas Hecker, dreamy this afternoon I thought to the infirmary. I looked so dreary this afternoon. I thought around to see that no one saw me, then especially as interpreted and translated you must be lonesome, so I have come pushed the door open, and going in in a foreign language, has excited not closed it carefully behind me. The a little controversy, because therein nurse had gone out and left Melissa have been voiced certain opinions con a-leep, tout she awoke when I enteaed. cerning the way of leading a Christian

"Oh, Laura," she said when she life. was so lonesome without you and told apostolic office, having to guard the they said you did not have time to of the faithful, are desirous of writing leave your studies. Why did you to you at more length concerning this stav away from me so long?

"I bent over her and throwing her then told me to sit down and remain easily attract those who differ from granted the faithful, each one to fol. spirit."-From the Second Council of else than the good use of free wi . "Very beautiful," answered Aunt with her until the nurse returned, but her, the Church should shape her low out more freely the leading of his Orange, canon 7.

"Melissa," repeated Clara, "what me any tell me stories. The nurse is belong to the deposit of the faith. They so quiet I don't like to have to be contend that it would be opportune in "Yes" said Aunt Laura, "I always alone with her all of the time and you order to gain those who differ from us.

She in the hall and my first inclination Church has always attached to them. commenced school there in the beginn- was to bide but that would be of no It does not need many words, beloved ing of the fall term and for the first use. The door opened and I looked son, to prove the falsity of these ideas few weeks was a day scholar, while I up expecting to see the nurse, but in- if the nature and origin of the doctrine was a boarder, but about the middle stead it was Sister Superior and the which the church proposes are recalled of October her mother, a widow, was doctor. Sister looked at me very to mind. The Vatican Council says obliged on account of poor health sternly and said, "Laura why are you concerning the point: "For the docto break up housekeeping and go to a here? Who gave you permission to trine of faith which God has revealed. hotel to board, while Melissa, her only come?"

which I can hardly blame her when I realizing what I was saying, I continwas very fond of looking in her mirror, spent in school, I rather give up my

LEO'S LETTER.

THE HOLY PATHER'S VIEWS ON "AMERICANISM."

Full Translation of the Papal Documents Things to be Aveided-The Catholic Rule of Life-The Question Dis cussed-The American Church Commended.

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In a former letter of last October I

M. CARDINAL RAMPOLLA. Rome, January 31, 1899. Pope Leo's letter is as follows:

To Our Beloved Son, James, Cardinal Gibbons, Cardinal Priest of the Title Sancta Maria, Beyond the Tiber, Archbishop of Baltimore:

LEO XIII. Pope-Beloved Son, send to you by this letter a renewed she has been what St. Paul said of him. selves certainly merit some degree of admiration which are the outcome w expression of that good will which we self: "I became all things to all men suspicion. First, all external guidance matural virtue—is there anyone at all have not failed during the course of that I might save all." our pontificate to manifest frequently History proves clearly that the Aposto you and to your colleagues in the olio See, to which has been intrusted episcopate and to the whole American people, availing ourselves of every opportunity offered us by the progress of continued "in one and the same docstill because it is conceived in that! same spirit of apostolic charity which vate men who are often deceived by giving of Christ. Eph. iw. 7. has inspired all our letters, we shall it is intended to suppress certain con-

whole matter.

The underlying principles of these arms around my neck she kissed me, new opinions is that, in order to more I did not dare to do this, as I must teachings more in accord with the own mind and the trend of his own get back to my room before I was spirit of the age and relax some of her proper activity. They are of opinion monitions and impulses of the Holy will will write. ancient severity and make some conthat such liberty has its counterpart Spirit are for the most part felt through Christian virtues be adapted to with me until I am better," she said that these concessions should be made is now the right and foundation of alexternal teaching authority. To quote tain times and different ones for you were here, for you could read to but even in regard to doctrines which In the apostolic letters concerning co-operates to the fruit gathered from the words:

"That these who is now the right and foundation of alexternal teaching authority. To quote tain times and different ones for you were here, for you could read to but even in regard to doctrines which In the apostolic letters concerning co-operates to the fruit gathered from the said. admired the name, but you wanted me know mamma cannot be here very to omit certain points of her teaching there set forth the difference existing Himself bestows the inward increase. and the exampler of all sanctive which are of lesser importance, and to "At that moment I heard a footstep tone down the meaning which the has not been proposed, like a philo-"I hardly knew what to say after sophical invention, to be perfected by "Although three years younger being so strictly forbidden to come to human ingenuity, but has been delivthan myself, Melissa soon became one the room, for fear of exposing the ered as a divine depoist to the Spouse further on that score can gave any so, first days of the church. of my dearest friends; and she was others to the fever, and only now it of Christ to be faithfully kept and in- licitude, and accordingly, since that For though Saul, intent upon blood and concapisoned. with me more than with those of her occurred to me how rash I had been in fallibly declared. Hence that meaning has been safeguarded and put beyond and slaughter, had heard the voice of God that more awn age. I soon learned that she had thinking of returning to them without a most leving disposition and was one having it known. I hope you will parof the sweetest girls I ever knew, but poor Melissa, she was almost a spoiled child, and I hope she will forgive me now if I say she had one fault for which I can hardly blame be what I hope her when I which I can hardly blame be what I hope she will for the sweetest girls I ever knew, but don me, Sister," I said 'for disobey the Church, has once declared, nor is each one. But such reasoning is evi-yet was he bidden to enter Damascus dience and self restraint that meaning ever to be departed from under the pretense or pretext of a dently faulty, since if we are to come and search for Ananias. Acts ix full in word and the infallible "Enter the city and it shall be there great advantage the church, it told to thee what thou must do."

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Constitutio de Fide Cartelly and the church, it told to thee what thou must do." deeper comprehension of them."— teaching authority of the church, it told to thee what thou must do."

Constitutio de Fide Catholica, chapshould rather be that no one should Nor can we leave out of consideratoriv.

the same Author and Master. "the seem to depart seriously from the saids has aver obtained in the only Begotten Son, Who is in the overruling wisdom of the Most High it has been the universal beach bosom of the Father." - John i, 18. which wisdom, since it was pleased to those who throughout the sees he teaching them to observe all things the minds of the church's children. A thorough consideration of this whatsoever I have commanded you, from the dangers of these present point, in the supposition that no each and behold I am with you all days, times. even to the end of the world."-Matt. the Vatican Council says: "All those for discussing and pouring contempt plication of that more abundant leafur nary and universal magisterium, pro-

suppress for any reason any doctrine that has been handed down. Such a Catholics from the church than to have those who are separated from the soever below toward the progress of efficacy and fruitfulness. Can it be fold of Christ return to it, but in no other way than the way pointed out of any solid benefit. may, to have a weaker than when left to herself? by Christ.

The rule of life laid down for Catholics is not of such a nature that it can not accommodate itself to the exigen-Health and Apostolic Blessing: We which reason from the very beginning of wrong or guile, yet the things them at times to wonder at some worthy of

this same spirit again if the salvation of souls requires it? In this matter the church must be the judge, not prithe apperance of right. In this, all who wish to escape the blame of our history of the apostles, the faith of the predecessor, Pius the Sixth. must con. pascent church, the trials and deaths cur. He condemned as injurious to of the martyrs and, above all, those the church and the spirit of God who olden times, so fruitful insaints date guides her in the doctrine contained to measure our age with these or at Pistola, "that the discipline made and vine outpouring from the Spirit of Hoapproved by the church should be sub- liness? Not to dwell upon this point. mitted to examination, as if the church there is no one who calls in question

is even a greater danger and a more defense and authority would be unmanifest opposition to Catholic doc- availing. "For if any persuades him. ion and distinction canade be to trine and discipline in that opinion of self that he can give assent to saving, tained is patient for there is us the lovers of novelty, according to that is, to gospel truth when pro- can there be, merely prowhich they hold such liberty should claimed, without any illumination of the church, that her supervision and watchfulness being in sweetness both to assent and to hold. Sacuity, but the end of such the church of sweetness both to assent and to hold. some sense lessened allowance be such a one is deceived by a heretical an act, and an act of victio is in

the constitution of states, addressed by the good trees, since He externally foreknew he predestined to be us to the bishops of the whole church, waters and cultivates them by the conformable to the image of line we discussed this point at length; and outward ministry of men, and yet of Romans viii. 29. Christ is the second between the church, which is a divine -De Gratia Christi, chapter xiz, to His standard must all those

recommended to Catholics.

ing authority of the Roman Pontiff I in Inscript. Altar.

having been proclaimed that nothing ing example is given us in the very has its force. Those who having been proclaimed that nothing first days of the church. We cannot consider as altogether wish to depart from it, and moreover tion the truth that these who are strive that the minds of all being leavened ing after perfection, more by that fact

They are adapted to all times and all set forth by most solemn decision the been eminent for wisdom and sense "Going, therefore, teach all nations; dision precisely in order to safeguard reals and dangerous.

These dangers, viz., the confound make us see the difficulty of location xxviii., 19. Concerning this point ing of license with liberty, the passion or determining the direction and apthings are to be believed with divine upon any possible subject, the assumed of the Holy Spirit so greatly extelled poses for belief as having been divine. church's teaching office than ever be. tues, as though they better responded ly revealed." - Const. de fide, Chap. iii. fore, lest people become annindful to the customs and necessities of the Let it be far from anyone's mind to both of consciousness and of duty.

real existence and growth, our only be | "Can it be that those men illustrion the condition of recogniting the trious for sanctity, whom the oburch wisdom and authority of the church. distinguishes and openly pays because

"And to each one of um grace is given according to the measure of the and swift the course, but outsid

And shall anyone who recalls the in proposition lxxviii of the Synod of firm that they received less of the dimitted to examination, as if the church could frame a code of laws useless or heavier than human liberty can bear."

But, beloved son, in this present matter of which we are speaking, there is even a greater danger and a more there is no one who cans in question the desire that the Holy Spirit does finds a method of expression is about the truth that the Holy Spirit does ing to divide all virtues in seith work by a secret descentiuto the souls ing to divide all virtues in seith work by a secret descentiuto the souls ing to divide all virtues in seith and that He stirs them passive, and it is alleged that where the passive and the passiv

Moreover, as experience shows these of God if the act be one of superm society, and all other social human organizations which depend simply on law of God's loving providence that
the free will and choice of men.

This, indeed, belongs to the ordinary who wish for eternal life of Nor
ganizations which depend simply on
law of God's loving providence that
the free will and choice of men.

as He has decreed that men for the pass, for he is vesterday and It is well, then, to particularly di- most part shall be saved by the min- and the same forever. 2 Hall rect attention to the opinion which istry also of men, so has He wished. To the men of all area was the serves as the argument in behalf of that those whom He calls to the higher | cept given: "Learn of Mar be this greater liberty sought for and planes of holiness should be led thereto am meek and humble of h by men; hence St. Chrysostom de Matt. xi 29. It is alleged now that the Vatican clares we are taught by God through To every age has He decree concerning the infallible teach the instrumentality of men. Homily made manifest as obedient ing authority of the Roman Pontiff I in Inscrib. Altar. Of this a strik death in every age than

blameless the silence which purposely and directed thereby, greater scourity they walk in no beaten or well-known when leads to the omission or neglect of from private error would be enjoyed path, are the most liable to stray, and most assume of the principles of Christian doc- by all. And further, those who avail hands have greater need than others with the strain of the principles of t trine, for all the principles come from themselves of such a way of ressoning of a teacher and a guide. Such guide triangles of a teacher and a guide.

nations, as is clearly seen from the authority and supreme teaching rights -and hence to reject it would be to words of the Lord to His apostles: of this Apostolic See-willed that de- commit one's solf to a belief at one

terior guide is granted such souls, will and catholic faith which are contained right to hold whatever opinions one by innovators. To practice virtue there in the Word of God, written or handed pleases upon any subject and to set is absolute need of the assistance of by a solemn judgment or by her ordi- so wrapped minds in darkness that are fund of novelty giving an unwarthere is now a greater need of the ranted importance to the natural virtimes, and that having these as his We, indeed, have no thought of re- outfit man becomes both more ready. jecting everything that modern in- loact and more atrenuous in action. policy would tend rather to separate dustry and study has produced; so far It is not easy to understand now perfrom it that we welcome from the patri- some possessed of Christian wiedom can bring in those who differ. There is mony of truth and to that ever-widen- either prefer natural to supernatural nothing closer to our heart than to ing scope of public well being what virtues or attribute to them a greater

Coming now to speak of the conclu- to, were deficient, came short in the cies of various times and places. The sions which have been deduced from order of nature and its endamments. church has, guided by her Divine the above opinions, and for them, we because they excelled in Christian Master, a kind and merciful spirit, for readily believe there was no thought atrength! And although it be allowed is set aside for those souls who are endowed numbly with an outlis of make striving after Christian perfection as ural virtue? Is there any one not tried being superfluous, or, indeed, not use by mental anxiety, and this in an vine graces House St. Augustwell says: Wonderful in the street true path." For an the materia man, owing to the primal fank will olined to evil and dishoner, yet by the help of grace is raised up, in beene along with a new greatness and strength, so, too, virtue, which is me the product of mattire alone, but of grace also, is made fruitful nato exercilasting life and takes on a more stress and abiding character.

> This overesteen of materal print acting, that is to say, under the brace