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An Episode of Convert Life.

Translated from the French by Rev. M. J. Thing. A. M.:

CHAPTER VII.

EXPERIOR TROUBLES.

It was in June that I took the veilt scarcely fifty if she is still living." the plague had broken out a few weeks later; it had remained about a month | mother," in the house, and since that time until the end of September nothing of importance had taken place; but it would be impossible to describe the sadness years after her incarceration." which filled our hearts during this time. Our number had been greatly my mother?" diminished; some of us seemed upon the point of failing; Mother Genefride seemed very much broken down, and gone. Did she not die with the the superior appeared incapable of do- plague?" ing what she did.

The exterior troubles were not less than the interior troubles of the family. The revolutionary spirit was let loose with such violence at St. Siffren that many of the richest families were prisoned?" obliged to abandon the place. The results of these movements sometimes these symptoms of tumult reached us- since that, I tell you." as there are no such timid creatures as nuns-we pressed one against the other like a flock of frightened sheep.

speak to the abbess and myself The tremely violent excitement, we came to becility. the grate, and I saw that my friend the conversation, informing us of the she is innocent of this crime." decision of M. Verani The tumults were becoming each day more serious, and they thought it would be much line." better to remove before things came to extremes. She was about to continue, this poor Agnes." when the abbess, placing her hand into tears.

me a significant look, and I succeeded while occupied with the abbess, in view of their interests." placing myself between her and the packet in the presence of Pauline.

from Mme. Verani to me; another from up to this time." Edward Beaumont for his sister, and a Switzerland. They all had the same purpose. They gave alarming details ligieuse who had been imprisoned assure themselves of the fact.

These letters declared that the posithey were exposed, without protection, to the brutality of the furious populace They ended with the most pressing prayers, made in the name of friendship and the most ardent interest, for the three sisters, Pauline, Clarisse, and Angelique, to allow themselves to be persuaded, if ary tumult took place, to make a knot in their veil, and to abandon themselves to the protection of those who addressed them by the words calling them "the sisters of the knotted veil."

"What shall werdo?" said I to Pauline.

"What we can," responded she. "Are you able to hesitate when Providence opens the door before us? Shall silence. we not escape from this horrible place? learns that she is no more?"

this so devoted brother when be should learn the terrible end of his sister.

had shut up in the subterranean chamber. We dide not dare to talk directly about the subject of our letters, but we many things they had heard, asking them what they would do if the convent should be treated like that of St. Clara of Nice.

"If such a thing happens," said Mother Aimee,"I will hide among the creased. debris and there give up my spirit, for it is here that I have lived during the protection of our Mere de Misericorde, general tumult." and it is here that I wish to leave my me."

opened?"

spended Pauline.

dominated the aged mother. again," said Pauline.

child was so young, she was not more had been torn. than eighteen years old, and she is

"I do not know," said the mother, "I there is to be feared?" never was in their confidence; but I

have always heard that she died ten "Who told you that she was dead,

"I cannot recall," said she, "butshe had known when-my memory has them."

"Who?"

"Did you not speak of poor Clarisse?" asked Mother Almee. "No," replied Pauline, "of poor Ag-

"What! In this house, do you say?"

"But why did they imprison her?"

questioned Pauline. One morning, after a night during nun. "Who am I to pass judgment in the grand square. The tumult inwhich our repose had been more upon my superiors? Have they not creased, and the most horrible howling which our repose had been more upon my superiors? Have they not creased, and the most horrible howling to crease the created horrible howling to create horrible horrible howling to create horrible howling to create horrible horrible horrible horrible horrible howling to create horrible horr sented herself at the grate, asking to Our hely church, is it not infallible?" preparation seemed to be made for an abbess responded to her appeal, and of the cross, murmured a prayer, and omitted vespers, we were called to leaning upon my arm, in a state of ex- then fell into her ordinary state of im- complines an hour sooner than usual.

"Poor soul!" said Pauline; "she is another priest officiated in his place. was very much disturbed. She opened not among those who deceive; at least

"Those who deceive," I repeated: "your principles change, then, Pau-

upon my arm, cried: "O, Angelique! of her," said I; "but I am tired with tuary. Each of the sculptures seemed what shall we do?" and throwing her- all these mysteries. I have lost all to detach itself and stand out in relief self backward into her chair she burst confidence in my spiritual guides. I upon the wall. A terrible blow struck am ready to doubt all forms of religion upon the door made us tremble. Mme. Verani at the same time gave and to believe that they have been in- Throwing our books away we fled in all vented by ambitious men and women in directions-some to the right side and

grate, and I received a package which fotten Clarisse and all that she said in door which gave entrance to the gar-I slipped into my pocket. Having at- that frightful subterranean interview? den; but before we could ascerta'n tained her object, my friend took her Are you able to doubt for a single in- whether the door would open, I heard leave; and as the eyes that used to stant the reality of what supported my name pronounced, and the portress, watch the novices were closed forever, that young girl, so sweet and delicate, all in a tremble, told me that I must go I soon found an opportunity to open my in such terrible circumstances as those to the saloon and present myself to the in which she found herself? O An- mayor of St. Siffren. The news it contained was very in- gelique! there ought to be in religion teresting. There was first a letter more than we have been able to learn

I am unable to recall the rest of the third from the cousins of Pauline from conversation; the events which followed have effaced it from my memory.

It was about four days later-days concerning the frightful political con- during which nothing extraordinary dition of the country, and said that occurred, and which we passed in the aspect, who was sitting outside the they had heard of some reports of a re- same course of monotonous observances -that, being in the garden with Pautwenty years in the dungeons of the line, and deeply absorbed in conversa convent, and that the people threatened tion upon the details which had been to force the coors of the monastery to mentioned in the letter of Mme. Verani, we were surprised, during a pause in our conversation, to hear a rumbling tion of the sisters would be horrible if sound like a distant cataract when it falls in a torrent.

"Hear!" cried Pauline.

The noise continued and became more and more distinct. "It is the wind," said I, for though

the day had been beautiful, still there had been a great deal of stir among the cedar branches. "No," said Pauline with a frightened air: "no, it is not the wind."

"It is the mountain torrent," said I, 'and if it is that we will see if the brook is swollen."

We went toward the grate, but we saw no change. The brook continued its peaceable course between its flower bordered banks, and we looked at it in

"O Angelique," said Pauline, "why What will her brother say when he am I so sad, so full of apprehension?" and joining her hands she continued: We wept freely at the thought of "O God! God be merciful, direct us, guide us; if we are in error, dissipate the clouds of doubt and the shadows We asked ourselves if we ought not which obscure our minds. Lead us to give some alarm to the abbess; but into the truth; make us capable of we were arrested in this project by the placing our confidence where it only fear of perhaps hastening the death of should be placed, and as to the rest-as as free as myself, and that you can do the unfortunate creature whom they to this world, do for us as seemeth good nothing better than to put yourself unto Thee."

In saying these words she threw her arms around me_and then continued: spoke to the mothers and sisters of "But if it is Thy good pleasure, O Lord, grant that I may not be separated from my Angelique."

For a moment we were carried away

"Oh heaven!" cried Pauline, "St. Siffren is in revolt. Do you not distintime that I have been under the long guish the sound of voices? It is a

old bones that my dust may mingle the house, and meeting some of the with the sisters that have preceded sisters she spread the alarm in the es- only one chance for safety, miserable tablishment. There was a narrow door "Mother," said Pauline, who had in an arch leading from one of the ture that you have held imprisoned so drawn Mother Aimee away from the chambers which opened upon a narrow many years. Go immediately and open other sisters, "what would become of circular stairway that led to a high her dungeon and bring her here, or-Sister Agnes if the prisons were tower from which one could see the and he pronounced a horrible oathwhole village. This door was ordinar- the people will enter here and tear you "Agnes!" said the old woman, trem- ily closed; but the abbess, hearing our in pieces, limb by limb." bling; "what do you know about her?" cries, sent to find the portress, and The superior, more dead than alive,

"I know her whole history." on having opened the door, she ascended protested her innecesses, and assured lieves the public schools are an essential "And who has told you, my child?" the rounger once remained behind, as to what had been done by her pre-"The tengue that will never speak dows which gave a view of the village, knowledge, a living creature shut up we were distracted in hearing the noise in the subterranean dungsons. "Ah!" cried the mother, who, as I which was made in the streets, and | The mayor shook his head. "Well, have already said, was almost in her in seeing the sign of desolation, the said he, "you have scaled your own second childhood, "she knows all. It tri-colored flag, floating at the summit condomnation; it is finished. was very sad, my daughters. The poor of the cathedral from which the cross | And murmuring some words, among

"Angelique," said Pauline, "the caths which fairly froze the blood in time for resolution has come; our de- our voins, he turned away. We were "She is alive, you know it, my liverance or death is coming. Shall we left behind the grate in a state of ter-

us, descending the staircase, with great populace. I offered to do this work, swiftness, and giving command to call and I promised to prevent the prisoner Father Joachim. The abbess being from saying anything against her peraway, many of the aged nuns retired to secutors. their cells. doubtless to invoke their "I assure you that you are mistaken, nes. Is she dead or is she still in- wooden idols that were about to be des- said the abbess, "and you can believe by the tower window gazing upon the Name of the Ruler of heaven that at cried the mother. "How could she be village, and not noticing the approach this time there is no prisoner under reached even within our walls, so when still living? It is at least thirty years of night until the black outlines of the this roof." village wall were seen upon the Horizon, and a new luminary appeared to lighten the scene. This proved to be an At the same time she made the sign attack upon the convent, and as we had Father Joachim was not present, and

> It was the last day of September, and night had already fallen before the service was ended. Just at the moment when it was to terminate, a frightful noise resounded in the long "That is possible," said she; "but corridors of the convent and died away in the chapel. The glimmering light "God only knows what has become of the torches illuminated the sancothers to the left, while Pauline and I "Why," said Pauline, "have you for- ran to the cemetery, trying to open a

> > "Heaven!" I cried, "what now?" The portress was not able to respond to this question, but tearing me away from Pauline-for this faithful friend would have followed me even to death -she pushed me before her into the saloon, where I found the abbess in conversation with a man of the coarsest grate. He was seated, though the abbess was standing, and he wore the tricolored cockade.

"This young girl," said he, continuing a conversation already commenced, "that is to say, the consin of Citizen Verani, is the person I wish to sec. Citizen Verani is one of my friends, and that is why I wish to show some affection to his cousin. You have no need to trouble yourself as to my motives, and I do not wish to hear your jargon. I know that the rest of you cloistered people are accustomed to fabricate falseboods; that is wby I warn you that I know Citizeness Cecile Ricordi, who has lived some time with her cousins at St. Siffren, and I desire to speak with her myself." Then perceiving me he said:

"Come on, young girl, and lift your veil; show me your face. It is possible that I have seen some less beautiful."

I looked at the abbess, to know what must be done, and this short delay provoked a torrent of oaths and blasphemy on the part of the reprobate. When he had looked at me some time through the grate, he laughed and made some pleasantries about the barriers of the grate, and swore that he would break them down as soon as all the young birds were driven into their nests.

"Ah well!" my beautiful citizeness, I desire you to understand that you are under my protection; and if you are not happy it will not be my fault. That LOYAL ORANGE INSTITUTION is what I have to say to you, Citizeness Ricordl. But to you," said he, turning towards the superior, his features agitated with anger and fury, "to you I have to talk in another manner. Do by our feelings, but recovering ourselves, we perceived that the noise inselves, we perceived that the noise inactions are unknown; do not hope to escape the vengeance of the people. You tromble, I see it, and you have reason. I have only to say the word, and a justly enraged populace will force Saying these words she ran towards these doors and oblige you to avow your secret and hidden actions. You have Orange principles, are these few statements woman! Show us the unfortunate crea-

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with some of the cider sisters, while him that though she could not answer. Having reached one of the narrow wind decreasors, there had never been, to her

which we could only understand some

speak? Shall we tell the abbess what for that is beyong my power of description. During this time all fear of the "Agnes." I repended, "that poor, superior had left me, and when I found unhappy creature, would we not ag- myself alone with her I besought her gravate her position? No: let things to deliver immediately the unhappy take their course. If they have com- creature who was shut up in the submitted this crime, they merit their terranean dungeon, telling her that

punishment, unless God shall protect she could leave her by the door of the garden and conduct her into a window At this moment the abbess passed where she would be sheltered from the

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WIDE AWAKE COUNCIL No. 10, A. P. A., meets every Friday night at 16th and L Road. Grigsby's hall, Kansas City, Kan. EXCELSIOR COUNCIL NO. 3, W. A. P. A. meets every Monday afternoon at 2:30 at Bell's ball. Southwest Houlevard, near state line. Resedale. Kansas. Friends of other councils are cordially invited to attend, Every true American lady is invited to come and join us, sod assist in the good work. Iniation fee \$1.00.

GATE CITY COUNCIL No. 8, A. P. A.—
Meets every Saturday evening at 437 Minnesota avenue. Kausas City, Kas. Visitors
cordially invited.

COUNCIL No. 7. A. P. A.—Meets every Mon-day evening at Chamber of Commerce Hall Riverview. Visitors cordially invited. COUNCIL No. 6, A. P. A .- Meets every Saturday evening at southeast corner Pack-ard and Osage avenue, Armourdale, Visitors cordially invited.

COUNCIL No. 11. A. P. A.—Meeta at Wood-ward's Hall every Tuesday evening at 8p m. sharp, Third street and Lafayette avenus. A cordial invitation is extended to visiting friends. ARGENTINE COUNCIL No. 12. A. P. A.— Meets every Monday night in Nokes Ball, Argentine, Kan. All visitors welcomed. TOPEKA COUNCIL No. 14, A. P. A.—Meets every Monday evening in A. O. U. W. Hall 418 Kansas avenue, Topeka Kansas All visitors will be cordinally welcomed.

Oostdyk Council, No. 1. W. A. P. A. of Kan-sas-City, Mo., meets every Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at 1609 Penn St. Address, Post-office box 521, Kansas City, Mo.

Sunflower Lodge, L. O. L. No. 264, meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 8 p. m., at Claffin's hall, corner of Mill street and Osage avenue. Kansas City, Kan. Visiting brethren are cordinity invited to attend. John Davidson, W. M., Wm. McNaughton, Secy., 715 Reynolds Ave.

Liberty Council, No. 15, Jr. O. U. A. M., meets every Wednesday night, corner Pack-ard and Osage streets, Armourdale, Kansas, Thos. Rolf. secretary.

KANSAS PURPLE STAR, L. O. L. No. 205— Meets first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8 p. m., in A. O. U. W. Hall, corner Fourth street and Minnesots a venue, Kansas City, Kan. Samuel Harrison, W. M. Wm. Ballagh, secretary, 537 Northrup avenue Visiting brethren cordially invited.

SUPREME CABINET American Orange Knights.

OBJECTS.

This order is formed of persons whose objects is to maintain the supremacy of law, order and constitutional freedom; to preserve inviolate the citizen's franchise; to perpetuate and defend the precepts and free institutions of civil and religious liberty guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and established by our forefathers. PRO ARIS ET POCIS.

WANTED-Position as Janitor, or general works an in wholesale house. Address P. A. P. care this office.