

figure whose bright jollity had now something piteous in it, he hid his own feelings and waited so gently and tenderly on his little chum, Marjorie wondered if intimate friendship had not merged into a deeper feeling, and, woman-like, wove her romance as a joyous possibility.

But with freedom came other changes. Dr. Graham had gone back to his old quarters at "Glenarden," and Marjorie's resumption of teaching left Erica more to Frau Kercher's companionship and attention. To Marjorie it was apparent that the dear old lady was not equal to the extra strain, and she wondered if she would have to part with Erica. Sorrowfully she looked forward to this separation and the evenings without the pleasant companionship of her little friend.

Aunt Marian was the first to suggest this change one day when Marie and she made their daily call, accompanied by Dr. Graham.

"You will soon be well enough, Erica, and I really think you had better come back to 'Glenarden.'"

"What, and desert Marjorie!" Erica