

HELENA GRAHAM,

THE BRIDE'S SACRIFICE.

CHAPTER V.

The following night passed without disturbance, either earthly or ghostly, at Graham Lodge.

Early in the morning, Captain Graham went over to the mainland on business, and Helena, accompanied by Clinton, went down to the cottage to visit Mrs. Ben. There was an inward feeling of pleasure at Helena's heart when she learned that Jessie was away on the mainland on a visit. Not that she doubted Herbert; but she remembered Jessie as a very pretty child, grown by this time, doubtless, into a lovely girl, and it might not be altogether safe to throw the gay man of the world into dangerous society.

Towards noon as they were sauntering along the sunshiny beach, she hanging on his arm, while he softly whispered the words "ladies love to hear," they espied a boat advancing towards them. Helena raised her telescope to survey the newcomers.

"The Rev. Mr. McAlmont and his wife," she exclaimed, in tones of surprise and pleasure. "Malcolm has doubtless called upon them and told them I was here."

"Friends of yours?" asked Herbert. "Yes—the minister of Glenleith, close to Strathmore, whom I have known since my earliest childhood. But here they are."

The boat at this moment touched the shore, and Helena, disengaging her arm, ran down to meet them. Herbert more leisurely followed, just in time to see his lady-love folded in the arms of a gentleman who sprang from the boat.

The stranger was of middle age, married, and a clergyman; yet, in spite of all Mr. Clinton felt a sudden twinge of jealousy and anger at beholding the embraces. But the next moment, jealousy, anger, every feeling was swallowed up in intense astonishment, not unmingled with superstitious horror. For as the clergyman turned round, and Herbert obtained a full view of his face, he recognized the countenance of him he had seen years before in that mystic vision at the Mahometan's house.

For a moment he stood regarding him, pale with wonder; and it was only when he heard the clear, ringing voice of Captain Graham, as he approached him, saying, with a hearty slap on the shoulder—"Why, Clinton, man alive, what ails you? you are pale as a ghost," that he awoke from his trance of surprise.

"Are you ill?" said Helena, anxiously, as she approached, leaning on the arm of Mrs. McAlmont.

"A slight head ache—nothing more," said Herbert, recovering himself by an effort. "Nothing worth being alarmed about," he added, seeing Helena's still anxious eyes.

"Why, Helena, have you grown nervous and cowardly?" exclaimed Mr. McAlmont. "You, who used to be as bold and daring as a mountain eagle? But, perhaps," he added, glancing meaningly at Herbert, "it is only where some very particular friend is concerned that your fears are thus easily aroused."

Herbert smiled slightly, while Helena's dark face grew crimson, as she hurried on with increased rapidity, drawing her companion with her, and leaving the gentlemen behind.

When they reached the lodge, Helena left her brother to entertain their guests, while she set about preparing luncheon.

Our Schools.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

Sir,—To those interested in our Public Schools (and every ratepayer should be so) the appointment of a new Principal of the High and Public Schools, as at present projected, is a subject of serious thought, not unmingled with anxiety. There is a general impression, as far as my observations have extended, that such an appointment is premature; that it has been too hastily resolved on; and that there are at present weighty reasons for thinking the step unwise. If such a Principal be appointed (and I do not say that a head should be appointed our Common Schools) it is time enough when the new Central School building is completed, and when the great proportion of the Common School pupils will be concentrated therein, and so be under his immediate and efficient supervision. In the present scattered condition of the schools the appointment in the opinion of many who have given the subject any thought, would be, to say the least, unwise. Hasty and inefficient action has characterized most of the proceedings of the School Board, and has resulted, so far, in that want of efficiency so unnecessarily mentioned in the advertisement inserted in the Globe. I cannot but think that the Trustees should imitate the example of the Council of Public Instruction, who before introducing important changes, consult the Teachers themselves as to their advisability. If this course had been pursued, I feel confident fewer blunders would have been perpetrated at the expense not only of the Town funds, but what is far worse, at the expense of the best interests of our school population.

The Trustees are, however, surely not serious in their proposal to appoint a Principal or Inspector over the High as well as Common Schools. They must surely doubt their authority to make any such appointment. If their advertisement means anything, that is their intention. The Principal of the High School has, to say the least, been rather unfairly and disrespectfully treated in putting forth such an advertisement. Mr. Laferty is, I believe, understood to be a ripe scholar, having taken double honours in Classics and Mathematics in the University of Toronto, which fact was characterized by Dr. McCaul, the President, as "the rare honor of a double first." It is to be hoped, however, that in regard to the proposed appointment, the Board will not do anything precipitately, but will, in the meantime, occupy themselves with devising means for supplying additional temporary school accommodation, as the schools are at present much over crowded, each school having more than the legal number of pupils. It would be much better if the Board would direct their attention to this matter, and leave the appointment of a Principal until his services are required and can be properly made available.

Yours, truly,
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