

The PRINCE OF ESSOR'S MYSTERY

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CHAPTER XXVI. And Rediscovering Realities.

I think Lady clutched at my arm, but I can't remember. The one mem-

"Miriam Reid," she cried, in a high chanting cadence between song and speech.

But Sheila had done before we could move or speak of her. With her last words, she flung her arms wide apart.

"Thank God," said Lady softly, and Sheila answered from the other side: "The Saints be praised."

"Oh, my dear, my dear, my dear!" she repeated over and over again, in a desolate and ceaseless iteration that grew into a horror and which alone we dared not stop.

"Where is the doctor?" she asked. Evidently Doctor Paulus had been listening, for at the murmured question he stepped in and came across the room to Mrs. Tabor.

"Why have you taken her from me?" she asked brokenly, at last. Doctor Paulus' face was very kind and very serious.

"I know that now it seems so," he answered, "but all that will for you pass away. It is not that we have taken the daughter that is dead away. For you see now, and you will understand how all that came only out of yourself, like a picture that you made of your own sorrow."

"My love is so great I could die for you—you will marry me?" asked the youth, as he knelt at her feet. Then, as he saw the thoughtful look upon her face, he added: "Ah, do you doubt it? Well, I'll marry you if you can prove your statements."

"Doctor," Reid broke out, "for God's sake—" Doctor Paulus never turned his head. "Be still, young man," he said quietly, and Reid's voice died into a stammer as he went steadily on.

"I am going to try, Doctor," she said. "I see that I have been sick, but with all you dear people I shall get well. And for the first time my eyes left the doctor's face and turned to the rest of us who had drawn a little apart, but as they met mine their expression changed and a flicker of the old terror came into them, a terror that was reflected in my own heart."

"I know," she remembered now. She struggled to her feet, and the old terror was upon her face. "I meant to tell you about it, Mr. Crosby has not been honest with us. I came into the room a while ago and found him with Lady, and—" She broke off suddenly, looking quickly from one to another of our startled faces.

"Mrs. Tabor," I said, "there is no secret any more. Lady is going to marry me." She gave me one look. "All that I had left," she whispered; and then again she began to cry, but this time softly, turning away from us toward the window at the end of the room.

"You are right, Laurence," she said. "The truth is best for all of us now." "Mrs. Tabor," said Doctor Paulus, "you do not lose your daughter, but gain, I think, a very good son. Indeed it is Mr. Crosby who has helped us much to our knowledge that you were going to be well and strong again."

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REV. MR. CONRAD WRITES OF BAPTIST ALLIANCE

Rev. S. F. Conrad, who returned several days ago from attendance on the Baptist World's Alliance, has written on paper his impressions of the alliance, especially the closing scenes, which News readers will enjoy.

"No report can ever be satisfactory made of the alliance, says Mr. Conrad, because of the complex elements composing it, and because of the impossibility to report the personality of the speakers, and the expressions of appropriation and the enthusiasm awakened by many of the addresses in the great audience. Three sessions were held daily and a short intermission comparatively for dinner—and one of the remarkable things about it was there was no lag in interest and the program was so well arranged as to present something new with important personages to speak at every service."

"There were wise heads at the helm in arranging the program, and it is evident they knew their men and their ability to meet the expectation and demands of the occasion. They came well prepared on the subjects assigned them and many of them spoke extemporaneously, while others used their manuscripts for accuracy of statement. Some of these addresses covered subjects of such vital importance that they will serve for a long time to come as a field for study and as authority for reference."

"One of the striking things about the alliance was the growth in interest and the very high type of the addresses and the practical nature of the subjects considered. 'The Church and Education' taking in three phases of the question. 1. Through the Sunday school. 2. Through the family. 3. Through schools, colleges and seminaries. On this last subject Dr. E. M. Wetten, president of the Bureau of Christian Education, gave his address. It was a gem, and a Tar Heel, carried him the palm as there was given him a great ovation."

"Dr. Russell H. Conwell gave his famous lecture, 'Acres of Diamonds,' on Saturday evening, while there were special meetings of great importance held with many churches in the city, Sunday night. A passing motorist, who had been in the city, and embraced three topics. 1. The church and the working man, by R. S. Gray, of New Zealand. 2. The church and the working woman, by Frank M. Goodchild, of New York, and 3. The church and social crisis, by Walter Ranschenbusch, of New York. While all these were good the last named was general in thought and in times of such utterance. The working woman created a sensation because of the crime of the great syndicates in the great cities and the humiliation to which many of them were subjected. The address of Walter Ranschenbusch, on the social crisis, was one of the master pieces of rhetoric and regarded as one of the great speeches of the alliance."

"The Best of the Wine for the Last." Sunday was the closing day of the alliance and it will forever be cherished as one of the experiences which can come to many only once in a life time. The Lordship of Jesus was a theme assigned for the pulpits throughout the world and it really seemed as if the storm center was in the Baptist. A. H. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was the preacher and the text taken from Acts 2:36. 'Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus whom ye have crucified both Lord and Christ.'

glorious vindications of the Lordship of Christ and his divine mission into the world the writer ever heard and the effect upon the great audience was to melt them into tears. It was a kind of second Pentecost in stirring the depths of the great audience, as scores and hundreds crowded forward to grasp the preachers' hands and express their joy and gratitude.

"The afternoon was devoted to a consecration service which was addressed by P. T. Thompson, of England, M. P. Pitts, of Michigan, and Rev. L. G. Broughton, of Atlanta. It is needless to say all these talks were good.

"The closing session at night. In some respects the last meeting will be remembered like the last charge of a great battle, or like the peoration of a great speech. The last theme discussed was 'The Baptists and the Coming of the Kingdom.' 1. In non-Christian lands by John Hempton, of New York. 2. In Europe by J. W. Young, of England. 3. In America by George W. Truett, of Texas.

"These addresses were charming and freighted with the ripest and richest of thoughts on great questions. 'The closing speech of George Truett was like a sweeping cyclone in pathos and power, as he dwelt upon the things which were a menace to us as a nation and the problems we were called to meet and solve. Among them he mentioned foreign emigration. The crowding together of the great masses in the cities and the saloon which he said was sucking the very life blood out of the nation."

"This last speech was worth a hundred dollars to hear. 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds' was others hands shrldu'lo' song while nearly four thousand held each other's hand and amid many tears the great meeting closed at nearly midnight.

"From the remarks heard by the oldest in the ministry and men of wide observation, this meeting stands with-out a parallel in Baptist history, and necessarily there will go out influences which will never die."

Tragedy at New Orleans. By Associated Press. New Orleans, La., July 5.—Returning to his home from his office late yesterday James C. Mut, manager of a warehouse, stepped from his car at the new basin to join a crowd about the lifeless body of a boy just taken from the water. The body was that of his son, James, Jr., aged 12, one of eight children. The lad had become overheated while riding a bicycle, and stopped at the edge of the basin to cool off. A passing motorist saw him stagger and fall into the water, and bringing his car to a stop, jumped into the water fully dressed, but failed to rescue the lad. Twenty minutes later the body was brought up.

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