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...Will..

BY L. G. MOBERLY.

(Continued.)

"I hear the girl no ill will," she said, with her sweetest smile; "it all happened nearly two years ago, and no doubt Lady Connell has forgotten all about it, if indeed she ever knew. I hear Miranda no grudge; I did my best for her, and she was disappointed; but after all what can one expect of a person of that class? The disdain which the speaker contrived to put into the four last words might have withered the object of them had she been in the least conscious of their utterance. But she was not even aware of Mrs. Bedworth's presence in the room, but was giving her whole attention and interest, as was her wont, to those who were immediately engaging her in conversation, when a sudden movement amongst those assembled opened a passage way between her and the group of which Mrs. Bedworth was the centre. Mrs. Grey's eyes were upon her charge, and Mrs. Grey was fully aware of the precise moment at which Molly became conscious of the proximity of the woman from whom she had fled two years ago in fear of her life.

The little widow lost the thread of the conversation—in quick she was herself taking part, so intently did she watch the girl's expressive face. For an instant a change crept over her, the smile by which it had been lighted died slowly away; the well cut lips closed into a line that was almost hard; the brown eyes, that she drew before had been dancing with amusement, hardened like the lips. Then she drew herself up ever so slightly, though even that slight movement had the effect of increasing her height and staidness to quite a curious extent, and without glancing to right or left, moved down the passage way that had opened amongst the crowd of people.

"How do you do, Mrs. Bedworth," she said, holding out her hand to that lady, who, for perhaps the only time in her life, looked surprised and taken aback; "I have only just realized that you were here."

Miss Stophor, whose pale eyes were taking in every detail of the heiress' beautiful clothes, whilst her mental faculties were divided between amazement at the effrontery of persons of that class, and eager hope that she might be introduced to this newest sensation, edged herself a trifle nearer to the two speakers, in order that she might miss no word said by either of them. But if she had hoped for something melodramatic in their brief parleying, she must have been deeply disappointed. Mrs. Bedworth's first surprise, erroneously attributed by Miss Stophor to disgust at Miss Hume's presuming to speak to her, was quickly subdued, and her ready hand met Molly's.

"My dear child," she exclaimed in her most soothing accents, "how delightful it is to meet you. I had no idea you would be here. Is this to be the beginning of a second debut?"

The edge to the words was either lost upon Molly, or she skillfully ignored it.

"We have only just come back from abroad," she said; "we have been traveling for nearly two years, and it is delightful to be at home again. Why—surely—that is Stella," she exclaimed, breaking off her sentences abruptly, as her glance fell upon a figure standing a little

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"Oh! I thought, of course, you knew all her story," came the rather sharp retort. Mrs. Bedworth's partner was wearing a thinner and thinner, as her keen eyes noted the constant throng of men and women who surrounded Molly. "She will lose her money if she marries before next year. It was left her on condition that she either married Alan Dayrell within three years, or remained unmarried for that time. If she marries before the three years expires, Mr. Dayrell gets the fortune, which indeed ought to be his in all right and justice."

"Why, Molly," she cried, "why, Molly! Surely it isn't you. I didn't know you one bit. You look quite—quite different, somehow."

Molly's laugh had always been one of her most charming attributes, and she laughed now, low and pleasantly. "It is two years since we met," she answered, "and I have learnt a great many things since then."

"Yes, you have," Stella said dreamily, her eyes wandering from the crown of the other girl's bright hair to the hem of her trailing white gown.

"I never thought—" she went on, then caught herself up with an embarrassed laugh and blush.

"You never thought I should learn to behave properly, did you?" Molly answered meditatively. "I have taken me a long time, and I have given Mrs. Grey an infinity of trouble—but I meant to learn—and I have learned. As she speaks, her lips closed again in that line that gave such strength to her face, and Sir Ralph, whose eyes constantly returned to their puzzled scrutiny of his new guest, looked on at her with a certain air of interest before her. I know the very way her mouth sets itself in that masterful line, and the turn of her head is equally familiar to me; yet I am sure I have never seen her before."

"She has a very remarkable personality," Mrs. Granley answered, looking earnestly at Molly through her pince nez; "whatever her origin, it might safely be prophesied that a girl with a chin and mouth like hers would rise in the world."

The legacy was only an incident in her career. That girl must have come to the surface, fortune or no fortune, making whom she had a slight acquaintance, and of remarkable powers of observation, and throughout the dinner and the evening that followed, she saw enough of Molly Hume's bearing and manners to feel that she was justified in her opinion of the new heiress. It so chanced that later in the evening she found herself in close proximity to Mrs. Bedworth, with whom she had a slight acquaintance, and vaguely connecting that lady in her mind with the girl of whom her thoughts were full, she said with a smile:

"Miss Hume is the centre of attraction tonight. I cannot help thinking that she will create a considerable sensation in town." Having spoken the kindly lady was disposed to regret having said the words, for her quick glance caught the gleam of something unfriendly in her companion's eyes, and saw the acidity in the smile that was intended to express nothing but sweetness.

"Perhaps she will make a sensation this time," Mrs. Bedworth said with some acerbity; "she failed at her first experiment; but of course, she was terribly crude two years ago. Still—with her money she ought to carry everything before her."

"It isn't so much her money that will carry things before her; it is she herself," Mrs. Granley said, almost brusquely. "As I was saying before dinner to Sir Ralph, a girl with that face and character is capable of doing and being practically anything she chooses."

"I wonder that no one has wanted to marry her," replied the other lady, the acid quality of her accents becoming more apparent. The general admiration expressed for Molly, and the attention the girl had attracted during the whole evening, had at last succeeded in wearing down the very thin surface veneer of pleasantness that covered Mrs. Bedworth's venomous little soul. "I quite thought she would have come back engaged after her long absence abroad, though she will naturally not wish to be married until next year."

"Why should she wish to wait till next year?" Mrs. Granley questioned, looking puzzled and interested.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Young People's Association of St. David's church last evening was attended by a number which taxed the capacity of the lecture room. The programme proved very entertaining. Miss Grace Burpee was in charge. The evening was under direction of the missionary committee and able assistance was given by a number of girls from Brussels street Baptist church, who gave an excellent drill under the supervision of Miss Payson. The president, James McLuray, occupied the chair and the juvenile members of the association carried out a programme which was greatly appreciated.

A very enjoyable time was spent in St. Rose's hall, Fairville, last evening, when Branch 184, C. M. B. A., gave a dance and entertainment. The entertainment consisted of the presentation of the drama, Cast up by the Sea, by the St. Rose's L. A. D. Club.

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'Twould be cunning  
Should you decline  
His Valentine.

Say you'll incline  
To soon be mine—  
My Valentine.

For thee I pine  
Whilst I recline,  
My Valentine.

Do not you repine  
Of my design,  
Oh, Valentine?

At thy dear shrine  
I drink and dine—  
Oh, Valentine.

Some day we'll pine  
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An interesting feature of the meeting of St. Andrew's Church Guild last evening was a debate on the question: "Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished." Dr. Stanley B. Smith, W. B. Faris and King Hazen supported the affirmative side while Wm. Pugsley, Jr., E. A. Smith and Cyrus F. Inches spoke for the negative side. The question was well thrashed out and the decision was awarded to the affirmative. Judge Forbes was the referee. In addition to the debate a musical programme was enjoyed by the large number present.

The meeting of the St. Stephen's Church Guild last evening was in charge of the musical committee and the following programme was carried out and thoroughly enjoyed: Chorus, the choir; vocal solo, Mr. Brown; reading, Miss Janet Armstrong; vocal solo, Mr. Dunn; piano solo, Miss Gilchrist; vocal solo, Mr. Bonnell; piano solo, Miss Collins; vocal solos, Miss Nae; chorus, the choir. At each meeting of the guild this winter an excellent musical programme has been furnished, due to the efforts of Miss Gilchrist, the convenor of the committee.