

the hand of beautiful Rose Dalton, the only daughter of a wealthy baronet, whose home, "Darley Manor," lay at no great distance. The marriage took place shortly after, and was elaborate in every detail, for the young Squire was a general favorite, and the beautiful bride much admired. The festivities and rejoicings attendant upon such an occasion lasted many days. Squire Courtney was very proud of his beautiful young bride, and could daily be seen accompanying her and a number of friends to different points of interest on his vast domain. Thus a year almost passed before quiet was restored to the Hall.

Mrs. Courtney's vast fortune was placed entirely at her own disposal, being invested absolutely for her own private use. Mr. Wiseman, who had the management of the Courtney revenues, was a gentleman of unimpeachable character, and strictly Christian principles, who deservedly enjoyed the full confidence of his wealthy patron, as well as that of his father before him.

The steward, Mr. Artwell, was also an honest and trustworthy servant, and the affairs of his master prospered in his hands, even as did Potiphar's in the hands of Joseph. "The Lord blessed his going out and his coming in."

The Squire had no taste for the details of business, and it was most fortunate for him that two such strictly honest and upright men had the entire management and control of his affairs.