

GRANTLEY MANOR

A TALE

LADY GEORGINA FULLERTON,

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CHAPTER XVI.—Continued.

He laid his hand on his son's shoulder. If he could have read into that son's heart, even his own stern spirit might have quailed. After Mr. Neville had left the room, Edmund remained gazing on the well-known scenes, which, even in their wintry garb, were clothed in so much beauty. There was not a spot which did not remind him of his childhood, or of his boyhood, and the wild moaning of the wind through the leafless branches of the elm-trees was in his ears as the music of bygone days. The sound of the gong, as it startled him from his attitude of contemplation, had also a familiar tone, and in his own room the views of the Lake of Killarney, and of the Giant's Causeway, the crooked China monsters on the chimney, the few books and old pamphlets on the shelves, the embroidered screens, his sister's birthday present all carried him back to a time and a state of things he had almost lost sight of during the year he had spent in Italy. He went down to dinner, and in the old family portraits, the sword hanging over the chimney, (a relic of the battle of the Boyne), which he had often in his infancy climbed on a chair to handle, the large picture between the windows of the siege of Londonderry, all served to warn him of the deeply-rooted religious and political prejudices of his family. He was silent and abstracted, and the conversation was chiefly sustained by his father and the clergyman of the parish. It often touched on the state of the country, and the religious animosity which prevailed in it. His heart sank within him as he listened to the bitterness of party feeling, which appeared in every word that was uttered; and when in the family prayers that night Mr. Neville solemnly implored that his household and home might ever be preserved from the inroads of infidelity and popery, and never harbor a Papist among them, the image of Ginevra rose before him as she had stood, with her meek and fervent eyes raised to Heaven, pleading with him the cause of truth and of eternity. The next day he rode with his sister, Anne Neville, through the lanes and the villages which lay within his father's estates, and was cordially welcomed by the tenants. When he observed all that had been done to promote the comfort and the welfare of the inhabitants, and listened to the various details she gave of the schools which she superintended, of the new church, which they were building in one spot, and the cottages they were erecting or improving in another, and watched her intelligent and animated countenance while she was speaking, he felt a new interest in the place, and a new sympathy with her. Anne Neville was one of those persons who, without any brilliant qualities or extraordinary charm, carry with them, through all the details of life, a quiet gaiety, a calm good sense, and a degree of modified and gentle obstinacy, that works its way and gains its end, where more exalted and more dazzling qualities and powers might fail. She had more kindness than feeling, and more perseverance than zeal. She observed to the utmost the duties of her religion, and had little indulgence or sympathy for those who believed, or who practiced more or less than herself. Without any vanity, (for praise and blame seemed equally indifferent to her) she had the very highest respect for her own understanding, and any thing she did not herself discern, or feel, or conceive, was unhesitatingly set down as enthusiasm, or delusion, or perverseness. She never seemed to imagine that there might be depths in the human heart which she had never fathomed, needs in the human spirit which she had never experienced, bearings and relations between creeds and actions which she had never investigated, or indeed that there were more things in Heaven and earth than were dreamt of in her expression, too upright to be uncharitable in her judgment, she quietly brushed away from her path, and put aside from her consideration, every think that did not precisely tally with her own preconceived opinions. A clever American writer has said that there are some points of belief, which we must not be always considering, but which must at once be placed on our shelves for daily use, and not for critical examination. Anne Neville's opinions were all of that nature, and there was no apparent crevice through which a new impression could have been inserted in her well-arranged and so closely packed understanding. That Edmund should have sympathized with his sister, may seem extraordinary; but who has not felt that, when they have suffered much through the intensity of their feelings, or the vividness of their fancy, there is a strange repose in the quiet round of daily life, and of practical interests, which a well-regulated life presents. His love for Ginevra was who has not felt that, when they have suffered much through the intensity of their feelings, or the vividness of their fancy, there is a strange repose in the quiet round of daily duty, and of practical interests, which a well-regulated life presents. His love for Ginevra was connected with recollections of vehement passion, and of passionate emotion; her religion was the obstacle that stood between him and happiness—the source of great misery to himself, and of tormenting anxiety for the future. He was capable of but had no taste for strong sentiments, and he easily persuaded himself that it was to Ginevra's religious mood he felt a rising repugnance, and that merely to the difficulties it placed in his way. There is so much that is so excellent and attractive in any form of earnest religion, and old habits and associations have so much influence on the human mind and heart, that as he looked upon Anne with admiration and interest, he conceived an ardent desire, which soon amounted to a strong conviction, that his wife might be brought to adopt her views, and embrace the religion of her sister-in-law.

broiling day?" she exclaimed, tired at the very idea of stirring. "To Lady Mordaunt's breakfast," answered her sister, without raising her eyes from her book. "Mrs. Wyndham will call for me in a moment." "I could as soon fly across the Park as go with you," Margaret returned, while she bathed her own head and hands with Eau de Cologne. "And you ought not to go," she continued, raising herself on the cushions, and observing the almost transparent whiteness of Ginevra's complexion, and the dark shade under her eyes. "I must go," she answered quickly, "I have promised." "Whom?" Margaret asked. "Myself," she replied; and her sister saw that there were tears in her eyes. (To be continued.)

Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston, Ont., has relieved from active duty Rev. Father Mackey, of Tyendinago. Father Mackey is over 81 years of age and has been one of the hardest working priests in the diocese of Kingston for forty-five years. Mgr. Satoli, Delegate Apostolic to the United States, will represent the Holy Father at the Catholic Congress at Chicago. Three questions will be submitted for consideration to the assembly: 1, Socialism according to the principles of the Encyclical; 2, Education; 3, the Independence of the Holy See.

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