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An Episode of Convert Life-

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CHAPTER IX THE REPUBLIC Continued.

We ongaged in an interesting conversation in which the truths of the Gisspel were explained to us with great elearness. l'auline and I admitted to each other that our opposition to these troths was becoming each day less and less. William drew upon himself the gellque." represent of his cousin, because he declared that she discussed only for form, and that she was not, at heart, any more of a papiet than be.

So passed our first day in this valley. Beautiful, happy Switzerland. Thou rt associated with all that is precious n my beart, both for time and eternity!

On the day following, at dinner, they told us that our sister was so tranquil, that if we would promise not to agitate. her, we might see her. After dinner we went to the chamber. Madame d'Ivanhois took her place by the bedside, to hold us in check, as she said. Pauline entered first, going very softly, and I followed her. She advanced to the middle of the chamber, where she could see the sister as she lay supported by pillows, My friend gazed upon her for a moment, then, all at once, she turned and rushed out of the chamber crying:

"Oh, Heaven! Impossible! Impossible."

I only had an idea of following Pauline, for I was immediately behind But she had passed so swiftly that she had reached the gallery and descended the steps before I was able to see her; I reached her just as she fell almost fainting upon a bench placed beside the door.

William approached at the same time as I, and was extremely frightened to see her faint and deathly pale. Seeing M. Beaumont in the distance, we called him, and after a few moment's effort, Pauline opened her eyes and began to talk, but in such an incoherent manner that we could not comprehend what she said.

"Go away, William, go away!" she finally cried. "Take away your friend! Leave me alone with Angelique, or my heart will break! In the name of heaven go! Take Edward away, or-I her; but I ventured to say: repeat it-I shall die!"

As she said this she had such a distracting appearance that we were filled with fright. The young men at first withdrew some steps, but still looked upon us with considerable anxiety.

it is and vet-that is not possible!" dead?" What is it that is not possible?" I demanded.

"It is Clarisse! I am not deceived!" said she. "It is certainly Clarisse! O God of mercy! Has the grave given up its dead? Changed, pale, thin, and sent me a letter, or have I dreamed?" wasted-but it is surely the beautiful Clarisse! No, it is no other, and it is if you were to see him?" said I. she that her brother rescued when he thought he risked his life for another, a stranger! No, no! I am not deceived!" she repeated, when I spoke to talk herself: her of the impossibility of such a miracle; "you can go and assure yourself, if you wish, but it is unnecessary. I am not deceived."

"Yet what are we to do?"

and fearing lest some evil should happen to me who am only a stranger, I thought that I could not declare the truth withis that which troubles me. I thought say that I corrupt you." I should suffocate, for I dare not pronounce a word for fear that the joy who can be insensible to the noble announce to him this news?"

And she looked at me as though she thought I was able to tell her.

While we were talking I heard my name and that of Pauline repeated in been lost forever." the gallery. It was Madame d'Ivanhois who was calling us. Pauline lady, and drawing her to the gallery, I haps I express myself in the language asked me to respond, while she tried to threw my arms around her neck, saying: of the world when I attribute to secondprepare our friend for the joy that was in store for him.

more presence of mind than I. I was our Clarisse? Yes, Madame, M. Beau. plishes his work without interruption willing to leave her to herself, and I mont has delivered his Emily." was especially desirous to see Clarisse semblance.

I hastened to ascend the staircase. poor sister was impatient to see me. I had never yet seen one so completely to promise not to defer the interview While saying this she preceeded me as carried away with joy. I went towards the chamber. But I possessed myself as I entered the room, though my heart beat so that I could the Lord; then he thanked us repeat- ranged everything with all possible could scarcely breathe.

me upon the pillows. She had changed asked us to render thanks to the Father Madame d'Ivanhois proposed to introvery much since the last time I had of all mercies for His kindness. seen her. She had no longer that firm My interview with Clarisse had not to be calm. But the sweet expression and calm expression which had ren- contributed to restore her to health. of the young girl, beautiful beyond de-

made for almost loss her reason.

ance moved and checked me for some Ah' how it was bloomed to my apul!" moments. My hesitation gave her army she tried to lift them, saying: "Angelique, mp sweet sister Au-

ing by the side of her bed. This was the first time for many a great relief to her if I had not impru- experience.

confusion by asking her what I should think of her death and funeral. her expression became confused. She lifted her hand to her forehead and

dream."

She regarded me with terror, but continued

a vision and the reality?

I trembled under her excited look, but I responded:

"Clarisse, it seems to me that we all have lived in a sort of a dream. Our was already evident that William desuperiors have tried to prevent our apprehending the truth; but our Heavenly outside appearances, character, posi-Father pities, and, in His infinite love, tion and relations of this young man has led us into this refuge, into this favored the proposition of union; replace of rest. Here our spirits, with ligion was the only obstacle, and esthe benediction of God, will recover, little by little, from the blows so cruel made never to marry. The question they have received."

"God is love, Sister Angelique," replied she.

"Yes," said I, "and what a great proof of His love has He given us in me to take?".

sending the noble friend who has delivered us and led us thither.' "A friend! who is he?" said she.

man, who has had pity upon us when settled down into repose.

we were captives." refused to leave me alone with her, but have prayed the Lord to bless and before entering into a recital of this finally yielding to our entreaties they recommend him. I am unable to do second interview I ought to say that

> Sister Clarisse; that name is forgotten. You are now Emily Beaumont."

"Emily Beaumont!" she responded; "Would you recognize your brother

She carried her hand to her head,

carried Emily upon the vessel and Ed- that they had all been able to escape ward remained upon the shore. Ah! "O Angelique! when I opened my It will never return. Have they not cemetery, eyes and saw him before me, agitated said that it was a thousand years ago?" She looked at me with fright, and selzing my hand exclaimed:

"My sister, go away! Do not remain

Madame d'Ivanhois, who had followed would be more fatal than the grief, and sign to retire. "Your sight," said she other sisters had been exposed. that our joy would soon be changed to a to me, while drawing me towards the sadness without name. For, Angelique, door, "Is so bound to the past sufferings qualities of Edward? But how shall we I must forbid these interviews. Go, much better. The repose and care had my care; all will be well. God only true principles which had sustained

I knew that my friend had much Do you not know that this poor sister is Holy Spirit, who, I believe, accom-

Madame d'Ivanhois was almost as and entered the saloon, where we found

Sometimes he wept like a child; some times he joined his hands and blessed and when Madame d'Ivanhois had aredly-we who had done nothing to care, she led her to the gallery and The chamber was dimly lighted, but merit any recognition. But how can I placed her in an arm chair, facing the sufficiently for me to assure myself that describe the scene? It is beyond my mountains, before one of those views Pauline had not been deceived. It was power; nothing that we could do quieted that only Switzerland can furnish. surely Clarisse whom I sawlying before him so much as M. d'Ivanhois who

dered her almost supernatural in the Hence it was decided that we should scription, warned us to control our-

We accompanied the family to the time to recognize me, for my features little sharek of the village, where we were not as familiar as Paulice's. My analyted in the simple service which changed clothing aboved my appear was there given to God. In the after continu, she said to him: ance greatly. But by degrees, and as noon we made a quiet promonade under she recognized me, a sweet and charm- the shadows of the valley, enjoying a ing smile spread over her face and a sweet conversation upon the love of express to you all the gratitude I feel tight real commenced to cover her God, the redemption of the Son, and marble features. Then extending her the marvelous work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration and santification. The truths so consoling were the principal I hastened to her and drew her to my these were the truths that Edward and traordinary deliverance." heart; a moment after and I was kneel- William sought to impress upon our minds, while the excellent M d'Ivanhols, who escorted us, took care to aid weeks that Clarisse had been able to the teachings of the young preachers prevent his rushing to Clarisse and weep; this would doubtless have proved with the treasures of his rich Christian pressing to his heart his only and well-

dently thrown her mind into a state of The evening of the same day I received a letter from my dear friend Mme. Verani, who announced to us her At this question, I pere-rived that approaching visit. I answered her note the next day, telling her that Mme. d'Ivanhois would welcome with pleasure herself, husband and little boy; "This was not a dream, a vision? It and I asked M. Verani to place what was a reality, a frightful reality. So remained of my fortune in the hands of then I am dead. They told me so, a banker of Geneva whom M. d'Ivan-They showed me my funeral procession. hois recommended. The funds that I saw it from the window of my cell. I had placed with Notre Dame de Miseriheard the funeral hymn, and you, also, corde were forever lost; but I had no you have heard it. It was not a regret for that. The important thing was, that which remained of my patrimony was sufficient to afford me an independent living, without my being a "All this, then, is a dream. Nothing charge to anybody. For the rest I is true. How can we discern between thanked God and dismissed all further anxiety.

> But I was much distressed on the subject of the vows that I had pronounced. and Pauline was more so than I, for it sired to make her his wife. All the pecially the vows that l'auline had that presented itself to us was: "If I am convinced of the falsity of the claims of the church of Rome, am I

I could not respond to this question, and as there was no one to whom we felt free to submit the question, we

us. But some time passed before our

One can easily understand how I de-"Tell him, Sister Angelique, that I sired to revisit my dear Clarisse. But anything save to acknowledge my ob- that Monday morning one of the peaspon us with considerable anxiety.

"O Angelique!" cried Pauline, "it is her agitation returned, "is Clarisse to St. Siffren and who remained behind, for what I do not known, arrived under rigid hygienic rules. The com-"Yes," said I, "we have finished with at the house of M. d'Ivanhois, and gave us the details of what had passed at the invasion of the convent. He told us that the fire had destroyed much of the "then where is Edward? Has he not surroundings, but that the main body of the building was spared, though it had suffered considerably in the attack only statesman whom the president of the populace, who had broken the statues, bruised the cornishes, torn up hands of the Romanists. which warned me to cease talking as the pavements, and dismantled everysoon as possible, but she continued to thing. As to the superior and the sisters, he could not say a great deal. He "Edward Beaumont, who is he? who had heard cries and seen them fly from was he? A beautiful little boy. They one side to the other, but he believed with but one exception, whose body Edward, that beautiful time has passed. had been found the next day in the

> "She was stretched at the foot of the cross," said the young man, "and she was a very old woman."

"Ahl" I exclaimed, "the poor Mother out the greatest circumspection, and it with me! Madame will come; she will Aimee; and she was the happiest of all the house."

We could not check the tears when me into the room, them made me a we thought of the horrors to which the

But Mme, d'Ivanhois had promised to allow us to visit Clarisse this day. of this dear child, that, for the present, She told us that we would find her my child. Leave the poor creature to restored her strength, and the sure and knows what she has suffered. A few her in her hours of anguish had only more days and her reason would have harmonized with that force of mind and calmness which formed the base of I seized the hand of the excellent her character. "But," said she, "per-"Dear, dear Madame, are you still ary causes that which was only proignorant of our extreme good fortune? duced by the direct influence of the

among the chosen children of God." My second interview with Clarisse, for myself for fear that Pauline had much moved as Pauline had been She in which Pauline was also present, was been deceived by some imaginary re- hastened down the stairway with me much more peaceable than the first. We did not dare to refer to her brother, Edward, Pauline and William. Happy though the anxiety of that brother was Madame d'Ivanhois told me that the Edward! who can help thinking of him? such that Madame d'Ivanhois was led

longer than the following day. Clarisse was to arise after dinner,

When she was comfortably seated, duce her friends. We were cautioned

subtractions obspel; but the agitation but revials for until the following Mon | selves. When Pauline had embraced of that scene having passed, some day, so that she might cost all the next, her we scatch nurselves around her: nameless herror, as I learned later, had day, which was founday. This Sunday Madamo d'Ivantonis tried to turn the was the first Sonday passed with a Pro-conversation upon different subjects This change in her certward appears testant family; I shall never forget it. Clarine responded to her contacks with respect and politoness, but she returned to the subject which pre-excepted her. and addressing herself to her brother; whom she had regarded with much at-

"It is one of my first duties, Monsieur, as well as a great pleasure, is towards you. You have been, by the favor of God, the means of delivering me from horrors so frightful that dare not think of them; and I am only subject of our interview or rather able to see the hand of God in this ex-

Edward was unable to respond; his eyes were full of tears, and we could see that it took all his self control to beloved sister.

(To be Continued.)

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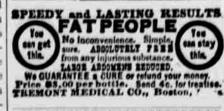
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