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An Episode of Convent Life.

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fifty years old.

was convinced?"

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CHAPTER VIII.

DELIVERANCE. - Continued.

Pauline, Edward and I parted company, and we reached the place some moments before the rest of our company. From there we descended into a little valley from whence St. Siffren was no longer visible. William, who had not left Pauline, said that their intention was to direct us toward Lake L----, from whence he would hasten to enter Switzerland and arrive in a few hours at the house of his father, M. d'Ivanhois, who possessed there a large domain, where he lived, as we learned later, in the greatest comfort. He told her that we ought to halt in a place father: that there we were to change horses, and that we would be provided with clothing. We were to take there some refreshments and then continue our journey. William thought that our journey, after leaving the cottage, they are sinners; but at least they do would last all of the following day and a part of the night. But they had not refuse the Holy Scriptures to the taken all measures to render easy the people. Instead of closing the source passage from one country to the other.

All this was recounted to me by Pauline while we were rapidly passing over the path. Arriving at the summit we stopped to await those who followed us, and to cast a last look upon the convent, where we had left some persons who were dear to us, and in what a cepts of the Holy Book, and to talk situation!

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But how shall I describe the scene which met our eyes when they were directed that way? The old towers of Notre Dame de Misericorde apread out before us and seemed to fill the entrance to the valley. The flames raised themselves in the midst of the gothic pllasters; the great cupola and cross were yet visible, but the flames were approaching. This sight filled us with of man." emotion, and I burst into tears. Pauline manifested the most violent agitation; she seemed ready to leap from her horse and hurry to the convent. No, I have never seen such a violent outburst of emotion. All at once she was silent. I comprehended the cause of this silence. The clock in the convent conversation revolves around this self. sounded eleven. It sounded forth from point."

the tower whose base was enveloped in flames. The strokes fell solemnly and gently, and we heard in silence until called the argument of Clarisse with the last echo died away in the valley. Then my friend and I lot our tears flow church?" freely.

direct her attention to some other sub-ject, and so draw from her an account of hard-heartedness; then said he had in error or truth, is able to be called a

of our minds removed sloop from our "what a scene she looked upon last last news is better. Our good doctor we finished our meal than he asked a Roman clorgy claim a monopoly of so

"What would I not give to know the what has passed at ist. Siffren! Pour quil, and for an hour she has slept myself. In which he asked us to re- The Knights of St. George is a millname of this pour sister whom the Mother-Genefride, where issue? Where peacefully." brothur of Charlase has saved" said are the sisters and Mother Aimee? O' Angelique' how much happier are dressing with haste-

"It is Agnes," said I, "yes, this same those who sleep in the dost?

Agnes of whom we have so often heard "Provided," said William, "that they them speak. But she must be at least have been deceived and were not do- Her chamber is almost dark. The but his bosom heaved convulsively explained. ceivers. In the last case I would not light is hortful to her eyes, which when Pauline recounted, with much "That is nothing," said William, like to be in their place."

she might be sixty or a hundred years It was cleven o'clock when we arold. Edward would also be the same to rived at the village that we were try- have closed the shutters. her. Ah, Pauline, when you know ing to reach. At the entrance was a Edward better, you will see that his re- little hotel whither William conducted ligion is more real, more admirable, us. He found there two of his father's d'Ivanhois, "I am not able to say what more excellent than all the proud pre- servants with a carriage drawn by four she is, for I was wholly occupied in puttentions of the abominable system that mules. There he left us, after comyou have been led to abandon." mending us to the care of the servants,

"William," said Pauline, "do not be and took his leave and went to rejoin she is not old." too sure of me. Have I told you that I those yet in the rear. We did not know how to thank bim for his good-

"No," replied ho. "and I know that ness; but the tears that we were unable must be at least fifty years old." you will use much caution in this re- to conceal told him more than our spect, my dear cousts, since upon your words could have done. The place of are cruel," responded Madame d'Ivanwords depend so many things. But our destination was, so the coachman hois. "Poor creature! Think what seriously. Pauline, if I desired you to told us, about an hour's drive from the she has had to suffer! Thirty years lived a peasant well known to his change your religion upon a simple lake, "and the road," said he, "Is as did you say? May the Lord have pity say so, I would not desire any better smooth and soft as a lady's hand." upon her! But I hope that her sufferhelpers than the principles of the sys- After going a third of the way we en- ings are done. She has fought a good tem of falsehood which you have escaped. I do not pretend that the reformed churches are perfect, far from and majesty which characterized the against her."

> After having passed before many of living waters, they invite each one houses, our coachman showed us one to approach and quench his thirst for much larger and more beautiful than himself. There is no mystery in their action: all is open and frank. The true believer is able to act for himself in those churches; he is able to study his around indicated the wea'th of the pro- attached to her side. She had fainted prietor; the high piles of wood about Bible, direct his conduct after the prethe door seemed to defy the winter's

> the house. An inscription in German still possesses it. Ah, my children, was above the door. Behind the house d'Ivanhois. He was a handsome man extended a large garden.

I did not notice all this at the first of the Lord's children." was then astonished and pleased to see with what seriousness he invited us to moment of arrival by moonlight but I "We were eager to see her, for we and that in searching for it in the reader may have an idea of the place could obtain a Bible in the convent. that his sister had been faithful even where we were. Finally we came to But Madame d'Ivanhois was not willing Bible, saying. "You will learn how feeble and failible are all the teachings the front door. The inhabitants had that she should be disturbed. As soon been notified of our approach by a as we were dressed she conducted us

peasant coming from the cabin where into the room where we had eaten our We conceded many of these diverse we changed our clothing. Scarcely supper. There we found the aged points. We responded, however, that had the carriage stopped when an old father of the family, with his son and though all men were finners, we had been taught to consider the church as gentleman and lady appeared on the the young man who had rescued me. I threshold, opening at the same time had not yet seen his face, and was William, "for I perceive that all our no difference between Pauline and my-

"I would like to know what your

them by saying that the young man definition is," said Pauline, and I rewould be after us by the next morning. that I trembled violently, he made me We entered the house, and after sit down and took a seat by my side. the bishop, "What, then, is the having ascended a large stairway, we

"The Holy Writings," said William, "establish an important distinction benumber of plates were kept warm for then extending his hand, "for the sake

our meal. In one of the corners a beau-

wall. I saw all these objects at a glance

of my eye, and they indicated the com-

owner. It was excessively painful for

me to enter into a house where I felt

that I must be a burden to my hosts.

The excellent lady herself took the

plates from the stove and placed them

'You must be hungry, dear young

girls," said she. "Eat at once, my dear

children, and then you will go to rest.

For some days we have expected you,

and it is only this morning that a do-

mestic coming before you announced

The man had also recounted the de-

tails of our flight and the extraordinary

deliverance of the sister. They urged

But the good old man would not per-

Madame d'Ivanhois was soon by my

"My dear," said she, addressing her-

she brought us two complete toilets.

upon the table.

your arrival."

night? What would I out give to know has said that the poles is more tran- private interview with Pauline and creey

"May I see her?" asked Pauline, dear Emily.

"No," replied Madame d'Ivanhois, proves that she has been imprisoned feeling, the scene in the subterranean

"Is she young or old?" asked I "Poor creature" replied Madame his lips, saying: ting her to bed, and I did not closely God recompense you for what you have

"If it is Agnes," said Pauline, "she has been imprisoned thirty years; she

"The tender mercles of the wicked tears. that the doctor had left the house, tered a narrow gorge of picturesque fight, and He who is with her has promising to return at night, and that terests. beauty, and stamped with that grace shown Himself stronger than those he said our poor sister was better.

Pauline.

the poor creature. I found hidden upon master. The lands and barns built you. It was truly sad to see the Book she need have no fear for hers. when I took it away; but I placed it by she slept. her side in the bed. I do not know cold. Two large galleries surrounded whether she has discovered that she this poor girl who owes to you, after God, her deliverance, is certainly one

unto death?

KNIGHTS OF ST. GEORGE.

is company at this moment."

When we returned to the house we

One of the Secret Military Organizations of the Roman Catholic Church.

(To be Continued.)

The following extracts from the con-"What, then, is the church?" asked their hearts and arms to us, and making struck by his resemblance to the beau- stitution and by-laws of the Knights tiful and unhappy Clarisse. I was so of St. George, division C, of the Sacred moved that, as I tried to thank him for Heart church of Columbus, Ohio, are They were disappointed in not seeing what he had dope for me, I burst into worthy of thoughtful consideration. William, but the servants quieted tears. I did not dare to extend to him We quote from the revised edition printed by the Westbote Co., in 1889: my hand, but he took it, and seeing CONSTITUTION.

"Mademoiselle," said he, "if I have society shall be, 1st, to promote true and thus incur the opposition of loyal were ushered into a hall floored and had the favor to help in delivering you Catholic brotherly love: 2nd, to take Americans, that is their own fault. trimmed with the black oak of that from had conditions, then may I also into consideration nothing but what william tried value to console his "establish an important distinction be-cousin. All that he could do was to tween the church and a church. In the direct her attention to some other sub- whole world, every union of men who

count everything that we knew of his tary organization. Just why enforced military drill and discipline is essential

We were in a little arbor behied the to the declared parpose of advancing house. During our recital M Beau- the interests of the Roman Catholie. "it is not necessary to disturb her. most concealed his eyes with his hand; church in this peaceful country is not

This secret military organization is very exclusive. Only Roman Catholics for a long time. For that reason I chapel. Then, when we had told all between the ages of 18 and 40 years can that we knew, he arose, and taking a be admitt d to the ranks, and they must hand of each, he pressed thom against take into consideration nothing that does not tend to advance the interests of "All that I can ever do for you, young the Roman Catholic church and its

ladies, will always he too little. May members. That cominds us of the man who examine her features; but certainly done for my poor Emily! I will return prayed, "God bless me and my wife, my after some hours. I am not able to be son John and his wite, us four and no

more. With these words he arose, crossed Would any true Knight of St. George the garden, and directed his steps to vote for a candidate for office known to ward the side of the mountain. He was be opposed to the advancement of the weeping and men do like to show their Roman Catholic church?

Whoever heard of a Protestant church organizing itsable bodied memfound Madame d'Ivanhois in the office bers into a secret society, or pledging where she ordered dinner. She told us them to take into consideration nothing that did not tend to advance its own in-

If it be lawful for Rome to form secret Briefly told, her words were that she military organizations to counteract "How do you know that she has had slept a little; she had taken a little the influence of Masons, Odd Fellows, fought a good fight, Madame," asked nourishment, and that her strength Knights of Pythias and other alleged was rallying; but she was still delir- irreligious societies, to promote her "I learned that without much diffi- lous. When she found her Bible, she own selfish interests, and to wage war culty," responded Madame d'Ivanhois; appeared agitated and tried to hide it on our public school system, why may "for this morning, when undressing from those who were beside her, though not those opposed to Rome, and in they assured her that everybody in the favor of maintaining the public schools, the others; this was the house of his her body, a Bible, well used, I assure house had one of their own, and that unite to counteract the influence of Rome? In the ranks of the A. P. A.

"God be thanked!" said she, and then are republicans and democrats, prohibitionists and populists, saint and Pauline and I earnestly asked per- sinner, Jew and Gentile, foreign born mission to see her, but we were told and native born Americans of all

that we must wait until the following classes, callings and conditions in life, day. I impatiently awaited the coming all standing shoulder to shoulder on a of the next day. In passing I will say platform of patriotism, loyalty to the that M. Beaumont joined us at supper, stars and stripes, and public schools and having mastered all his emotion. Why American institutions. Will some receive, not his opinions, but the truth, have here given the details so that the were unable to understand how she should he not master it, since he knew Protestant apologist for Rome kindly explain how such a society can be dangerous, except to the threatened supremacy of Rome? But, says the Roman apologist, the A. P. A.'s scratch, they are organized to scratch candidates who do not represent their views! When did that become unlawful? Do they not concede to all others the same privilege?

But, says the apologist, it is unconstitutional to exclude mea from office on religious grounds. The A. P. A. fights no man on account of his religion. The maintenance of the public schools is a political not a religious question. If nearly all the members of one church "Art. 2, Sec. 1. The object of this get on the wrong side of that question

When the intelligent laymen of the

ort the pope's pretensions to infaili of Him to whose name every knee must tual advisor of the Sacred Heart church. bility and authority to annul our laws "Art. 3, Sec. 2. Any Catholic of if they fall to suit him; when they send good moral standing in the community, their children to the public schools; and who has attained the age of 18 when they follow the example of Cath-"Do you wish to study this, asking years, and not more than 40 years, may, olic laymen in Italy and Mexico and tell the clergy to attend to religion and let politics alone, they will find no further cause to complain of the A. P. A. bership shall be balloted for with or any other patriotic society,-Columbus Record.

CHAPTER IX. THE REFUGE.

it; those who form them know that country of Switzerland.

less knew that this charge would be constitute what we call the church, promptly retracted, for he expressed no whose character is imperfect since discontent and conducted our horses those composing it are sinners, and the further on.

remainder of our party. The poor sis- which alas! is too often only a den of ter had fainted and it was impossible thieves, are included, at least so far as to keep her on horseback. It was de- we can see, the members of the invisible cided that the peasants should con- church. In the present dispensation, struct a litter of pine branches and these members of the invisible church carry her to the cabin. It was also cannot be determined and counted, thought best that William should con- since they are without visible head. duct Pauline and myself directly to the They cannot be recognized since they house of M. d'Ivanhois.

our destination.

I will speak briefly of the rest of our journey. After having galloped for an hour, we reached a cabin where a good womar helped us to change our clothing. This precaution was necessary. The costumes that we donned were those of peasants of the middle class, and we laid aside our nun's veils forever. After having taken some refreshments, we again set forth, and at daybreak arrived at a little village. The passports which William furnished were in order, and we kept on our way, and at six o'clock in the evening we had reached the borders of a lake. We crossed it in a rowboat, but the crossing was so long that it was dark before we landed.

In recounting our flight, I have felt a renewal of the agitation that possessed me at that time; but I also feel again something of that delicate sense of rest and peace that I experienced upon the bosom of that beautiful lake, gliding along by its shores, far from the horrors which had so agitated me during the past few weeks, and with my dear Pauline by my side.

But my good fortune was not perfect. Alas! what is there that is perfect upon this earth? I was anxious for my noble liberator and the poor sisters left in his returned to his customary playfulness. care, and very unhappy also in thinking of the friends that I had left at St. Siffren.

We were worn out with fatigue; but we last rays of the sun-all this was hausted that she had not spoken since known a single hour of anguish in all overthrow of constituted authority, the tyranny to imprison a man because he were not able to sleep during the long charming. The night was radiant. the time when we saw her placed upon his life. The old people were happy, ecclesiastical hierarchy has at all times refuses to violate his conscience. journey, though the movements of the The moon was in her full, and when the litter. On her arrival they placed and Pauline ready to laugh or cry as recommended Catholic societies as boat, the murmur of the waves, and the she appeared above the mountain, we her in bed, and for some time had the occasion demanded. Only M. auxilliaries to the Catholic religion." perfect calm which reigned around us, saw the reflection in the water like a feared that she would not regain con- Beaumont seemed absorbed in sad re- The condemnation is merely of secret when it snall be crippled and crushed had such great need; but the agitation "Oh! that moon!" oried Pauline, "But," said Madame d'Ivanhois, "the thinking of his sister, for scarcely had the direction and control of Rome. The Protestant Standard. invited us to that repose of which we long line of silver across the lake.

risked all for love of her; but he doubt- church; and these assembled re-unions unbelieving are mixed with the be-

with God in his own language."

infallible and incapable of error.

I have not yet described William

with a lively and agreeable manner. I.

fort and good circumstances of the We were soon after rejoined by the lievers. But in this visible church, have neither beauty nor exterior per-

We made many objections to this fection. Those who know that this plan, but they were entirely refuted by world is not their home do not arrogate our new and amiable guides, and we to themselves power among men; but parted without any further delay. they look to the glorious time of the William promised to return after his return of their Lord as the time when friend as soon as he had brought us to they will be as pillars to His throne and as jewels that ornament His crown.

us to eat, but we could only eat a few For," continued our young preacher with enthusiasm, "the promises that mouthfuls. We were so worn with fatigue and want of sleep that we were God has made to the church are richer searcely able to talk and more magnificent than man is able

to imagine. Whatsoever things are amiable, pure and desirable, have been mit his wife to conduct us away before promised to us. But some ambitious God for our deliverance. This prayer men (and such have aimost always been was short. She conducted us to a the overseers of the Romish church) have attributed to their particular ec- charming chamber upon the first floor, in contained struck my mind. The doc- ordered, clesiastical hierarchy the rich promises which belong only to the church buried in deep slumber. About four triumphant. They have so well mixed led astray thousands and tens of thousands of innocent creatures; yet I bethat I was in safety I again slept, and lieve that in the bosom of the papal I did not awake until the noonday sun was streaming through the shutters. church there are many plants for the Lord's garden. No, it is impossible to

believe that all those born in the Roman Catholic faith during all these centuries have been lost to heaven."

self to me with a gentle sigh, "it is All this rendered us thoughtful; but nothing touched us so much as the hope late; thank God for your long repose. that was presented to us that all our You have the appearance of another companions were not lost. These words creature. This morning, my daughters of William comforted us and brought some friends have arrived; they will be the tears to our eyes. We wept freely happy to see you."

and that comforted us. The young "What!" exclaimed Pauline, "our but he changed the conversation and they well?"

sciousness.

tiful clock was suspended from the bend, to accept this precious volume?" in saving this he placed in my hands a little Bible with a silver clasp.

> the light of the Holy Spirit, and tak- upon application in proper manner, being the resolution of adopting all the come a member of this society. articles of faith that it contains, and of rejecting all those formed by man?" For a long time I had desired to pos-

his gift. I saw a light of holy joy beam sion. in his face. M. d'Ivanhols called us to the morning worship. We prepared for it, but, leaving the place I had by

customed to the reading of the Scriptures from their infancy cannot conceive of the effect that the reading, for

chosen for this morning. I am not able to tell with what force the truths therewhere a few moments after we were trines of election and adoption by grace

truth with their errors that they have start, thinking that I heard a noise consoling, that I thought I had never be fined fifty cents. under my window; but being assured heard correctly the text, and it seemed

the fallen race of Adam had been leisure

What a new and interesting specside of his venerable mother. Happy

Madame d'Ivanhois recounted to us persons are often unreasonable, especi-How beautiful was the approach of that they had arrived at an early hour ally after some great emotion. It was

dent of this society shall be the spiri-

"Art. 3, Sec. 7. Candidates for memwhite and black balls; the white desigsess a Bible, and he appeared satisfied nating the affirmative and the black with the manner in which I accepted the negat ve on the question of admis-

BY-LAWS

society who shall reveal any part of the M. Beaumont, I crossed the room and proceedings, except to such members seated myself by the side of Pauline, as he knows to be in good standing, or What a contrast between the solemn a member of the Catholic clergy, shall, simplicity of this service and the upon conviction thereof, be expelled. fatiguing monotony of our worship at and it shall be the duty of every mem-St. Siffren! Those who have been ac- ber to report any such violation.

UNIFORM RANK.

of the captain when present, to take draped with blue silk, round a lifethe first time, of the Bible had upon me. command of all drills and parades of size figure of the Virgin Mary in a

> division shall meet in their hall once a girls dressed as angels walking alongweek for drill, or as may be otherwise side. Naval officers of the port, in fact

> division failing to attend any drill meet- kneel in the procession on penalty of ing, without satisfactory excuse, shall eight years in a convict prison.

"Art. 8, Sec. 2. Any member of this to me impossible that an individual of division failing to attend any drill gressive and enlighted age, but the meeting, without satisfactory excuse, chosen before the foundation of the shall be fined, for the first time, twenty- for by a well-known and reliable misworld to become holy, and without five cents, for the second time in suc- sionary, Madame Rodriguez, of the bedside when I had opened my eyes; spot before God. All this was too cession, fifty cents; and for the third sweet, too consoling; and yet each of time in succession he shall be expelled. can still tyrannize, and this is the creed those words that M. d'Ivanhois read were in my Bible; I saw them there, to attend any extra meeting called by Ryan, Gibbons, Corrigan and John Ireand I had time to read them at my the captain without a satisfactory excuse shall be fined 25 cents."

It will be seen that the Knights of tacle for me to see this interesting and St. George is a secret society. The op-tyranny of the Roman system. No country can expect prosperity and freehappy family reunited around the long position of Rome to secret societies is table! William was seated by the side thus explained in the preamble to the man was moved, as well as ourselves, friends and our poor sister here! Are of Pauline, and I was seated by the constitution and by-laws of the Ancient government and thrust its abominable Order of Hibernians:

"In order to counteract the evil influences of secret, communistic, socialevening! the tranquility of the air, the in the morning, and that they had so with William. He laughed so istic, and other irreligious societies of evening the tranquility of the air, the in the morning, and that they had so with witham. He haghed so the angle so the social given boon. No civil or ecclesiastical perfumed breezes, the descending brought a physician from the border of heartily during the meal that one could the age, whose tendencies are to social given boon. No civil or ecclesiastical power on earth has a right to derive These thoughts made both of us sad, shadows upon the mountain, after the the lake. The poor sister was so ex- almost believe that he had never chaos, blasphemous atheism and the flections. We felt sure that he was societies that are not exclusively under and buried in its dishonored grave.-

ROME IN SPAIN.

Liberty of Conscience Prohibited in That Priest-Ridden Country.

Many persons labor under the delusion that liberty of conscience now exists in Spain, but the following incident, reported by a missionary in that country, will readily disabuse the minds of such persons. On one of the Romish feast days a procession slowly wended its way through the streets of

a Spanish town, and in front was "Art. 4, Sec. 6. It shall be the duty carried a huge wooden construction, recumbent position, borne by several "Art. 7, Sec. I. All members of this women wearing white veils, and little all government employes, were obliged "Art. S. Sec. 1. Any officer of this (many against their will) to walk and

> It seems incredible that such intolerance should be manifested in this profact of its existence in Spain is vouched Figueras Mission. This is the kind of liberty in a country where the papacy land would be delighted to see established in the United States.

> Spain is still low down in the scale of the nations, and all on account of the dom and progress if this demoralizing sect is permitted to grasp the reins o creed down the throats of the people Every nation is justified not only in throwing off the yoke of Rome, but in crushing out so nateful and despotic a power. Liberty of conscience is a Godmen of this boon. It is most despicable Ro manism is a horrid system, a loathesome thing, the curse of the earth. O, that the Lord should hasten the day

It was the first chapter of Paul's the division. we had kneeled together and thanked Epistle to the Ephesians that had been

were then so new to me, but at the o'clock in the morning I awoke with a same time so beautiful, so sweet and

Art. 2, Sec. 9. Any member of this