

another upon the young girl's being to become paramount to her own, doubtless caused the transitory softening of her manner toward her niece.

That Saturday morning, Miss Catharine led the way into the room where Emily's trousseau was all arranged by June and the maid. She had planned everything in the most tasteful and elegant style. White and gold were the colors chosen. A splendid bridal robe of richest satin velvet, trimmed with the royal ermine, shone like ripples of gold itself when turned about for inspection. Emily realized now that she was fast growing into the cold, undemonstrative ways of her aunt and the man that was soon to be her husband. There was no thrill of delight in her heart, no joyous smile upon her lips, no word of gratification at her command as she beheld the faultless trousseau, perfect in every respect, with which her aunt had provided her. She merely touched the delicate, beautiful things mechanically, and asked with remarkable unconcern, "What shall you wear, aunt?"

"Purple, royal purple," answered Miss Catharine, and that part of the proceedings was finished.

Later in the day the dean called with a particular message for Emily.

"You will come forward tomorrow, Miss Emily," he said, "and make public demonstration in the church; that is, confess Christ. This you will do preparatory to our nuptials the following morning. It is very fortunate I thought of it in time. It would likely have given rise to unfavorable remarks had I, a holy man of the clergy, married a woman outside the pales."

For some reason the dean looked searchingly into Emily's face as he finished his sentence; and it was well he did, for he saw she had turned very white, and but for the support of his arm she must have fallen to the floor.

He assisted her to the sofa, said that he was glad to see that religion and the thought of entering its sacred folds could so move her, asked if he should ring for a servant, and being answered in the negative, took his hat and departed.

For the first time in many months, as the dean related to Emily what he should require of her the next day, there came to her memory with sudden force and plainness, the words of her dying father, and the oft repeated charge of her mother to bear them in mind. That, with the idea of ceasing to regard those words of her sainted parents, caused the faintness and emotion which the dean had rejoiced over, if he told the truth.

For more than an hour after the dean had taken his leave, Emily lay quietly upon the sofa, her eyes closed, her hands clasped, and her lips moving in silent prayer. Then her mind was made up, and she arose and spent another hour at her desk, forming and writing letters. These she left upon the desk, all but one, and putting on her winter wraps and bonnet, stole noiselessly from the house, took a sheltered path to the street, left a note to the gardener's boy where he would be sure to see it, and then walked hurriedly toward the mall station. It was night, there was little danger of being interrupted, especially as she wore a closely drawn, heavy veil.

When the dean left Emily he took the trouble to go to her aunt and inform her of what had occurred, making a request that the young woman might not be disturbed, but left to herself to contemplate the new riches of various kinds she was about to come into possession of.

This was providential for Emily in the new scheme she had laid, although she knew nothing of it at the time. Several times during the evening Miss Catharine listened at her niece's door, but hearing no sound within, she con-

cluded best to do as the dean had said, leave her to herself and her own reflections until she desired to speak with others, and to remain no longer in solitude.

It was, therefore, late the next morning when the door of Emily's room was gently opened, and one of the house maids went in. Not seeing her young mistress, she thought she must have gone into the garden; so she went quietly away. And not until Miss Catharine was ready for church was there any stir created in the house regarding Miss Emily's whereabouts. A hasty search was then made through the house and grounds, but no trace of the missing girl was discovered.

The gardener's boy, Charley, a bright and honest young fellow whom Emily had gratuitously advanced much in the way of education, first suggested an idea which led to an investigation at her writing desk.

And there were enough. Her aunt was horrified beyond measure at the revelation she obtained.

She took up a letter addressed to herself and read:

"My dear Aunt Catherine: Do not blame me too severely, and do not grieve too deeply over what may at first appear to you like the most abject ingratitude from the niece who owes you so much. The full explanation of the strange course which I have determined to take, as far as I am able to give to you now, is this; I could not, though my life were at stake, marry the dean. Not until an hour ago did this fact dawn upon my mind. I shall go away and return no more; at least not until this subject shall have grown too old for comment. It would be useless for you to try to find me. I should avoid any attempts that might be made to bring me back at present. And were it possible that I should be brought back to you there would be no satisfaction in it for any of us; for I never can comply with your desires and those of Dean Campbell, never, never, never! I have enough money by me so that I need not suffer from want, if I am prudent, which I intend to be. I take it with me because I know you would wish me to.

"Forgive, dear aunt, what will seem to be wrong in your estimation, but what I know to be right. However my present course may appear, in my heart I shall never cease to be grateful for the many and lasting benefits I have received at your kind hands.

"With unchanging love I am,

EMILY."

Accompanying this was the following:

"To his reverence Dean Augustus Campbell:

"Reverend Sir—Had the question ever been put to me, if I were willing to marry your reverence, doubtless I should have weighed said question before this time, and must have answered it as I now do—No, I am not! More than this, Dean Campbell, I will not! To my surprise, I have discovered that I have a will of my own as strong as yours, if not stronger. I do not believe as you believe; I could not enjoy what you rejoice over. Our lines in life are far apart. Marriage between us would be a false one—a mockery before heaven. That you may be spared the trouble of trying to convince me of my error, which you never could do, I go away privately, probably forever. The only grief at leaving is the separation from my beloved aunt. Please comfort her. If I may venture a suggestion, a purple bridal robe would be quite as becoming and more appropriate on this occasion than a golden one."

"May you both be happy."

"EMILY CRISTO."

The poorer the lawyer the fewer trials he has.

## STATE BOARD LAND REPORT.

The State land board has submitted its second annual report to Governor Wells. The report, which is in process of publication, deals with some interesting facts and figures for the past year.

The following table shows by counties the number of school sections surveyed, the amount in acres; the amount of acres of by the government; the amount of school lands with the title in the State, and the number of acres sold and their value:

COUNTIES.	Acres Surveyed.	Land and acres to be selected.	School lands now vested in State.
Beaver.....	43,230 70	4,717 06	38,513 73
Box Elder.....	273,538 10	17,650 84	255,887 35
Oncho.....	58,123 14	17,503 18	40,619 96
Carbon.....	40,034 74	3,161 30	36,873 35
Davis.....	20,190 30	7,233 15	12,957 15
Emery.....	42,470 04	5,068 91	37,401 13
Garfield.....	42,677 78	8,402 48	34,275 30
Grand.....	19,133 36	600 00	18,533 36
Iron.....	61,644 45	5,373 00	56,271 45
Juab.....	82,674 84	4,300 30	78,374 54
Kane.....	47,018 94	1,630 45	45,388 49
Millard.....	179,837 44	8,274 98	171,562 46
Morgan.....	17,732 67	8,352 56	9,380 11
Platte.....	17,828 37	1,832 13	15,996 24
Rioh.....	54,524 64	5,317 27	49,207 37
San Juan.....	13,340 44	480 00	12,860 44
Salt Lake.....	41,231 40	18,823 03	22,408 37
Sanpete.....	53,251 93	14,327 83	38,924 10
Sevier.....	70,105 18	8,227 25	61,877 93
Summit.....	80,789 29	9,240 65	71,548 64
Tuoele.....	127,775 45	6,568 01	121,207 44
Utah.....	66,930 94	11,341 67	55,589 27
Uintah.....	32,306 17	3,646 39	28,659 78
Wasatch.....	14,787 23	3,402 20	11,385 03
Washington.....	30,704 92	2,758 23	27,946 69
Wayne.....	35,830 79	1,827 08	33,903 71
Weber.....	33,499 21	7,917 03	25,582 18
Totals.....	1,614,880 61	177,965 81	1,436,914 80

COUNTIES.	Sold acres.	Sold value.
Beaver.....	80 00	100 00
Box Elder.....	120 00	150 00
Carbon.....	80 00	100 00
Salt Lake.....	80 00	100 00
Sevier.....	120 00	150 00
Utah.....	100 14	120 45
Weber.....	471 55	586 40
Totals.....	1642 69	2000 85

School sections upon which private entry had been made, and which, upon agreement with the State, were relinquished and thereupon became State school lands, amount to 2,427.64 acres; which, added to above, makes the total of school lands vested in the State, 1,439,342.44 acres. From which deduct land sold, 1,642.69 acres. Leaving now vested in State, 1,437,699.75 acres.

Continuing, the report says: The last Legislature, upon the recommendation of this board, memorialized Congress to allow the State to relinquish all its claim and title to all of the unsurveyed parts of sections 2, 16, 32 and 36, heretofore granted by the United States, and in lieu thereof to allow the State to select four million and a half acres of land from any portion of the public domain it desired. The granting of this request would cause this immense grant for the benefit of the common schools of the State to become available, and would enable the State to select all the grazing lands that the people desire to have selected for the purpose of leasing. No action has as yet been taken by Congress on this memorial.

The names of purchasers and descrip-