Anna Clayton;

—OR—

The Enquirer after Truth.

CHAPTER XIII.

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The conscience-stricken man sank into a seat, and covered his face with his hands. Other heads dropped with similar feelings. But there were hearts and eyes in the congregation which were lifted up to God exultingly and with silent thanksgiving. "O God, thou hast heard our cries and hast come down." A voice at length broke the searching stillness. And strangely sweet, after such a silence, did it sound. Deacon Simms, with his eyes on the same chapter, read: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God loveth his brother also." Deacon Simms sat down, and soon was heard Anna's clear voice flowing out feelingly in a familiar melody:

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

"Let us pray;" said the pastor, spreading out his hands over the people. And had not already every soul felt the peculiar presence of God in the assembly, they must have felt it ere that prayer was ended. All hearts filled up and ran over with emotions of joy and penitential grief; and as these extremes met in each soul, there was an outbreaking flood of tears. Then followed confessions, exhortations and prayer, glowing with feeling, and mighty with power. In the presence of God's Spirit the strong-hearted were melted like wax, and the proud were bowed down like reeds shaken in the wind. So nearly was this Christian communion an approach to a foretaste of heaven, with Jesus the center of all thought, that though the usual hour arrived to close, they seemed neither to mark the flight of time, nor feel fatigue.

"O now forever, God of love,
Let strife and hatred cease;
Let every heart harmonious move,
And every thought be—peace."

"Peace I leave with you, *my peace I give unto you;* not as the world giveth, give I unto you." This is the voice of the Master standing in the midst.

There was a movement near the door, and all eyes turned upon one who said: "I have to-day witnessed an unusual scene. Such scenes I used to dream of when reading God's word; and because I never saw them—because I never saw the spirit of love exhibited among Christians, I first came to doubt if all professing Christians were not hypocrites: then to doubt the Sacred Scriptures, and finally to doubt all things. But to-day I have seen God's power triumph over human passions, and I know and feel that there is a God, and that God is here. I feel strange and irresistible longings in my heart! It is Jesus calling after me, and I am resolved, through his grace strengthening me, to seek the salvation of my soul!"

The speaker was George Clayton. A thrill of joy shot through the father's heart. Anna, too, sent up a prayer of thanksgiving and praise—a sister's offering for a brother's conversion. This was but the spark which fired the train. Others followed, and soon it was seen that there were many anxious souls crying out: "Lord, save, or I perish." The progress of the revival was uninterrupted. Sinners beheld the bleeding sacrifice upon the cross—marked the justice of an angry Father—and cried out in fear lest his rod smite them in judgment. A risen Savior gave them hope; and when they heard him calling after them: "Come unto me, all ye weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest—Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye *shall find rest to your souls:*" than they were won by love, and hastened to swell the ranks of the people of God.

Scores found peace in believing. Not a family remained unvisited by the Spirit of God. The young and the aged bowed alike before the unseen power. And had our ears been purged from their grossness, we might have heard a shout resounding from the hilltops like that which startled the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will toward men."

Weeks pass. Again a Sabbath dawns, cheered by an Autumn sun. There is something peculiarly impressive in the solemn quiet rest of a Sabbath in Autumn. The sun wheels slowly through a dreamy hazy atmosphere, with the fierceness of his glance subdued. The earth, with forests dressed in rainbow hues, and fields in brown, lulls the air to silence and the winds to rest—no sound, no motion!

Whilst we were engaged in thoughts kindred to these, the familiar plaintive sound of the church-bell spoke of other scenes. And as we watched the unrest of man, the rolling wheels, the gathering feet, all tending to that point where called the bell; we fancied that its voice of iron tongue, cleaving with quick wing the slumbering air, had waked echoes also in the court of heaven, and that angels entered the house of God along with the sons of men. And do you wonder why angels gathered there? We read, that there is joy in heaven over one poor soul repentant; and here were many, "clothed and in their right mind," about to put on Jesus before the scoffing world. We glance around the densely-crowded courts, and behold they have come up as *one man* to unite in *one body* as a church—a union in which all members of Christ's family will have a home. It was not asked, are you of this stripe, or of that order? but, "Do you acknowledge the Lord Jehovah to be your God, the object of your supreme love—the Lord Jesus Christ your all-sufficient Savior, your only Redeemer—the Holy Ghost your Sanctifier and Comforter? Do you without reserve give yourselves away to God, to be his willing servants forever? Do you covenant to observe all his commands and ordinances in the closet, in the family and in the sanctuary, remembering that every one of you shall give an account of himself unto God?" Around this, which is the Christian's faith, flocked Christians of every name, henceforth to be known only as Christians. Pastor and People, Excommunicators and Excommunicated, Immersionists, Sprinklers, and Pourers, all gathered around *one standard*—the cross; recognizing but *one standard-bearer (and Master*—Christ Jesus. It was a sight well worth a journey from heaven to witness! May this present generation witness many such scenes as this!

"Look! there is a familiar face in the pulpit, which carries us back in remembrance to the old Academy place, and to the communion season there. How unlike that scene is this! Yet we can trace the relation of cause and effect; that was the sowing of the good seed, and this but the harvest. Glorious harvest for thee, thou faithful laborer in thy Master's service! Thy God hath sent thee back to reap! Count the sheaves as they gather around the altar, and say, Is it now enough? Elder Clayton was there also, by his side, and assisted in the duties of the day, and in the administering of the ordinances.

There before the altar stands Anna, with a face radiant with holy joy. Mary, her faithful friend, is beside her; and George too, earnest and prayerful. And on either side, gathered with them, are children, with their youthful voices just turned to praise; young men and women, the middle-aged, and the old, with eyes dimmed and steps tottering. Does it not gladden thy heart, thou servant of the mighty God? Go on, then, preaching love, the burden of the Gospel of peace; love—love to God, and love to man.

When they were all gathered around him, the man of God opened the Bible, and read: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and my daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. vi. 17, 18). Then he administered unto them their solemn vows. And should any enquire how they mere baptized, we answer, with water, before the altar, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. And as his hand rested on Anna's forehead, he said, in the language of Paul (Titus iii. 5--7: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." And as he passed back to the pulpit, he said: "Now are ye one body in Christ Jesus. Ye have one Lord, even your God, whom ye have this day acknowledged. One Spirit, by which ye grasp the merits of a risen Savior. One baptism, for by one Spirit are we all baptized in one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink in one Spirit. Behold!" he continued, in the language of Scripture; "'One body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all.' Bless God for ever more! Amen and amen."

Then were uncovered the sacred elements; and he who ministered in God's name, casting his eye over the sea of faces moistened with tears, exclaimed: "Jesus saith, I am the bread of life. If any man eat this bread, he shall live for ever. If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." Then after silently breaking the bread, and pouring out the wine, he extended his hands towards the recently warring masses before him, now resolved into one by the power of love, and exclaimed: "'This cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?' O beloved, remember, 'We being many, are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread'" (1 Cor. x. 16, 17).

What a precious season was this to Christian souls! Should it be wondered at if souls, breathing such teachings as their native air, loose their fierceness, and no longer strive about words to profit, divided often by nothing but a name? Would they go thence telling how much more acceptable to God they were than their brethren? How much more they will be rewarded for their works of righteousness? theirs being more righteous than their fellows, all works but theirs to be burned and suffer loss? Poor self-righteous, foolish mortals! You have yet to learn that all your righteousness is as filthy rags; and that every trembling repentant soul can plead enough of the righteousness of Christ—which is alone acceptable to God—to be justified and received by him; and you, proud as you are, can do no more, "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own Master he standeth or falleth; yes, he shall be holpen up, for God is able to make him stand." Go thou, remember the Pharisee and Publican, and which of the two were justified. "Every one that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

There was one intensely interested spectator of these scenes. We saw him talking with Halley before service; and although his form was somewhat bowed, and his hair grey, yet we could see that their features were cast in much the same mould. We noticed also his eager gaze resting on Anna, as she stood before the altar paying her vows to God, and entering into solemn covenant with Jehovah. "Anna, come this way," said Halley, as they passed out of the church after service. She was suprised at the request, and more still at the direction taken; but she followed on unquestioningly from the vestibule to a side passage which opened into the village church-yard. Standing underneath a whispering pine in an obscure corner, and half leaning on a marble headstone, was an aged man whom they approached. As Anna's eyes first rested on him, she paused, and turned deadly pale, looked thoughts she dared not utter. Halley only replied by drawing her arm within his own, and leading her onward.

"Anna, your father!—Father, your long lost child!"

"O God, I thank thee!" burst from the full hearts of both parent and daughter. Anna was pressed with passionate fondness to a father's bosom, in whose arms she had not rested since a little prattling child. Tears, such as strong men weep when shaken by powerful emotions, dropped slowly from the old man's furrowed cheeks. Tears—full, bright drops—dimmed Anna's eyes; but hers were tears of unmixed joy—his wrung from bitter memories which obscured the present.

"Anna, my child!" he said at length, when he had sufficiently recovered his voice, "you remember your mother's death-bed; tell me where they laid her."

Startled by this forced rememberance, she glanced around the obscure corner, up at the overshadowing pine, down then at a nameless headstone; and pointing toward a flowing vine her own hand had planted, exclaimed, with a burst of tears which told how grief upheaves the soul as winds the ocean, "It is there they laid her, dear father; and oh! how lonely I have been since!"

For fifteen summers had the grass spread its velvet softness over that cold bosom there inhumed. But could her glad spirit have looked down from those bright mansions of rest provided, for the dead who die in the Lord, upon these loved ones for the first time met here to weep over her ashes, methinks she would have whispered: "Weep on, yet not without hope; 'for they who sow in tears shall reap in joy.' Weep on, for tears shall unloosen your sorrows, and soon we shall meet where no tears are known. Each humid gem, that falls wrung out with holy sorrow, by angel hands is gathered ere the thirsty clods drink it, and thence transplanted into heavenly soil, behold, it springs up with richest bloom and sweetest fragrance, self wreathed in garlands to bedeck your brows in Paradise!"

The old man—old rather from grief than years—as he stood over his long-lost partner's grave, lifted up his hands as though in benediction, and with words not unmixed with tears, feelingly exclaimed: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yes, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors. Let us weep no more now; she is at rest. Oh! you know not what a load of sorrow and bitterness it has lifted from my heart, to know that hers is not a dishonored grave. I bless God that it is even as it is. Let us go hence, and so live that we may meet her when our labors, like hers, are ended.'

"I am thinking," said Anna, "to what seraphic stature she has already grown. Fifteen years of expansion in heavenly air, with never a blight—truth unmixed with error as her daily food—and all these earthly fetters cast off which dwarf us here. O, how her glad spirit must reach out, and reaching, grasp more and more of the fullness of God, and of the mysteries of his grace!"

"Yes," replied Halley, interruptedly catching the glorious thought, and with his eyes turned toward the halo-begirded sun "When the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll, and this proud earth fire away from the presence of its Creator, and thou bright sun with all thy splendor shall be clothed in sackcloth, and wander amid the darkness of eternal space, seeking thy funeral urn with all the universe of God: then man's existence shall have just begun! Then having shaken off this mortal clog which chained his spirit down to earth, without hindrance more.

'The man emerges—mounts above the wreck,
As towering flame from Nature's funeral pyre,
And vies with angels!'"

"Oh! how glorious that will be!" exclaimed Anna. "I almost long,"—she paused, and then added in the language of Paul: "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and be with Christ, which is far better."

"Do you forget the work to which you have devoted yourself?" asked Halley. "Is there nothing to live for?"

"Yes, much to live for. A work—a glorious work lies before every one. And may God grant that Christ may be magnified in me, whether it be by life or death 'For to me to live is Christ, but—to die is gain.'"

With such conversation they beguiled the way homeward. Little by little the father caught the outlines of the great and all-absorbing thought which was moulding the character of his daughter.

"Father," she said, pausing on the brow of the hill within the grateful shade of an overhanging maple, "if I could only live to see the strifes and discords in all Christendom healed, and all Christians one in the bonds of peace; I could then, like Simeon of old, say: 'Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace; for mine eyes hath seen thy salvation.'"

The father looked with surprise at the young girl radiant in the first freshness of womanhood, marked the unconscious grace of mien, so much like her mother, noticed the play of the wind among the curls that kissed her brow, heeded the sanguine joyousness of her disposition, and the brilliancy of her intelligent speaking eyes; he observed all these, and more: he regarded with admiration the sweet and holy enthusiasm of her soul, which sparkled and shone through all her actions. But we would not attempt to unravel the secret and complicated workings of the father's heart while he thus gazed. God only knows why he, like many others, should seek to dissuade from laboring for an object which he professedly longed and prayed for—but so it was. We only point out the weakness, and say, God pity and forgive!

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