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CHAPTER XVIII.

"And I am wanting to tell all I can, Mr. Vaughan. did you tell the boys I meant to give them watches?"

"Tell them? No."

"Oh! thank you."

"Thank me? Why?"

"Because I can not do it. I have not changed my mind, but things are altered."

"Altered? How?"—noticing even in the waning light that her features wore a very different aspect to what he had last seen them.

"In this way. You remember what you said to me of riches—"

"And their flying away? Yes."

"Well, mine flew away the very moment their wings were fledged. And all my plans flew with them."

"My poor child! Why, how—"

"Please ask nothing, I did use them as you said I ought while I had them. That is all I can tell. I wish I could have let you hear the whole. But I can not, though I should go away happier."

"Go away?"

"Yes, soon—leaving so much I had meant to do undone! But I'm not to talk of it. It's best for every one I should not. This much even I can only say to you—my spiritual counselor."

"And your spiritual counselor repeats it to none," the rector answered, discerning deep anxiety below the would-be-jest. Then he let her walk by him with but few words till his garden was regained, where she made a bad attempt at thanking him for years of kindnesses, midway in which she broke down into all but speechless farewell, and hurried away toward home.

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"Is there a ban upon my pupils?" the master thought, watching the slender figure out of sight. Then with a sigh, turning in-doors, "First one, and now this other, seem to come into deep waters. And both I should have claimed as fit as any for the best things the world had. I wonder how old I shall have to be before the truth is driven into me that One above knows best!"

Late in, Sydney followed her mother upstairs to explain her absence.

"I have done as you wished, mamma—found a place where I can earn my living. Will you wish me to go directly?"

"I wish!" exclaimed Mrs. Alwyn. "I have a single wish on such an unnatural proceeding? It is no wish of mine, Sydney, but your obstinacy that takes you away. Who are the people and where is the place?"—leaning back, a fan over her eyes.

"It is a lady to whom I wrote, travelled with her last week. By accident she told me she was wanting a companion, and now she is willing to let me go. I shall be paid only a little, but enough to get on with it suit her."

"If! Yes, and if you do not! What then?"

"Well, then, mamma—fighting bravely to keep hopeful—"I must do as many before me. People have had to trust in Providence."

Mrs. Alwyn flung up her hands and brought her eyebrows into an acute angle. She had no intention of being blasphemous, but the contempt she contrived to pour into her answer was worthy of a staunch agnostic.

"Providence! Sydney—Providence! If I had wanted proof of your appalling wrong-headedness, I have it now, when I hear you adopting the slang of a canting pauper! There go on—fanning herself rapidly—this state of things will drive me demented. Pray go wherever you choose. What is the name of the person who takes you?"

"It is Miss Hurst, of Wynstone, in Herefordshire, mamma."

Mrs. Alwyn looked up with a start of angry fright.

"You remembered my injunction about your own name? This woman may be a connection of people who once knew us. Hurst is abroad in that part of England. For you, Sydney, Alwyn, to be known as living in a species of service might prove an injury to Leonora, who is, at least, unoffending. Never forget that, Sydney, unless you desire to be malicious."

"I have not forgotten it, mother. I never will. Shall I leave here on Saturday?"

"If you are determined on going, yes."

So, daring to make no general allusion, with not time to spare for nursing grief, Sydney made ready to go. On her last evening she ventured a brief visit to the Gate House, where her puzzled friends had missed her sorely.

"And now going out again?" cried the doctor, after his wife's bona fide improvement had been gladly vaunted.

"Why, how restless you've turned! Pray how long are you going to neglect us, and what are we to do without you?"

Questions that went night to dawn the phrases rearranged to quench curiosity. Answer died on her lips. Mary saw in her pallor something that escaped the elder folks' notice, and filled the pause—

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