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A TALE OF THE CLYDE.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE SACRIFICE COMPLETED—DAYS OF DARKNESS—ANOTHER TRIBLLING REVELATION.

Sometimes Helen would set her mind to forms plans for her changed future. She looked forward to work—to active and constant work—as the best means of drawing her thoughts from broading over quenched hopes, and restoring her to something like peace and self-possession. But at the first whisper of this idea to Mrs Allerton, the latter enjoined her to think of such a thing no more. "She must not leave her," she said—"never, never must she leave her, she had come to love her so. I would have parted with you for Hermann's sake," she whispered, "but for no other consideration. I am getting old. I have no daughter to be my companion and my nurse. You would not leave me to my lonely self, would you, when your presence would be such a comfort? No, no, darling, we understand each other as no one else understands us, and you must stay with me always."

Helen was touched, and felt grateful for such kindness. She yearned also to find repose for her weary heart in this ark of refuge; but the feeling could not be got rid of that she had no natural claim to be protected and supported by Mrs Allerton, and must, by residing with her, occupy in her own mind a dependent position.

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Out of this difficulty she was helped wonderfully by another discovery which was at this time made, which joined her and Mrs Allerton in ties still closer and dearer, and cast such a balm of healing into her wounded and suffering soul as mitigated to a degree unhoped for, that grief and shame which had produced all the distress.

The story told to her by Ritchie of her ill-fated parents, and their brief season of sweetest love and brightest happiness, had awakened in her the tenderest and saddest interest. It gave her realising ideas of her mother such as she had not known before—her young, bright, beautiful mother, who had given her fresh, gushing heart to the English stranger, and trusted him so fully. She pictured them wandering together, as she and Hermann had done, over those very hills, drinking in similar joys and experiencing the same rapturous delight. And, as thus she pictured them, the image of her father also rose to view, and always in a goodly aspect. Slie could not think of him as being base and unworthy; for had he not gained the affections of a pure and innocent girl, who could not have loved that which was vile? Had he not proved himself to her all that was good and true till that last fatal blow, the very unexpectedness of which was in favor of his previous goodness? Then all, indeed, was dark and full of black despair; but it only made the preceding radiance more bright and beautiful to Helen's eyes, and it was her delight to hold private conversations with Ritchie, to extract from him every possible item of his reminiscences of that happy time at Glenfruin, and of all that he could remember about her youthful parents.

One day Mrs. Allerton interrupted them in a conversation of this kind, and when Helen joined her for their accustomed walk by the shore, the girl told her what had been the subject of their talk.

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"And shall it not be the subject of ours too, my darling?" returned her companion. "I have often longed to hear the story of your parents, and to know all about that—that sad occurrence which brought such desolation upon them. I did not think it right to apply to Ritchie for information, and I hesitated to lead you to the subject lest it should add to your pain. You know me better than to think that mere curiosity should prompt me to learn the particulars."

"Oh," cried Helen, "I shall willingly, gladly tell you all. Apart from the sad, the terrible ending, it is a story full of happy, joyous affection, and I love to linger over it, both for its own sweet sake and the sake of those to whom it relates."

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They walked in silence to the place indicated: it was the spot on which Helen had sat, after her interview with Victor Dubosque. And here, by the margin of the silent Loch, Helen breathed in the sympathising ear of Mrs Allerton the touching and tragic story of her parents' love and her mother's death, with all that Ritchie had communicated to her concerning her father's crime, the visit he had paid to him at Liverpool, and his departure to Australia.

If she had not been wholly occupied with her absorbing recital, Helen must have noticed and wondered at the startled expression of Mrs Allerton's countenance from the moment when she was told of the first meeting between her mother and the handsome young Englishman to whom she was destined to give her love. That expression appeared to indicate the sudden advent of a wild suspicion which seemed at once to amaze and astonish her, and with trembling, breathless eagerness she listened to every word of the narrative as, in low mournful tones and with saddened face, the fair girl delivered it.

Mrs Allerton's emotion increased as Helen proceeded, till, as she described her father's departure for England to visit his family—a family which Helen said she suspected to have been rich and well born—promising to return soon and early his young wife to a fair English home: his long, silent absence; the arrival of the letter with tidings of his crime and intention of his immediate flight; her mother's death and her own birth in the same hour; and the subsequent visit of Ritchie to the vessel which was to bear the wretched man away—the of self-restraint, which she had the rumost difficulty to attain, she grasped Helen's arm, and faltered with quivering lips—"You have not mentioned his name—do you know it?"

name he was known by to my mother and the rest."

"Oh, Helen, Helen! what was it? gasped Mrs Allerton, with a scared, affrighted look.

"Waldgrave Winthrop," answered Helen, her attentien now exited by Mrs. Allerton's extraordinary demeanour.

She turned to her companion as she uttered the name, and to her horror saw her throw up her hands with a gesture ospecehless emotion. Then a loud be wildered ejaculation burst from her lips, and she exclaimed—
"Mere'full providence! it is he.'

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Mrs. Allerton tried to speak further, but her tongue refused her utterance, and for some moments she made vain at-tempts to articulate the words she wish-ed to speak.

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'Oh, heaven!' shricked Helen, 'is it possible that I truly guess your meaning—that you know who my father was?' Another desperate effort, and Mrs Allerton's tongue was unloosed.

"Yes, Helen, I know who he was."

"Who?—oh, who?"

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