HELEN MOIR

LOVE AND HONOUR.

A TALE OF THE CLYDE.

CHAPTER XXII.

"Helen, my darling," was his fervent joyous whisper.

"Oh, Hermann, how—how have you

ovons winsper.

"Oh, Hermann, how—how have you come here?"

"Because Ritchie told me you were up the gleu, and I came to find you, to congratulate you."

"You have seen Edwin then?"

"I have seen him, and he has told me the whole wonderful story. Need I say how glad, how rejoired I am, that you have found so good and noble a father? Glasgow could not contain me an hour after I received the news. I longed to share your joy, to mingle my thanksgivings with yours. We came with the beat at one, and finding you had gone to Glenmessen, I waited but to pay my warm and heartfelt respects to your father; then I followed you, and find you here. But why, my Helen, do I find you wandering so far, when the first joy of the restoration must still be thrilling your soul? How could you quit your father's society on the very first day to ramble in a places of distant and so solitary?"

"Can you not guess my purpose, Hermann?" she gently and gravely asked. "When Edwin told me he was off to Glesgow, I knew you would speedily come, and I had to consider whether the discovery that had been made changed our position." To settle this very important point I needed silence and seclusion, and this is where I found it."

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"Oh yes," she murmured "very, very flicult."

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"You surprise me exceedingly. I thought you would have seen at a glance that the barrier was removed."

Helen sadly shook her head.

"I hoped to find that, it was so, dear Hermann," she faltered, "but, alas, my hope has failed."

"Helen, you are not serious?' cried Hermann, his face blank with dismay.

"Not serious in a matter of this kind,"

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"Forgive me, my dear, but gnazement surprised me into the utterance of the words. Is it possible, then, that you have any hesitation on the point?"

"I had for a time, but not now. I have come to the conclusion that the path of duty for us is still in the same direction."

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I never dreamt that your former feeling
could still remain. With joy and rapture I quitted Glasgow, and came hither
to press you to my heart—to call you
mine—to renew our betrothal—nay, not
to renew it, for our hearts have ever been
the same, but to resume the dear old
footing. Judge, then what shock your
words give me."

"I am sorry—very, very korry," return.
ed Helen, with tears in her eyes, and
her beautiful face full of deep distress.
"I feared something like this.. I thought
you might generously conclude that the
barrier had fallen, and yet, dear Hermann,
ask yourself—calmly weigh and judge the
case, and ask yourself—if the discovery
which has been made has changed any
fact for us."
"Most capacilly it has dearest. Your

"Most a stredy it has, usured father is not the criminal you were led to believe."

"No, thank God my father it such as I can respect and love. He was greatly tempted, and committed the ac, if not wholly unconsciously, yet entiry unintentionally. But the act was done, and the world visits it with the consequences of a same."

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"What is the world to us?" exclaimed Hermann, impetuously. "Why should we sacrifice ourselves to its ignorance, its projedice, its cruel uncharitableness? We can afford to despise and defy it."

"But not to despise or defy ourselves, rejoined Helen, very quietly." Oh Hermann, the music of a true soul is played on most delicate strings, and the faintest discord jars through all the life. I would have our lives full of perfect harmony, dear Hermann; and this string, I fear, is not gound—it would lose its tone."

"Helen," remonstrated Hermann, this is nothing less than a morbid feeling. You have brooked over the matter till, to your view, its proper proportions have become monstrously enhanged. I did see force in your former scruples thougheven they. I thought, were strained. But, now that a trie light has shone upon the case all cause for scruple has vanished. No guilt attackes to your father; at the most it was an error he committed, and one for which the greatest extenuation can casily be found.

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ARMENTS OF ALL KINDS is was an error he committed, and one for which the greatest extenuation can easily be found,

"And who to ready to find that extenuation can be still as the consequences follow. He has suffered them bitherto, and "Between bither on the consequences follow. He has suffered them bitherto, and "Helen, burst forth Hermann, "it is Edwin's opinion, and mine likewise, that your father was a dupe throughout; that he was only made to believe that he had put the mame of Waldegrave Winthrop to the bill. He has, indeed, some faint recellection of signing a paper, but there is every reason to believe that the paper on which he wrote that name was not the paper on which the grave charge was founded. Edwin and I examined the bank bill, not two hours ago. His mother found it among her father's papers, and she has fortunately preserved it. The signature is bold and firm—not like the handwriting and he regarded it with perfect amazement. It was the first time he had seen the document, for, singularly enough, he never examined it at the time the charge was brought against him. Most unfortunately, he took all, for granted—assanced that the bill was the paper he had signed, and never thought of asking to see it. The moment he saw it to day, the first exclamation was that he could not have written that. It had no resemblance to his bandwriting, and bore no traces of the desperation in which he had traced the characters. Helen, I firmly believe your father was innocent in act as well as intention—that not he but another put the mane to the bill."

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