LINKED LIVES.

By Lady Gertrude Douglas.

CHAPTER XVIII. - CONTINUED.

"I know you will suffer, too, but you are going away from here, you are going into fresh scenes, where you will have much work to do, little time to think; but I must stay here alonehere, where we have been so happy everything reminding me of you everyone gone whom I love-Auntie Guy, Mr. Vaughan, Veva-all, all gone; and now you. I must see the church without you, a stranger in your place. Oh! it will all be so very unbearable!"

Inexpressibly grieved at her keen of the suffering before her,

Hugh wavered.

"I cannot leave you like this Mabel — it would drive you mad. Either I must give up the voyage, and let things take their chance out there or we must be married quietly at once and you must go with me. Jessie would never wish to keep you if she knew all the misery entailed."
"Oh! Hugh, let me say all I feel

to you while you are with me; but for worlds do not speak to Jessie about it. I cannot leave, her, it is quite impos sible, it would be too cruel: and a for you giving up your duty simply to spare me pain, why, that is almost more impossible than the other. No no, I know it must be; only it is a relief to speak all out to you, Hugh, darling Hugh, while you are still here

'I will do all I can to get back by Christmas," began Hugh, trying to smile, but here his overstrained courage broke down, and for a few moments he was thoroughly unmanned. Leaning his head down upon the table, he actually sobbed aloud. Then, womanlike, Mabel crushed

her own grief down into the depths of her heart, that she might comfort him A few minutes before she had been hopelessly dejected, but she began to smile it off bravely, trying to look, for his sake, on the brighter side of things. Six months, or, at longest, a year, was, after all, not so very far off, that they need break their heart about it. It would be such a comfort to know that he was doing his duty and in after years to remember that another to interfere with God's work which Hugh was bound to prefer before all. In the meanwhile would have his letters, he should hear from her by every mail; and then too, it could never be as bad as it was last year, for were they not sure o each other's affection? And was no that assurance enough to soften the With such arguments, Mabel succeeded in restoring to Hugh his wonted self-command, which had been severely tested by the sight of her

He himself, no longer a young man, was too much accustomed to the disappointments of life to be utterly prostrated by any grief that might come to him. Happiness was a thing so new to him that Hugh, while accepting the gift of Mabel's love had looked forward to his union with her with a half-fearful joy When, at the last moment, he saw his heart's desire so nearly accomplished. then, for a whole long year (God grant it were only that!), so suddenly removed from him, Hugh, if the sacri so suddenly re fice to be made had only concerned himself, would, after a short struggle meekly have bowed his will to the wil of Heaven, and almost without show ing a symptom of pain it cost him, have laid down his newly found treasure before the shrine of duty.

But, since Mabel's fate had become bound up with his own, since it was no longer possible for him to endure alone, since all suffering that affected him must also be shared by her, Hugh found it far more difficult to accept sorrow with resignation. His own share of the cross, no matter how heavily it rested upon him, he would bear bravely, but to see its shadow reflected upon Mabel's life was a very different thing, and this it was which had led him to betray his weakness.

Mabel's courageous efforts to put bright face on the matter were there fore extremely comforting to Hugh. Once more they talked it over, each trying, for the other's sake, to represe ss repining, both feeling relieved, when the morning came to an end that their plans were definitely settled.

Mabel, having made up her mind that the interests of the Church required temporary separation from Hugh, and that if she refused, her principles of self devotion and loyalty to the Church would become compromised. immediately betook herself to make the sacrifice demanded in a proper

Here again the deep loyalty of he character became conspicuous, her conduct showing that the ardent attachment she had always manifested for her Church was, after all, a sober reality, and not, as so many were inclined to believe, the mere romance of a poetical imagination. Often, in the sunny days of her girlhood, Mabel had wished for an opportunity in which she might give evidence of her devotion to her faith. The time had come when her fidelity was to be severely tested, but Mabel was as true as she was loving, and the opportunity was not suffered

Long before she spoke to Hugh, Mabel had made up her mind as to where her duty lay. No sooner had her than her heart began to reproach her for being a traitor; nor had she exaggerated when she told Heart began to reproach the control of th her for being a traitor; nor had she exaggerated when she told Hugh that pered Mabel, soothingly. "Take

day. It was a severe struggle, the sort of struggle which always comes when the heart, having promised great things to God, suddenly finds itself face to face with the test of its fidelity. It shrinks then, it is inclined to draw back, to find some excuse for substitut-ing another sacrifice in room of the one actually demanded. Fancy, with her soft, alluring coloring, which used to gild the Cross still in the far dis tance, hides her face before stern real ity. The path leading upwards to the hill of sacrifice, which once, in the The path leading upwards to golden, misty light of the imagina tion, looked so beautiful, now lies dark, thorny, rugged, straight ahead, with no treacherous distance to "lend

enchantment to the view." Then, if the heart be poor and fanci ful, loving the sweets of religion for their own sake only, it will turn back in terror, it will wax cowardly, finally abandoning the struggle, seeking fo itself some more flowery path to the heaven beyond; but if, trary, that heart be a truly loyal one
-no fear!—it will be faithful unto
death! It may shrink when, at first,
the dread Cross, unadorned by Fancy's gilding, rises up sharp and clear before it ; but the shrinking will be overcome, the rebellion will be stifled, the victory will assuredly be won.

So it was with Mabel. From that morning, until the actual moment of parting, no one could have detected a sign of flinching in her steady determination to accept the bitter trial which had come upon her. So bravely did she bear up that even Hugh scarcely realized how exceedingly she suffered. Mabel had set herself a task, and she accomplished it. There was to be no weeping, no regretting, no smiling face, preserving as much as possible up to the very last her cheerful manner, which almost deceived Hugh into thinking that she was more reconciled to his departure than he had dared to hope she would be.

Jessie was still far too ill to remember anything about the voyage to Ausway. She could scarcely bear to have Mabel out of her sight, which fancy of hers considerably added to poor Mabel's trouble, for it was indeed hard to be kept during those last precious days so much away from Hugh. She submitted, nevertheless, very patient ly, remaining long hours together with ssie, striving to forget herself, that she might console and sustain her brother's wife through her heavy affliction.

The evenings Mabel generally contrived to devote to Hugh. The weather continuing lovely, they were able to be out late; and very precious in after days was the memory of those quiet hours of the Summer "gloaming." Only too swiftly did the ten days glide onwards to their end.

The ship was to sail on the 12th, and Hugh remained at Elvanlee up to the very last moment, leaving only on the morning of the 11th. That last day, at least, Mabel was determined to have entirely to herself; so when, as usual, she took in the tray with Jessie's breakfast, after wishing her good morning, she plunged boldly into the subject

Shall you be able to do without me?—just for one whole day, darling Jessie?"

"Oh! why, Mabel? Where are you going? Please do not leave me," said Jessie nervously.
"I am not going away; only this is

the 10th, you know. Hugh must leave to-morrow—this is his last day."
"Hugh going?—where to? Surely

not to Australia without you, Mabel?' returned Jessie, looking very bewil-

darling?' Jessie lav back on her pillow with a

ong-drawn sigh ; there was a moment's silence, after which she said. "Mabel, I am afraid I have been very selfish. I forgot all about you.

I am so sorry. "How could you think of any one,

or anything, Jessie, darling? Indeed, I never expected you would." "Well, but, Mabel, why need Hugh

go? Why can't he arrange to stay here and leave the mission to take care of itself? You ought to be his first thought. There is so much for him to do here. What can I do without him? I know nothing about the estate, or the money; and then there are the chil-dren—oh! dear, oh! dear, what will become of us all if he goes away

"Hugh has arranged all," said Mabel, decidedly. "Darling Jessie, Guy's will appoints your brother as guardian, conjointly with Hugh, and he understands all about managing an estate better than Hugh does. As for the children, you and I will take care of them together; and then you know Hugh will be home again early next

year. "But, Mabel, can he go and leave

you? "Well, you see, Jessie, I won't leave you ; and Hugh thinks-we both think -that he must not neglect his duty just because I cannot go with him, so we have agreed to part for a time. Hugh sails from Southampton the day after to morrow; and now you under stand why I want to be all day with him.

"You are a good little thing, Mabel," said Lady Forrester, reflectively. "It's more than I would do: but it is a great comfort to me to think I shall not lose you, at least for the present. I could not do without you, Mabel. You are my only conso-

she had thought about it night and your breakfast now. I won't leave Vaughans to make a Romanist of "But I must see Hugh—he must not go without saying good-bye to me,

pursued Jessie, after a pause. "Ask him to come this afternoon, Mabel." "Yes, Jessie, I will. And now tell me, will you spare me for to-day?' "Of course, Mabel, go at once, dear. I will do without you—only let

me see the children." That will be good news for them, ing his heart about you, and Eva's eyes

are so much better. "Ah! Eva's eyes!-that horrid journey to London! Oh! if I had 'It could have made no difference,

Jessie, darling."
"No, I suppose not. But, there, run away, Mabel. God knows you'll

have enough of me before you have done; and I will not deprive Hugh of

So Mabel and Hugh spent that last never - to - be - forgotten day together. Not in selfish repinings, or useless lamentations, did the precious moments glide away. One long, bright, sunny day—Mabel was determined it should be-the memory of which Hugh was to carry away with him to his far home beyond the seas. They talked quietly (scarcely alluding to their common heartache) of the future, with its hopes and its joys; of the present, with its duties and difficulties-both so surely working together for their eternal welfare.

In the afternoon Hugh went to pay Jessie a farewell visit. He had not seen her since the day of Guy's death, and he was much overcome by the sight of her, as she lay on the sofa, robed in her deep widow's mourning, looking but the shadow of her former

She was not strong enough to bear much talking, so Hugh remained only a quarter of an hour, then rose to say good bye. She thanked him warmly for leaving Mabel with her, adding, she did not think she could live with out her just then.

"I trust her to you, Jessie," sponded Hugh, with a good deal of emotion. "Guard my treasure for me could not leave you anything more precious. She is my all on earth, take

"I will, indeed I will, Hugh," said Jessie heartily. "You shall have no cause to repent that you lent her to me -believe me.

Was he to repent it? Poor Hugh! Jessie at least fully intended to be faithful to her promise.

"And now, Hugh dear, dear Hugh, this is really the last," said Mabel, some hours later, as they sat in the old spot, a spot of green grass, with a wooded background-from which a terrace sloped down to the sea-a fav orite haunt of Nabel's. "There is the sea, Hugh, the beautiful, treacher-"There is ous sea, which is so soon to take you from me; it looks calm enough now, there will come many a rough day, and oh! how I shall tremble for you. "No need for that, Mabel, I shall soon be out of reach of any storms or

winds that affect the English coasts. "Look at the sky, too, Hugh Won't you carry that picture away with you? What a long, lovely day this has been, and now to end it, se that sky !

The sun had almost disappeared, dipping down into the horizon, beyond the broad, blue expanse of ocean. leaving the western sky like a soft golden sea, upon whose placid bosom floated fairy islands of every shape and hue. Beyond this, and bordered by chains of snowy clouds, whose summits had caught the golden radiance Hugh!" whispered Mabel, when she setting sun, there seemed to stretch, far away as the eye could "Good-bye, my own, only dar-reach, a lake of torquoise blue, its ling!" he faltered hoarsely; after rocks and shores gleaming with delicate rose-tints gradually shading off into purple, green, pearl-grey, or the vet deeper blue of aqua marine. The of the sky was reflected on the unruffled surface of the sea below, whose gentle waves scarcely made a sound as they rippled rather than broke upon the shore. Wood, water, beach, and rock glowed alike in the rich warm light of that Summer eve-

ning.
"Yes, Mabel," returned Hugh, after a brief pause, during which, Mabel's hand clasped fondly in his, they silently gazed upon the peaceful scene, "I shall scarcely see a more splendid sky than this, and shall often think of you, my darling! Ah! when shall we look at another sunset to-

gether?"
"When?—yes—when?" she re peated sadly. "Do you know what I have been thinking about all day, "Do you know what I Hugh?"

"What, darling?" "If, instead of parting for a year, we knew that it was for ever here on earth, how terrible that would be !"

"Heaven forbid!" he auswered, uneasily. "Why do you think of such possibilities, my Mabel?" "Oh! I do not think of it as a possi bility, Hugh-it would drive me mad if I were to do so; but I only meant that it is a comfort to think God had not asked of us the worst sacrifice of all-fancy if your duty or mine re quired us to part for good!"

For a moment Hugh's countenance louded, as though an unwelcome thought had suddenly flashed upon

im; then he answered quickly, "It never could be our duty to part for ever, Mabel, so long as we love one another; unless indeed—" Here Hugh paused, and taking Mabel's face between his hands, looked earnestly into her truthful eyes.

"Well?" she asks anxiously. "Unless you allow your friends the

"Oh! Hugh."

"Don't look so reproachful, my dar ling. But now, while we are on this subject, let me tell you how anxious I shall be to hear that they are not trying to influence you to change your relig

"I had almost forgotten those letters," said Mabel, thoughtfully; you need have no fear, Hugh, I will not become a Romanist. There must be reality in our own Church-I could not let you go now did I not believe that with my whole heart. "Never believe otherwise, my dar

ling; and do not distress yourself with fears of the future sacrifices God may possibly ask of you. In all probability they are visionary; but 'as thy day so shall thy strength be,' you know, Mabel."

So they talked on, and meanwhile the bright Summer evening drew to its close. It was quite dark when Hugh reluctantly took out his watch and found it was nearly 10 o'clock. Mabel rose from her seat.

"We must go home, Hugh. You are to be off very early. I must not let you stay up all night. Come

She was cold, in spite of the warm Summer night, and Hugh felt her hand trembling as she laid it on his arm. Scarcely a word was spoken all the way back to the Castle-neither of them seemed able to utter a word, their hearts were too full; and both feared lest their courage should at the eleventh hour forsake them. Hugh, now that the actual moment of separation had come, needed all his strength to bear up at all, for, during the homeward walk, a foreboding had seized upon him—a foreboding he could neither account for nor shake off, that his happiness was about to slip away from him for ever on earth.
"If you were ill, Hugh," Mabel had

said to him ere they turned their backs upon the sea—"if you were ill, so ill that you could not come back to me, remember I would come out to you directly.

"What, darling," he had answered laughing, "and face that 'teacherous sea, as you call it, all alone, with all your horror of it? I should have to be at death's door indeed, my Mabel, before I would ask such a thing of you."
"A thousand seas should not keep
me from you, Hugh," she had re-

sponded; and he saw the flashing of her resolute glance upwards, as though she took Heaven as a witness to the truth of her promise.

After that, silence fell upon them

and the terrible moment fast approaching became more terrible to Hugh because of his sudden nameless fear. Mabel remained courageous to the end, resolved not to give way until Hugh was no longer present to suffer by the sight of her sorrow. She drove back with a determined effort the tide of sickening anguish that was rising fast within her; and it was with smile upon her face that she turned to

Hugh for a final embrace. He took her in his arms, pressing her again and yet again to his beating heart, in that long, delirious good ively upon his breast, looking up without a tear, without a murmur, only with the sad, wistful wrapt gaz of unbounded love and confidence, into the silent agony of his hungry eyes.

No word was uttered, no vow asked or exchanged. Each knew the other too well, both were perfectly assured that their mutual love was a holy, a solemn thing, over which broode God's own blessing-the true, the only bond of real union!

"Good-bye, Hugh, my darling felt she could endure no longer.

which, gently but firmly disengaging herself from his embrace, Mabel van ished into the house, and he saw her Hugh watched the dark door of the

entrance hall close upon her with a feeling akin to despair. She was gone -gone perhaps for ever-and with her went his short dream of happiness. There are some moments in life that

will not bear describing. heaven knows their unutterable woe It is best He alone should witness their weakness!

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Brockville Times, Nov. 6.

Friday evening, Nov. 3, was an occasion which will long be remembered with happy recollection by the faithful people of St. Francis Xavier congregation, Brockville, it being the eve of the patronal feast of their beloved and popular pastor, Very Rev. Vicar-General Gauthier. The evening was all that could be desired, the sun shone brightly, a mild and gentle breeze wafted the last perfumes of the beautiful Indian summer days, through the tree tops, while all that remained of our beautiful warblers of the grove sang a hymn of thanksgiving to their Creator in melodious unison.

Fitting accompaniment to the above were the scenes which took place in St. Francis Xavier School, and later in the evening in the pre-sbytery of St. Francis Xavier.

Precisely at 2 o'clock p. m., the Very Rev. pastor, accompanied by Father McCarthy, C. C., of the parish, entered the girls' school, and was presented with a pure of gold, on behalf of the pupils of the schools, by Miss Reta Ryan. The gift was accompanied by the following beautiful address, which was read with marked ability by Miss Katie Kehoe:

To the Very Rev. Charles Gauthier, Vicar-General of the Diocess of Kingston.

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To the Very Rev. Charles Gauthler, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Kingston:
Very Reverend and Beloved Father—Once again it is our honored privilege to gather around you at this festive season, in order that we may renew the expressions of our love, gratitude and veneration.

We regret that circumstances intervened, which precluded the possibility of celebrating Saint Charles day, with the usual ect 4, but we beg to assure you, Very Reverend and beloved Father. that, despite the absence of pomp and poetry, of song and solemnity, our hearts are as loving, our gratitude as vivid, our wishes for your happiness as sincere as if told in the language of the muses.

As every passing year adds new laurels to your crown, it also brings to us additional motives of gratitude, greater obligations to be worthy children of the kind pastor whose zeal and devotedness are daily manifested in our behalf. For our magnificent school house which is the pride and boast of Catholic education, as it is also ours, for the advantages with which it provides us, for the comfort and well-being we enjoy therein, we are indebted to your generous solicitude, and as long as it will stand the ravages of time, so long will your name be blessed and venerated by the Catholic children of Brockville.

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The gifts of earth, had we the rarest and most cosily to offer you, would be but a poor renumeration for such deeds, but we know that the who rewards with so great munificence those who labor to extend His reign upon earth, the Divine Master whom to follow, you sparned all earthly honors, will Himself be your abundant reward. Such, Very Reverend and beloved Father, are the sentiments that animate us on this return of your patronal feast day.

Delgn to accept, then, with the homage of our united wish that you may enjoy many happy returns of Saint Charles Day.

The very reverend pastor, in replying to the address, dwelt eloquently upon the cheerful obselence and respectful demeanor ever shown him by the young laties of this school, and the rapid and almost marvellous advancement made in their studies, both religious and secular. He expressed his warmest thanks to the pupils for their valuable gift and their beautiful address, and complimented them on having for teachers the ever zealous and saintly Sisters de Notre Dame, whose fame as teachers is nearly world-wide. About 3 o'clock a similar scene took place in the boys' school, where a deputation of eight little boys — John English. Thomas About 3 o'clock a similar scene took place in the boys' school, where a deputation o eight little boys—John English, Thomas O'Brien, Leonard Shields, Frank Beehler Fred. Gillerlian, James Fitzgibbons, Lang don LeClair and James Daley—on behalf o the boys of the school, presented their pasto with a magnificent parlor set, accompanied by the following poetical address, which was delivered with singular skill by Master Leonard Shields: onard Shields:

Dear pastor, we've assembled On this bright November eve,

Obedience true and strong, For a kind, forbearing Father Who has cheered our path so long There is music for our boyish ears In every word you speak; There is comfort for our boyish hearts In everything you seek There is pleasure, true and noble, In your kind and welcome smile, While your mild and gentle mann. Can our gravest cares beguile.

So we welcome you, kind Father,
To our happy school to day,
To present you this momento.
Those childish words to say,
On this bright and happy autumn day,
Your glorious patron's eve.
In memory's page to weave.

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Then may Heaven's choicest treasures
Strew your path this counting year;
May your work be crowned by victory.
May your sky be always char,
May the star of love shine on you
And increase your daily joys,
And its rays reflect upon us,
Your Loving Parish Boys.

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The Vicar-General thanked the boys heartily for this beautiful testimony of their respect and veneration for him not as a man but as the pastor sent by Almighty God to watch over their welfare. He paid a glowing tribute to both pupils and teachers of the school and remarked after years of observation he could say that no more efficient school was to be found in this province than that of St. Francis Xavier, Brockville.

Rev Father McCarthy being called upon, testified to the glorious work which had been accomplished by Very Rev. Vicar-General Gauthier in this parish, and spoke feelingly of the kind and fatherly treatment which had been accorded to him by the Very Rev. gentleman since his advent to Brockville; he then dwelt upon the beauties of a Catholic education, declaring that it was the only system of education in the world which educated the whole man—the soul, the heart, the mind and the body; and lastly he complimented the pupils on having such excellent and zealous teachers to direct them in this the most important stage in their lives.

About 7 o'clock in the evening a deputation of the young ladies of the society of the Children of Mary waited upon the Vicar-General at the deanery and presented him with an elaborate address, accompanied by a magnificent and costly beaver cloth cloak of the satatte style. In their address the young ladies thanked their beloved pastor for the great and glorious privilege which he had accorded to them by establishing in their midst the beautiful sodality of the Children of Mary, a sodality which has for its object the advancement toward perfection of the young ladies of the parish and the conforming of their lives to that of Mary the Immaculate Mother of God and type of virtuous maidenhood.

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of the Sisters of St. Vincent de l'au Hoppital.

Up to a late hour in the evening a constant stream of congratulations in most cases accompanied by valuable gifts, continued to pour into the deanery, all testifying to the unbounded loye and veneration of the good people of Brockville for their distinguished pastor.

pastor.

It would not be meet to close the above It would not be meet to close the above sketch without referring to the generous and graceful act of courtesy and respect paid to the distinguished priest, about a week since, by a few Protestant admirers of Brockville, who, after returning from the World's Fair at Chicago, presented the Vicar-General with a purse of \$150, requesting him to visit the great exhibition, which he would so much the more enjoy owing to the fact of his having travelled extensively through Europe and other parts of the world from which the exhibits came.

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