No wonder, with thoughts like these, that James became moody, morose; sometimes unduly excited, sometimes sorely depressed! And the only influences which, now and then—even in these days—could touch or soften him, were Gabrielle's continued sweetness and gentleness, amid every provocation. In her own room alone, no human eye upon her, many a burst of passionate weeping, many an hour of agonized prayer, bore witness that the calmness of insensibility. But in his presence, she had always a smile wherewith to welcome him, always "a soft answer" wherewith to recompense the irritable words which, not infrequently, were his only words to her, throughout the day. She never accused him of neglect; she never forced her society upon him; on the rare, the increasingly rare, occasions when he did unbend, she never avenaged herself by repulsing him in her turn.

"Meek souls there are, who little dream Their daily strife an ange, a theme!"

Who can tell how often, at this time;

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"He strays—how far, to Thee alone, My Saviour, and my God, is known! Yet think upon Thy Word, which says. The wife may win him from his ways, May haply mend the broken tie That linked us for Eternity.

"In mercy, Lord, his soul defend.
And be my Counselor and Friend,
For unto Thee, and only Thee.
I tell my tale of misery;
No eye but Thine has seen my tears,
No bosom shared my doubts and fears.

"Thou, too, art Witness, when I said Until death part us, we will wed—"I was written on my fervent heart, That we were not in death to part; But that we asked a blessing then, Which we might ask in heaven again.

"In heaven? If I alone could be In heaven, would it be heaven to me? Save, save me from the thought, O Lord, I will not go beyond Thy Word; I'll labor for his soul and mine, And all beside to Thee resign."

The lines marked were the first three

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James, as he read them, as his glance rested upon the faint, trembling pencil marrs, upon the tear stains, was conscious of a choking sensation in his throat—felt his own eyes grow dim. He closed the book, replaced it on the table, and, steadying his voice with some effort, repeated, less grufly, his former question:

"What is the matter, Gabrielle?"
She rose, her face carefully averted; and, taking the book, stole with the

What is the matter, travely averted; She rose, her face carefully averted; and, taking the book, stole with the weary footsteps, now habitual to her, out of the room.

James did not follow; somehow, he felt as though he had no longer any right to share or to soothe her troubles. But he snatched up the pencil which she had left on the table, and kissed it passionately. Them-return-kissed it passionately. Them-return-kissed it passionately. kissed it passionately. Then—returning to his study, sat long alone, in the darkness, thinking—thinking.

CHAPTER XLL.

on the following day, Raynton came to spend a week at Farnley. He had lately lost his wife; and had appeared to feel the bereavement more keenly than might have been expected, judging from his behavior during her lifetime. Gabrielle, always on the watch to soothe and sympathize, was considerably touched by the change that had taken place in him. The sardonic manner had softened down into a confirmed despondency the satirical smile came seldom, if ever; he looked ill, broken and oppressed. No other guests were, at this time, in the house; and when he was not with James, he fell on her hands to enterian. In her gentle, inobtrusive way, she did her best to insinuste balm—or what she regarded as balm—into his wounds. She had not liked him before;

but now, his evident wretchedness drew her toward him. This he saw, and, insensibly grateful, felt equally drawn toward her.

On the day of his departure, he and James were sitting in the study, when, suddenly, after a long, meditative silence, he said:

"Gordon, forgive me—I don't want to meddle, but that poor little wife of yours is moping, and it goes to my heart. She gives me the idea of being left too much alone."

"Indeed!" said James.

"Come, don't be high and mighty," went on Raynton, in his cool way; "I mean no offence. But when a fellow has a good deal to absorb him in literary ways, he's apt to forget that the people with whom he lives are not absorbed likewise; in fact, to let his books swallow him up. And it strikes me—no offence, Gordon—that that's the case with you."

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And, daubtless, it was well that she should be wiser; but whence had this sad wisdom come? W

repentance, coupled with the knowledge that repentance on this side of the grave, there is none-can be none; then perhaps—"

"Go on." said James, huskily.

"Then, perhaps, you might be able to picture as I dd, what that remorse, that cravirg, that knowledge, would be knowing also that vou only were to blame; that she only—your wife—had been the injured one—and such a wife as yours is—an angel, almost!"

Again be paused; then, suddenly bowing his head upon the table, burst into an agony of tears.

"Oh. Gordon!"—between his terrible; passionnet sobs "I only wish to spare you what I am going through, Shewbeautiful—and so young—so in—"beautiful—and so in—"beauti the drawing-room, where Gabrielle sat alone. No—not alone; he suddenly recollected that two of the little Edge cumbes were spending the afternoom with her. The door was open; he heard their voices—and hers in reply. He paused in the anteroom, under the pretext of searching for a book. No such pretext however, was needed; his approach had neither been heard nor seen by the trio in the adjoining apartment. All were engrossed in a story; one telling, the others listening. He still paused; listening also, to Gabrielle's voice.

"And so, you see her wish was granted. She had all the happiness that she crawed; but somehow it did not satisfy her, or fill her heart. Still she knew it to be the greatest, brightest happiness that she could hope to find, under the sky, beside it, every other kind seemed answered her, prayer. He had given her the chief earthly good."

"Had He, indeed? You say it did not fill her heart?"

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"Geause—as she then, for the first time, realized—no earthly good and—answered her, prayer. He had given her that she believed it; just as I now tell you the same, dears, and you think that tyou believe me. But. most likely, you the same, dears, and you think that tyou believe me. But. most likely, you will never—any more than she—take it really in, until you learn it, as, if God sare you, you must one day learn it, for yourselves."

"So what did the poor girl do?"

"She went again to the angel: and, she said, You were right; I feel it now; I am made, not for earth, but for beaven. Fo: I have tasted the highest earthly good and—sweet though it was —it has come short of my expectations. Now I am quite ready: I have nothing down to keep me back. Take me to heave now here were the pressed to his better like the was still; but inwardly, who could tell he was still; but inwardly, who could tell he was still you the said in t

patient, to learn quickly, and to work well; that she might get free the sooner. And she was glad that the attainment of her desire had railed to fill her heart, because otherwise she might have been contented to leave this earth and go, higher. She had not been so, you know, at first."

"No; she had cried, I remember, when the call came. She had cried, and fallen at the angel's feet, and said, 'I canhot go."

"Ver Now she was refer." The story

"Yes. Now she was wiser." The story went on; but James heard no more. His thoughts had gone back, nearly three years, to the time just before his marriage. Again he felt about his neck the clinging arms; again, the wistful voice, half smothered in sobs, exclaimed: "Oh, James I hope I shall not die I could

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