

run alone, and keep straight by itself for a year. Within that time I propose to return, if I can get the permission of a certain young lady—I may as well say *the* young lady—to help in the colonisation scheme.'

'I understand, my dear boy. I trust the affair may come off. You have my best wishes. But consider the climate, the—I don't say rougher, but the untried social conditions of colonial life. Take thought ere it be too late, I beg of you.'

'I *have* considered that side of the matter well, my dear Dad; and if Corisande be the girl I take her to be, she will like the life all the better for the opportunity of watching the development of a great British community from its initial stages.'

'Possibly, possibly, my dear boy; knowing what I do of life and feminine characteristics I dare not say probably. That will be for you to discover by experience. Everything, that is, everything connected with the success, the happiness, even the comfort of your after life, depends upon the result of that experiment.'