

"He wouldn't be a much uglier dose," laughed Frank, as she gathered up the reins and gave the air a flick with her driving-whip.

"I don't see why I shouldn't," mused Hans Harman, as he sat sipping his coffee after dinner, while Jack smoked a thick cigar and dived into a bottle of claret. Mr. Harman had no views himself, but had a humane toleration of them in others. "By George! if I meet a third beardless brat who flings an appointment at the Four Courts in my face, this is no longer a country worth living in—I like you," he said, abruptly, "and I do not like to see you running to rust in this hole—perhaps running your neck into a halter. Read that." He shoved across a scrawl under an official stamp from Glascock: "I understand your fellow has not come to the scratch at the Pipe Roll Office. The appointment will have to be filled at once unless you bring up your man."—"It's one of the prettiest posts that ever a young gentleman drew caricatures in," the agent proceeded. "I mean to bring up my man, and my man is—yourself, if your highness should be pleased not to snub me for my impertinence."

The Pommery and St. Estephe lifted from Jack's brain, like a gas held in suspension by some strong agency. Wonder, shame, delight, remorse, coursed after one another, like wild animals, in his thoughts. Recollections of the day's scene amidst the heather, of his presentiment, of his mission to Dublin—curiously enough, even of Father Phil's not very dreadful-looking countenance—tormented him; but they angered more than softened him. He felt a grievance against them for haunting him with looks so green and pale—these he could dismiss as envious creatures flocking to imprison his good fortune. What alarmed him more was—what could be the object of this man's bounty? What could be the consideration to be exacted in return? Hot and uncomfortable apprehensions besieged him upon this point.

(To be continued.)

INVOCATION.

O comic Spirit, hovering overhead,
With sage's brows and finely tempered smile,
From whose bowed lips a silvery laugh is sped
At pedantry, stupidity, and guile—

So visioned by that sage on whom you bent
Always a look of perfect sympathy,
Whose laugh, like yours, was never idly spent—
Look, Spirit, sometimes fellowly on me!

Instruct and guide me in the gentle art
Of thoughtful laughter—once satyric noise;
Vouchsafe to me, I humbly ask, some part,
However little of your perfect poise.

Keep me from bitterness, contempt, and scorn,
From anger, pride, impatience, and disdain.
When I am self-deceived your smile shall warn,
Your volleyed laughter set me right again.

Am I inspired to mirth or mockery,
Grant, Spirit, that it be not overdrawn;
And am I moved to malice, let it be
Only "the sunny malice of a faun."

—B.L.T., in *Motley Measures*.

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INTERIM REPORT

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List of Witnesses Called Before the Commission.

Citizens of Ireland.—Denis Morgan, Chairman of the Urban Council of Thurles; John Derham, Town Councillor of Balbriggan; Mrs. Muriel MacSweeney, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork; Miss Mary MacSweeney, sister of the late Lord Mayor of Cork; Daniel Francis Crowley, member of the Royal Irish Constabulary for three years up to June, 1920; John Tangney, member of the R.I.C. from October, 1915, to July, 1920; Mrs. Anna Murphy of New York City (husband an Irish citizen); John Joseph Caddan, member of R.I.C., February to November, 1920; Daniel Galvin, member of R.I.C., October, 1907, to July, 1920; Laurence Ginnell, member of Dail Eireann, and member of the Irish Republican Cabinet; Miss Susanna Walsh, sister-in-law of Thomas MacCurtain, late Lord Mayor of Cork; Miss Anna Walsh, sister-in-law of Thomas MacCurtain, late Lord Mayor of Cork; Donal O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork and Chairman of Cork County Council; Thomas Nolan, Galway; Frank Dempsey, Chairman of the Urban Council of Mallow; Miss Louie Bennett, Dublin, Secretary of the Irish Branch, Women International League; Miss Caroline M. Townshend, Bandon, County Cork, officer of the Gaelic League; J. L. Fawsitt, Irish Republican Consul General at New York.

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Hearings of the Commission.

Public hearings were held by the Commission at Washington, D.C., November 19, and 20, December 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 21, 22, and 23, 1920, and January 13, 14, 19, and 21, 1921. In addition there have been numerous executive sessions of the Commission and sub-committees to arrange administrative details, consider reports, documents, &c.

CHAPTER I.—HISTORY, PURPOSE, AND METHOD OF THE COMMISSION.

Origin of the Commission.

The American Commission on conditions in Ireland presents herewith to its parent body, the Committee of One Hundred on Ireland, a report on its inquiry to date on the situation in Ireland. The Commission has been conscious from the outset of the strict obligations of sincerity and impartiality imposed on them by the very character of the distinguished personnel of the Committee of

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