

**The Foster Brother,**  
The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER XXVIII.  
THE DEATH OF WALLEY.

One swift look Walley sent round the room, and in a momentary passage those who stood by the bed, then manifesting either hesitation, confusion, or bewilderment, he bounded into a sitting posture, and wildly exclaimed—

"Oh, tell me," cried the man with still wilder earnestness. "For God's sake tell me if the child perished with the rest!"

The doctor was the first to regain his presence of mind, and to understand the exact state of mental condition to which Walley had awoke. With a quick start he advanced a step nearer the bed and answered—

"Yes, the child is saved." "Thank heaven!" grasped the man, falling back on the pillow with a long sigh. "I need not ask if the rest are drowned. I know they are. I saw master washed away with the Captain and the others when the ship broke, and my poor mistress died after we got on the rocks. I was up as well as I could, and tried to keep her warm on my knee, but after hours of cold and darkness, horror came, and I suppose I fainted, for I remember no more."

The friends exchanged significant glances, but no one spoke; only George's gleaming eyes, and his face flushing and paling, showed the intensity of his feelings. Harry's eager glance showed also the excitement he could scarcely suppress.

Manby beckoned to the nurse to hand him the bowl of warm nourishment she had been preparing, and, holding it to Walley's lips, he said—

"Drink this." The man readily obeyed, and drank a large portion of it. When he had done so he looked round.

"Where is George?" he asked. "If he is awake do let him come, for I know he will want me, poor boy."

"You will see him presently," replied the doctor, as he steadily regarded his patient, holding his finger on his pulse.

"Oh, I know his grief must be terrible," went on Walley. "His parents—both dead—no one to protect him or care for him but me. Had but my poor, dear mistress, his mother, been preserved, it would not have been so bad. But both gone—both gone. God help him and me too."

"Keep yourself quiet for a minute," said the doctor, and quietly moved to the door, motioning to George and Harry to follow him.

"Now," said Manby when they reached the room below, "this is precisely what I expected. His mind has begun to work at the point at which it ceased its action twenty years ago. It is to him just as if he had been unconscious or sound asleep for a few hours. He considers, I have no doubt, that this is but the morning after the wreck, that the body of his mistress is not yet buried, and that he is to see the child as he saw him last."

"How, then, are we to undeceive him?" said George. "The shock might overwhelm him in his present weak state if the truth were told him. Shall we wait till he is stronger?"

"He will never be stronger," said the doctor, very quietly. "The man has but few hours to live."

This startling statement so shocked George that he could not speak, but Harry impulsively exclaimed—

"Good heaven, then, if that be so no time should be lost in getting from him what we so wish to know—who George's parents were."

"That is exactly my opinion, and I asked you from the room to tell you so. As to his shock overwhelming him, there is little fear of that, or if it does, his state is such that any shock he may receive from a knowledge of truth can do nothing more than accelerate the issue by an hour or two. Should we therefore, for the sake of prolonging for that brief time an existence which is no longer of value, lose the all-important information which he is able to give?"

"Most certainly not," returned Harry. "I would not risk such a thing by delaying one moment. You would not do so either, George, would you?"

"If it be as Manby says, I would not," answered George. "Besides, from the words he has already spoken, he will be satisfied rather than otherwise at the opportunity of giving the information. But could the information not be got from him without letting him know that he has been for twenty years a maniac and in a lunatic asylum?"

The doctor mused for a moment. "We can try," he said, "but I fear not. He wants to see the child, and how can we evade his wish? However, we can make the attempt, and if we must tell him the truth we shall do so as quietly as possible."

They reconferred the stairs; and at every upward step the wild beating and throbbing of George's heart increased, for the moment had evidently come when the mystery of his life was to be unveiled and his parentage revealed. In prospect of this momentous revelation his emotion was beyond description, and in the greatness of his agitation he seized Harry's arm for support.

Harry sought his hand, and grasped it with great warmth of affection.

**Proposed Changes in the Bankrupt Law.**

A circular from the Montreal Board of Trade calls attention to the bankrupt law, and points out certain modifications of the Act of 1869 that in further legislation on the subject ought to be introduced. A check should be imposed on assignees by the appointment of official directors or an accountant in insolvency, whose duty it would be to supervise the operations of the assignees and insist on the diligent performance of their duty. This official would be paid out of the proceeds of the estates. The opinion is also expressed that no insolvent should be allowed to make a voluntary assignment; and it is laid down as a principle that no soon as the creditors are certain that an estate cannot pay twenty shillings in the pound it should pass into the hands of the assignees without delay. It is recommended also that no insolvent should be discharged by the judge unless his estate pays a minimum dividend of a certain specified per centage. What that per centage will be is a point on which there will be differences of opinion. We predict that the success of the new act, if one is passed—as it most likely will be—will hinge chiefly on the wisdom and dealing with the discharged. Indiscriminate discharges have brought the act into contempt, and at the moment endanger its existence more than anything else. Let the Board of Trade take hold of this matter in all earnestness and give the Government the full advantage of their views, so that the next act may be as perfect as possible.—*Monetary Times.*



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500 Cases and Bales Just Received!

- COMPRISING:
- 100 bales of Carpets,
  - 100 bales of White Cottons,
  - 100 bales of Factories,
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**CHANCE & WILLIAMSON,**  
GOLDEN LION  
THE ONLY DIRECT DRY GOODS IMPORTERS IN GUELPH  
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TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!  
Ready Pay Principle Victorious!

THE NEW STORE  
"CASH" is now doing Double the Amount of Trade for Ready Pay that any Credit Establishment in Guelph is doing.

WHY?  
Because for Ready Pay a small profit only is asked, the money is turned over five times when Ready Pay is made, but the credit system entails an extra per centage added in marking goods, in order to guard against bad debts. The man who gives credit cannot buy his goods as well as the man who does not.

WHY?  
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W. H. G. KNOWLES, Agent.  
Guelph, Nov. 18, 1872.

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AND  
SCOTCH TWEEDS FOR SUITS,  
AND FANCY TROUSERINGS,  
AT THE  
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SHAW & MURTON,  
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McCullough & Moore's COUGH MIXTURE,  
The only reliable Cough Mixture in use for Coughs, Colds, Influenza, Bronchitis, &c. &c. Thousands have tried it, and never found it to fail. Try it once, and you will use no other.

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A safe, speedy, and effectual cure for Chilblains, Frost Bites, and all Tenderness of the Feet.

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For HORSES and CATTLE, best in use. One pound package for 20 cents. Double the size of any other powder. Farmers try them, and you will use no other.

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Guelph, Nov 14th 1872.

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Has just received and opened out a large and superior

STOCK OF  
CLOTHS

Which he will make to order in the most fashionable styles.

ALSO: READY-MADE CLOTHING,  
With youths and boys suits in great variety at very low prices.

Underclothing, Dress Shirts, Collars, Oxford Shirts with Collars, Scarfs, Ties, Gloves, &c.

A Lot of Tweeds bought very low, will be sold by the piece or yard, considerably under the present value. Call and examine, before purchasing elsewhere.

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Many lines were bought much under present values:

4000 yds Plain and Fancy Winceys,  
a job lot, from 10c to 25c

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A SPECIALITY

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See windows this day.

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Guelph, Sept. 13, 1872

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WOOL and YARNS—the best assortment west of Montreal.  
AT J. HUNTER'S

BREAKFAST SHAWLS—Scarfs and Ties, and other Fancy Woollen Fabric in great variety.  
AT J. HUNTER'S

SILKERS, Ottomans, Cushions, Screens, a splendid line.  
AT J. HUNTER'S

JEWELRY—gold, jet, plated and fancy, a large stock and very cheap.  
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ORIGONS, Coronets, Braids, and Switches, in silk, mohair, and jute, an immense stock.  
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Wyndham Street Guelph.

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1872

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W. D. HEPBURN & CO.

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BOOTS and SHOES  
Suitable for Fall and Winter Wear. We invite careful buyers to our system of doing business, viz.,

Small Profits and but one Price.

W. D. Hepburn & Co. manufacture their own goods and feel they can confidently recommend them as CHEAP and DURABLE and all they ask is one trial, which will not fail to prove the genuineness of

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As we employ over FORTY HANDS we can supply a large portion of Guelph and surrounding country. All kinds of Boots and Shoes made to order.

Repairing done as Usual.  
AT TERMS CASH. Store and Factory Eastside Wyndham Street, Guelph.  
Guelph, Sept. 27, 1872

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SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread);  
Hand Lock Stitch (double thread);  
No. 1 Foot Power;  
No. 2 for heavy work;  
Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND,  
GUELPH, ONT.  
July 19, 1871

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GO TO BYRNE'S  
Robes, Robes

HATS, CAPS AND FURS  
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THE LARGEST & CHEAPEST STOCK  
Ever Shown in Guelph.

Corner of Wyndham Street and Market Square.  
Ladies' and Gents' Furs Altered and Repaired.

CASH FOR RAW FURS  
MITCHELL & TOVELL  
GUELPH

Under takers and Furniture Dealers.  
Furnish of every description kept on hand, and at reasonable rates.

COFFINS: Metallic, Black Walnut and Cloth covered Coffins, Shrouds, &c. &c. kept on hand.

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J. MITCHELL, June 20, 1872. N. TOVELL.

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JOHN R. PORTE'S

Fine Gold Sets Brooch and Ear-rings  
" Brooches " Lockets  
" Earrings " Finger Rings  
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" Alberts " Cuff Buttons

AND A FULL ASSORTMENT OF  
GOLD PLATED JEWELLERY  
Silver Thimbles, Tea Spoons, Chains,  
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Guelph, Dec 19, 1871

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THE BEST YOUNG HYSOON DOLLAR TEA.....for 80c per lb  
A BEAUTIFUL GUNPOWDER TEA.....for 70c per lb  
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A NICE, SWEET DRAWING BLACK TEA.....for 50c per lb  
THE BEST BLACK TEA IMPORTED.....for 75c per lb

SUGARS, SUGARS!  
Sugars will be higher very soon, but we will sell Eleven pounds for a few days, lay in your stock for preserving while you can get it che

Raisins, Currants, Cheese, Tobaccos, Syrups, Noodles, Wines, Whiskies, Cigars,  
And everything in the Grocery Line cheap, and will be delivered free of charge to any part of the Town, or to the Stations.

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A NEW STOCK  
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REPAIRING DONE AS FORMERLY  
And satisfaction guaranteed. A trial solicited.  
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Silver Plater and Brass Finisher  
All orders promptly attended to.  
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