

## Mary Stuart's Sins and Prayers.

If Mary, who was born in Scotland, wished to live there, she could not enjoy her wish—for out of the 44 years that she lived she scarcely spent a dozen in her native country, to which she much preferred France, the country of her mother, who was a daughter of the Duke of Guise. In her marriage-treaty with Francis II. she made Scotland a province of France, and she allowed herself also to be proclaimed heir to the throne of England. This claim, which Elizabeth acknowledged by selecting Mary's son as her successor, was very offensive to the masses of the English people, and was the occasion of many political troubles for Mary. But she was her own worst enemy when she undertook to govern Scotland after the death of her French husband, in 1561—Elizabeth then being firmly established as the English queen. To the long list of works published for and against Mary, a British Jesuit, Rev. Joseph Stevenson, has now added a curious one, "The History of Mary Stuart, by Claude Nau, her Secretary." This title does not very well describe the book, since the part written by Nau, and discovered by this editor in Sir Robert Cotton's collections, makes but 100 pages or so, while the introduction and appendix are more than 500. There are matters of some importance in the fragmentary papers of the French secretary, and others quite as valuable in a series of reports from Catholic priests found among the archives in the Vatican. The editor is bound, as a good Catholic, to defend the Catholic Mary as well as he can against the heretic Elizabeth—and he takes the ground that she had nothing to do with the murder of Darnley, although Bothwell, whom she so disgracefully married, was the murderer. Nau's account, by hypotheses, was derived from Mary herself, and she discredited with her secretary in the English castle, where she was imprisoned; if so, we have Mary's own version of some events in her strange career. Nau says that the Scotch lords, particularly Moray, Morton and Maitland of Lethington, "after having used Bothwell to rid themselves of the King (Darnley), designed to make him their instrument to ruin the Queen. Their plan was to persuade her to marry the Earl of Bothwell, so that they might charge her with being in the plot against her late husband, and a consenting party to his death."

This theory of Darnley's murder is a very extreme one, and carries with it, if accepted, an entire rejection of the casket letters from Mary to Bothwell, which Buchanan published in 1571, since these letters show great love from Mary to Bothwell before Darnley's murder. One strange circumstance is reported by Nau on the authority of Mary, that she was seriously ill at Lochleven in July, 1567, "the result of miscarriage of twins, her issue by Bothwell," to whom she had only been married on May 15, of that year, while Darnley had been killed by Bothwell February 9. This fact, if it be one, strengthens the opinion that Mary was guilty with Bothwell before Darnley's death, as the casket letters imply. Father Stevenson does not dwell much on these letters, but evidently believes them forgeries, as Mr. Meline treats them in his spirited vindication of Mary against Froude. But after all, Mary is the worst of all witnesses against herself—for her whole connection with Bothwell, apart from the letters, is inconsistent with any theory of her innocence, unless she were a fool—of which, except in love matters, no one accuses her. She was one of the most acute and subtle of women, and must be presumed to have known very well what she was doing. It is impossible equally to believe Mary innocent and not to compassionate her—a creature of so many "graces and virtues," as she described herself in one of her prayers during her extreme illness at Jedburgh before the death of Darnley. This prayer is attached to a will made by her—or rather a letter of dying request—at the end of which is the long prayer. Father Stevenson prints it from the original at Edinburgh, where it was first printed by Mr. Small, the University librarian, in 1881. Mary says therein:

O my God, of Thy infinite goodness Thou hast appointed me (albeit I be unworthy) to rule and govern the people, which has been committed to my charge, and to be unto them a lantern and light of good life, and for this purpose hast endued me with divers graces and virtues, the which, nevertheless, I have not used as my duty required. O my most merciful Creator, I confess that I have not used Thy gifts to the advancement of Thy glory and honor, and good example of life to my people that has been committed under my charge, as I ought to have done, but rather I have offended Thy majesty, not using my eyes as my duty required, for the which cause presently Thou most worthily hast taken from me the power of them.

(This last word was said because Mary was then suffering from temporary blindness.) It was not until many years afterward—more than twenty—that she suffered death by the executioner, as his daughter, Charles I., sixty-two years after her.

## The Real Tragedy of It.

Two circus employees, while "showing" in a Michigan town, deliberately shot and killed each other. The saddest part of the affair is the fact that neither combatant was a clown.—Chicago Rambler.

PROFESSOR LANGLEY claims in *Science* that the sun is in reality blue. Every man who happens to have a note due at bank, without the wherewithal to meet it in sight, will readily agree with him.

## A Campaign Secret Given Away.

In the campaign of 1884 the two candidates for Governor in a "pivotal" Western State arranged for a series of joint discussions. Both were popular, both of fine appearance, and were so well matched in mental force and as orators that the contest between them promised to be a magnificent one. For several weeks the scales balanced evenly.

But one day the brilliant Republican candidate came up ailing. He seemed overworked, and spoke laboriously. The next day he was even less effective. Later he was compelled to ask his opponent for a postponement of certain appointments, which was granted. Before the campaign ended he had abandoned the field altogether.

Meantime the Democratic candidate continued his canvass, seeming to grow stronger, cheerier, and more effective with each succeeding week. He was elected. One evening in December while entertaining several gentlemen he said:

"I will tell you a campaign secret—which gave me the election. With the opening of my campaign I began caring for my liver. I knew that a disordered or torpid liver meant dullness and possible sickness. I took something every day. When my opponent began failing I knew his trouble to be his liver and felt like prescribing for him, but feared if I did so he might beat me! I grew stronger as the campaign progressed, often making two speeches a day. Even my voice, to my surprise, did not fall me once. All because Warner's safe cure kept me in a trim." Ex-Gov. Jacob, of Kentucky, also made a campaign tour under precisely similar circumstances, and says he kept up under the exhausting strain by use of the same means.—Rochester Union.

## Reminiscences of Lincoln.

A correspondent in North Carolina says: "I heard Mr. Lincoln's last two speeches. One, extemporaneous, on Monday evening, April 10, from the historic middle front window in the second story of the White House. He had just returned from City Point, and the people thronging around the White House would have a speech. For a good while he did not appear, and seemed to be reluctant to speak without a manuscript, lest at that critical juncture some injurious impression should be made by an accidental word or sentence.

"However, the crowd persisted to call till he appeared. It was my first sight of the man. He appeared somewhat younger and more off-hand and vigorous than I should have expected. His bright, knowing, somewhat humorous look reminded me of a well practiced country physician who had read men through till he understood them well. There was the humorous kindness of a good-natured doctor who had seen his patients through a most awful siege of sickness, till they were now fairly and fully convalescent, and who was disposed to let the past, whatever it had cost him or them, go by for the time, and have a little cheerful congratulation. His gestures and expression of countenance had something of the harmless satisfaction of a young politician at a ratification meeting after his first election to the Legislature. He was happy, and glad to see others happy, and willing to accept the congratulation of his friends for his own part in the general victory.

"His last speech, on Wednesday, April 12, 1865, was read from separate sheets, by a flaring light, as he stood at the same window. He wore glasses, and as the successive pages were read passed them to a friend who stood near. It was perhaps eight o'clock in the evening; Mrs. Lincoln and several lady friends stood at a side window. There was some talking and diversion during the reading. The reading was in a reading tone, but business-like and good, and the paper not long. It was intended to show the disposition of the administration toward the seceded States, and forshadow the principles proposed for reconstruction. His manner was unpretentious but dignified, manly, kindly, and vigorous."

The same friendly observer sends other Lincolniana:

"That rent," said a soldier in the hospital at City Point, pointing up to the torn tissue-paper—an embellishment which, I believe, the ladies of the Christian Commission had fixed on the ceiling above—"that was torn by Mr. Lincoln's hat as he passed through here on his way from Richmond, and shook hands with every man, loyal or rebel, in the whole hospital." He stood, like Saul, above the people from the shoulders upward, and his hat made havoc with decorations overhead. Stepping outside, and seeing an ax by a log, his old rail-splitter spirit came over him. In a moment his long arms were putting home that ax toward the heart of the fallen tree. The boys in blue gathered those chips to take home as mementos of the backwoodsman who became President and the emancipator of a race."

An old soldier at the Soldiers' Home near Washington said, "He used to walk all about in these paths; he was very kind and familiar with us all."

To a poor woman who desired his signature to a paper, he said, "My name will do you no more good than pigs' tracks in the mud."

A soldier stopped him in the road, against the Columbia Hospital, and presented some letters, desiring a furlong. He obtained it.—Harper's Magazine.

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## A Complicated Case.

Larry Rafferty—Judge, Oi wants the arrest av me nixt door naybor; he licked me turrible this doymornin'—

Judge (interrupting)—On what grounds?

"Phwat ground is oit? Me own back yard, to be sure, and—"

"Hold on," said the Judge. "I mean, what is your reason for wanting him arrested?"

"Me rayson? Oi didn't hev anny afther the foist blow, far he knocked me insinable an' me rayson lift me, so oit did, an'—"

"Sh, sh, stop! That is not what I mean. What I want to know is, why, and for what, you wish to bring suit?"

"Oi didn't broing anny; these aur awl the clothes Oi hev; luk at them! awl tored, entoirely ruined by—"

"Tut, tut, quit, hold on! Ah, here comes the City Attorney; you can give him your complaint."

"The devil a complaint Oi hev; Oi'm az hilly a mon az—"

The Judge made a break for the door, thoroughly disgusted, went down stairs to a convenient saloon and seriously reflected, over a schooner of beer, about the ignorance of a portion of the human race.—Stockton Maverick.

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We may always learn and know more, if we choose, by working on; but the pleasure is, I think, to humble people, to know that the journey is endless, the treasure inexhaustible, in watching the cloud still march before them with its summitless pillar, and being sure that to the end of time and to the length of eternity the mysteries of its infinity will still open farther and farther, their dimness being the sign and necessary adjunct of their inexhaustibility.—Ruskin.

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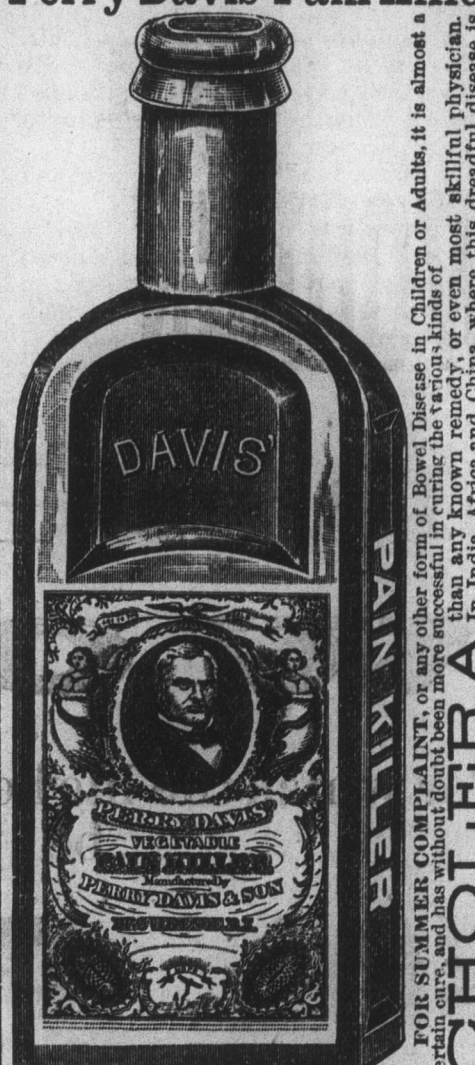
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