

The Foster Brother; The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER XXVI.

UNDERGROUND—AN URGENT SUMMONS—A MYSTERY.

The letter ran as follows:— "My dear Eglantine,—Come here at once, if it be at all possible. The man Walley made his escape the other night from the asylum, and as he flew along the road he caught up a child playing at its mother's door. Next morning he was found at the beach, seated on a rock with the child on his knee, wrapped up in his own clothes, which he had taken off to envelop it. The child thus well cared for was asleep, but exposure to the cold had plunged the man into a raging fever. The shock to his system will, I believe, prove fatal, but there is great probability, that before he dies his reason will return, and there will thus be an opportunity for you learning what you so ardently long to know. But come without a moment's delay, for the crisis may occur at any hour, and if you are not on the spot the opportunity will be lost, and lost forever.—Yours ever,

LESTER MANBY." George bounded to his feet in wild excitement. He looked at the head of the letter. It was dated five days back—five days, and the doctor said the crisis might come at any hour. He ought to be at the asylum ere now. Perhaps it was already too late. Oh, if it were so, and if this great and only chance of discovering his parentage was lost, what bitter regret must for ever be his.

What should he do first? A coach, which went south by Perth, would pass through a village five miles distant at nine o'clock, and probably by starting at once he would have time to catch it. Yes, but if he did that he would leave Matthew Greigson, Harry and Lillias in ignorance as to his disappearance. It was important that for their sakes he should run down to the cottage, assure them of his safety, and acquaint them with the contents of Manby's letter. Yet by doing so he would miss the coach and be detained for one, perhaps two days. No; such delay was not to be thought of; he would start at once, and seize the first opportunity on the way to write a note to Harry, giving him the necessary explanation, and set all their minds at rest as to his absence.

It was a case at once for quick decision and prompt action; and no sooner had George come to this resolution than he started down the slope, and cleared the stream at a flying leap, ascended the opposite side, and crossed the intervening fields which lay between him and the highway.

This was the same highway which passed Argowan gate, but at a considerable distance down the glen, and George's way lay in quite the opposite direction. Behind him also was Mossgrove, and before him a long stretch of road, which he had to traverse ere gaining a cross road which would take him to the village where he was bound.

Mechanically George drew out his watch to learn the hour. The glass was broken to pieces, and it stood at ten o'clock—the hour which, in all probability, he had been thrown down the mine shaft.

He had therefore no means of ascertaining the time, or of assuring himself that he would be able to walk the distance by the time the coach stopped at the village inn to change horses. By the aspect of the morning he deemed it to be past eight, and to do the five miles within the hour was hard work. But the object was worth striving for, and under his present excitement he was capable of great exertion.

As he walked along at a rapid pace, he glanced at his soiled clothes, and reflected that his appearance would cause no little surprise to those whom he might meet, and he fervently hoped that he might reach the inn with time to spare sufficient to remove these marks of his underground adventure.

Hot and breathless, George at length entered the open door of the inn, and to his great joy saw that the clock in the hall pointed to a quarter past eight. He had three quarters of an hour to wait, and made good use of the time. Not only did he have his clothes thoroughly brushed, but he ordered a hearty breakfast, and while it was preparing he called for writing materials, and sat down and penned the following lines to Harry:—

"Dear Harry,—Do not be uneasy on my account. The enclosed is the letter I received from Lillias, and its contents will explain the haste with which I depart. I had an opportunity of opening it only an hour ago, and as I could catch the coach only by starting on the instant, I had not time to see you or Matthew. You understand how important it is that I should obey Manby's summons without a moment's delay. One thing I must earnestly impress on you—confide to no one but Lillias, Mrs. Rendall, and Matthew this information concerning me. When I get to the asylum I will write again, and for the sake of secrecy, my letter shall be addressed as this one is.—Your devoted friend, GEORGE."

Putting this note and Manby's letter into one envelope, he addressed it to Matthew Greigson, and took counsel of the landlord as to its safe and speedy delivery. The latter thought of no messenger so safe as Jamie Welsh, a half-witted man, who was generally to be found hanging about the inn stables, ready to do any little simple job. Jamie was forthwith summoned to George's presence, and faithfully promised, for the sake of half crown to proceed with the massive to Matthew Greigson's cottage. This matter was barely arranged when the coach arrived at the inn door, and as it stopped here for no other purpose than to change horses, it started in a few minutes, and was presently bearing George southwards at the rate of eight miles an hour.

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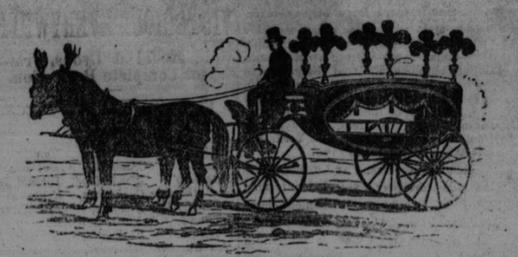
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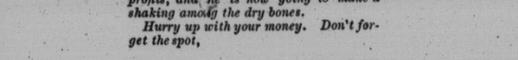
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