

Blackfriars

at the feet of a Catholic Bishop of Bristol" (*The Reunion of England with Rome*, 2nd Edition).

We may be asked, "What will be the outcome of the present relation between the Mother-See of Rome and her beloved child Canterbury?" Again we say, a little sadly, "We do not know." No quarrels are more enduring or more deadly than those between next-of-kin. The issues between mother and child depends wholly upon human wills. But when human wills are set resolutely upon God's truth and God's Will it is hard to find therein any other signs than those that look towards hope.

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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

THE BEAST'S SOLILOQUY

IF one should ask what is the greatest beauty
Among the store I of my lady boast,
I should not name those which all eyes can see,
But one unseen of all, and by her most
Utterly unsuspected. It is sweet
To hear the praise my friends give to her graces ;
Sweeter to see her vain of her discreet,
Importunate, petulant and alluring laces ;
But most to mark the sovereign charm of charms
In ostentatious hiding 'mong them all,
As the hid Point of Rest in art disarms
The eye which has all other points at call.
Then, Lord, I will rejoice and not despair
Because I guess not where Thou find'st me fair.

OSBERT BURDETT.