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A LOST Gem relinquished her hand at last, a down at her with a tender smile. "I think I must have been miss said. "I think you seem conternation."

Mr. Moncrieff was at his best when alone with his young wife; and, although she was not a person of demonstrative high spirits, her quiet serenity seemed to make him more cheerful every day. Stella long retained the memory of pleasant drives over the hills, of charming strolls in garden or forest or busy street, of boating expeditions and a perfect week of lovely weather in the Hebrides; also of a couple of days at Oban which followed - days of sunshine and laughter and enjoyment such as she had seldom known. Alan Moncrieff certainly seemed to think that he could not do enough for her. He bought her dresses and jewel-ry and resents of all kinds, until she was obliged to entreat him to stop, declaring that she felt like a doll that a child was decorating. At which he laughed, and de-clared that all the decorations in the world could not make her prettier than she was already-a speech which sounded delightfully odd and out of character from Alan Moncrieff's grave lips. He had gone back ten years, it seemed to Stella, and made himself young and gay, to be a companion to her youth.

The last day of the bright, brief honcymoon came at last. "We go back to morrow, Stella," said her

husband, as they sat on the beach at Oban, and looked at the motley groups of people who were strolling about them. "Shall you

b sorry?"

"Yes," said Stella, quite frankly, "for some things; but I shall be glad to see Molly and Bertie and Aunt Jacky again." She was giving her attention to a poodle belonging to a party of ladies on a bench near the one where she sat; the dog was a ridiculous creature with shaven haunches, frills, and a tufted tail tied with blue ribbon; he wore a silver collar and bracelets, and set up and begged when one looked at him. Stella threw him a morsel of biscuit: she had macaroons in her pocket.

"Would you like a dog of this kind." asked Mr. Moncrieff.

"No, thank you; he is too artificial for my taste. I don't want a dog of society; I want a country dog, a collie or a deerhound. I met you. I was wrong-I believe that I But what a funny creature a poodle is, Alan! Do you think that Molly would like

"Molly would scorn it, I am afraid." Stella threw another morsel of macaroon. 'I suppose so. Did you get her the brooch we saw this morning?"

"Yes, and also one for you, something "You are much too generous, Alan." Moncrieff laughed. "Not much generos-

ity in buying a twopenny-halfpenny thing of that kind, is there? You liked it, that was my reason." "You are very kind," said Stella, altering

her word. "Don't you really care for ornaments. "Yes," she said, looking round at him with a smile. "I like them very much, but

I can do without them." "Ah-some women can't," he answered

dryly.

'They must be poor creatures, then.

Molly and I will be more sensible. I have

Mr. Poodle: shake a paw no more biscuit, Mr. Poodle; shake a paw and say good-morning. Do let us walk on, Alan, if you do not mind—this dog is

begging for more, and I have nothing to Her husband laughed and rose. "Come then," he said. "I shall be glad to walk. I am a little tired of this din and glare and

"Oh, why did you not tell me so?" said Stella, rather reproachfully, as she put up her dainty parasol and walked by his side. "I thought that you were liking it so much and I never care for crowds of fashionable people and bands and seaside amusements:" "I suppose we were each trying to please the other. It is a mistake to sacrifice one's own individuality for the supposed taste of another person," said Alan, a little bit

dogmatically.

Stella looked up at him with some amusement in the blue eyes that gleamed so brightly beneath her pretty shady hat, but did not speak. "What is it?" he asked. glancing at her with an answering smile. "I believe, you little witch, that you don't believe me capable of sacrificing my individuality for anybody's taste—is that it?"
"You are capable of it, no doubt," said

Stella demuredly, "but—it is not easy to you, is it, Alan?" She meant only to tease him a little, with that new sparkle of fun which circum-stances were developing in her, but she was surprised to see that he took the remark

seriously. "I am very selfish," he said, with a half sigh, "but I did hope—I had been trying—that you should not suffer by my selfishness, my dear."

"Oh, Alan, you cannot think that I meant that. Why, you have been kindness and generosity itself! I was only jesting— I only meant that your strong individuality was hard to disguise. I had no critical intentions at all," and Stella smiled at him very sweetly, but with a look of anxiety in

They had got beyond the crowd by this time, and reached a quiet and unfrequented part of the beach, where nothing but sand and sea lay before them, and where they could talk without fear of disturbance. Alan answered, gravely still.

"You make great allowances for me,

Stella; I can see that you are not difficult to please. But I know well enough that I am morose and selfish and unattractive, and I must not let you sacrifice your youth and brightness to me."

"Why should you?" said Stella, with a sunny look. "I have seldom—never, I think—had so bright and happy a time as I

have had lately."

He took her hand in his, as they walke d along the sea shore together. "Is that true, Stella! Lately—since our marriage, you mean. dear?' "Yes, Alan."

He clasped her hand still more firmly. "Thank God!" he said, with a quick sigh. "I was afraid I had done wrong—afraid that you would not be happy with me after

Something rose in Stella's throat and chocked her words. They stood for a few moments looking at the sea, over which the sun was beginning to set in a mist of crimson and gold. She wished that Alan knewwithout her having to tell him-how sure she felt of her future happiness. relinquished her hand at last, and looked

"I think I must have been mistaken," he said. "I think you seem content, Stella? Child, if you want to be happy, remember one thing—you must be frank and open; there must be no concealment, no half-truth -but why should I say this? You are truth and candor incarnate. I have never seen a shadow of insincerity upon your face. It is the characteristic that I love best of all in the world."

"And I, too," said Stella, in a low voice. "Yes, and that was what drew me towards you, Stella. Your candor and truthfulness will be, I trust, the saving of my poor Molly." Stella shrank a little as he uttered his daughter's name. It was for Molly's sake, then, most of all, that he prized her? Mr. Moncrieff went on, unconscious of the storm that he was raising in conscious of the storm that he was raising in her heart. "Molly—you must have found it out for yourself—is not always perfectly frank. It is perhaps not her fault, altogether, poor child." He hesitated for a few moments, and then continued, in a much lower tone, and without looking at Stella; 'I sometimes fear that she has inherited a tendency-an unfortunate tendency-I believe myself that even hereditary tendencies are curable, but the task of curing them is always more difficult, and it is right that you should know—" Again he stopped, having involved himself in a sentence of which he could not see the end.

"Inherited?" said Stella-for once, some What thoughtlessly. "But you are truthful She could not have inherited it from you." "From her mother," he answered, shortly and sternly. It was the first time he had spoken to Stella of his first wife. "I feel it my duty to tell you-to caution you. Other-

wise I should not have spoken. "I beg your pardon, said Stella, involuntarily, "I did not mean to ask—"

"You were right to ask. You ought to know. Molly is like her mother in face, form and feature. In character, perhaps. It sounds a hard thing to say; but I think I would rather see her in her grave than-in ome respects—as her mother was."

He spoke very bitterly, with his eyes fixed on the ground, and a dark look coming

"For a long time," he said, presently, without looking up, "I thought that all women were like her, and avoided them—till was wrong: and perhaps I judged her harsh ly. I do not wish to condemn lightly; but

I ask you, I beg of you, to guard Molly, to watch over her, to take care lest she should yield to any temptation to deceit and levity and folly. I commit her to your hands; do what you can for her. Heaven knows that I would not have said a word to throw blame on the dead, if it were not for Molly's sake, so that you may see how needful it is to watch her more carefully, and guard her more entirely than other girls."

The thought flashed through Stella's mind that he had not hitherto been very wise in his methods of guarding his children, but she repressed it.

"I do not think that Molly is untruthful," she said, in a low voice.

She is careless about the truth," said Mr. Moncrieff, with a sigh; "I will say nothing worse of he. And Bertie is too, I fear." "Do you think," said Stella, diffidently, "that Mr. Kingscot's influence over Bertie is altogether good?"

He turned to her with a start and a vexed contraction of his brows. "Ralph Kingscot! Why, my dear child Ralph is the most harmless fellow in the

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Congregationalists.

Final Proceedings of the Western Association.

Resolution on the Manitoba School Question Passed.

Proposal to Consolidate the Various Societies in the Union Carried.

WEDNESDAY MORNING. The second day of the Western Congregational Association proceedings was opened at the Southern Church this morning with devotional exercises led by Rev. E. D. Silcox, of Paris, who also spoke on "The power of the Spirit."

Mr. Daly, of Burford, presented a paper on "The consolidation of the various societies in the union," a motion in favor of which has been before the union for six months. Mr. Daly argued that under the present system the societies failed to accomplish the results they sought, and this, he contended, must be caused either by the personality of the ministers and people or by defects in the organization. The object of the motion to consolidate was doubtless to remedy the shortcomings of the various societies, which were not doing what they desired. The failure to accomplish their purpose satisfactorily was due to the cause above given, and Mr. Daly held that the consolidation of the societies would not furnish a remedy; that the only thing to be done was to cultivate more personal interest in the different churches one to another, and to make the members generally more self-sacrificing. Discussion on the paper was

Rev. John Woods and Rev. Mr. Mac-Gregor presented reports on the condi-

tion of the missionary societies.
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
The Western Congregational Association resumed its business yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. A. W. Richardson, B.A., in the chair. A song service of half an hour was led by Rev. A. Margett, of Speedside. An address on "Our Missionary Society; Its Aims and Claims," by Rev. A. F. McGregor, was expected, but it was substituted by a discussion on the paper relating to the union of the denominational societies, which was read at the morning session by Rev. J. T. Daley. The feeling of the association was strongly in favor of the consolidating of the societies, and a resolution was passed approving of a motion offered at the Congregational Union last June that the societies be consolidated.
Christian Endeavor rally followed.

Reports (outlining the results of labors among the Endeavorers) were read from the two London societies, Watford, Forest, Woodstock, Listowel, Sarnia, Speedside, Wingham, Guelph, Paris, Brantford, Frome and Scotland. Every report showed that Endeavor work in every respect was gaining a strong hold in all the churches and the cause rapid-

ly advancing.

Rev. Mr. Hindley, of Speedside, de-livered a stirring address on the Chris-WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The last session of the association was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Morton presided, and after some routine business moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Watson. which carried: "That this association hopes that the

Manitoba school question will be so adjusted as to leave a healthy national public school system in our sister province, believing as we do that the absolute separation of Church and State is the only ultimate settlement of this important question."

Rev. D. S. Hamilton, of Forest, was called upon, and made a few general remarks relative to the work. He said that he had enjoyed and been greatly benefited by this meeting. A great benefit generally comes from meetings of this kind. There should be the most ar-dent discussion of the subjects considered, and even criticism, if given where well deserved. It is only by associating with others that we can get a broad and rue conception of the matters which interest us. We need more men who hate shams with a true hatred. If as Congregationalists we wish to retain the good name earned in the past we must use no doubtful means of obtaining any end.

Rev. Mr. Unsworth spoke on "The need of broader work in connection with our Society of Christian Endeavor." He said any life which is outside that of God is virtually no life at all. All members of this league should endeavor to bring all life for the glory of God. We have come to think of religion as a mighty force, and not as of old, a delicate plant which needed great nurturing. We have come to see that the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and not a vile garment. We admire complete physical manhood, and honor all those who aid in attaining this object. We want men who will referm our social life. The angels will not come down and reform the boodlers in New York or this city. It has to be done by the citizens. What holds true for the church applies also in the Christian Endeavor. We meet, not for meeting's sake, but for the action's sake. Broad as is the need of men, so broad is the work of the society. In divers ways we may help fellow creatures as God has done.

Rev. Mr. Daley, seconded by Rev. Mr. Watson, moved a vote of thanks to the congregation and choir for the hospitality extended to the delegates during this meeting. The meeting was closed with a consecration service, led by Rev. R. Hopkins.

ALVINSTON.

("Advertiser" Agent, P. A. McDiarmid.) April 16.-Mr. J. D. Reid, of Petroea, spent a few days here last week renewing old acquaintances.

An interesting case was tried here last week before a bench of magistrates. Mr. A. J. Trolley accused Mr. A. Gilroy of perjury in swearing to a false declaration of qualification as a evidence, but the necessary amount was lacking, and the case was missed. Mr. Gilroy will still hold his

seat at the council board.

Mr. J. R. Newell left, last Monday for British Columbia, where he will act as salesman for J. McPherson & Co., of Hamilton. "Jack" is a hustler, and is sure of success in his new field

A large number of people spent Easter with friends in town. Mr. J. Bancroft, of St. Thomas, has located here. He will act as a general agent for agricultural implements, monuments, etc.

Very impressive services were held in the Roman Catholio Church on Easter Sunday. Large crowds attended the services. The church has lately been repaired and painted and a new altar erected, which makes it now a beautiful place of worship. Mr. Isaac Newell, who has been spending his vacation here, has re-

turned to his school at Smilie's Cor-Mr. Hugh McNeil, of Detroit, spent his Easter holidays with his parents

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Mitchell Advocate has entered upon its 36th year, and its career has been prosperous.

Several farmers in the vicinity of Guelph have commenced plowing. They report that the ground is in fairly good condition, particularly where it is high and rolling.

Miss Louisa Kirby, of Ingersoll, died suddenly on Sunday night. Her rela-tives were awakened by screams in her room, and found her dying. She expired soon after.

Robert Houghton, whose wife and three children were burned to death near Fargo, N. D., on Saturday last, lived on the Pillett road, near Windsor, until a couple of years ago, when he sold his farm and went to Dakota. The following are the newly-elected officers of the Guelph Rifle Association: President, G. Sleeman; vice-president, J. Goldie; secretary-treasurer, J. Crowe; committee of management, Col. Mac-donald, Col. White, Major Davidson, Capt. Schultz, Lieut. Wideman, J. Ogg, Chas. Armstrong, J. H. Simpson; Wm. Young, marker.

Mrs. Margaret D. Scott, of Strat-ford, mother of Mrs. R. M. Ballantyne, and sister of Mrs. (Sheriff) Hossie, met with a terribly sudden death on Tuesday by the bursting of a blood vessel. Mrs. Scott was the second daughter of the late John J. Linton, clerk of the peace. Her husband was the late Chas. Scott barrister, who at one time was a partneer with Judge Woods. She leaves only one child, Mrs. R. M. Bal-

The liquor store of John Christopher, Ingersoll, was broken into on Tuesday morning. Between \$80 and \$100 in cash was stolen from the till. An entrance had been effected by taking a couple of panes of glass from the skylight, and evidently a boy lowered by means of a rope, who opened the back door and admitted others. The place was thoroughly ransacked. Mr. Christopher does not know how much liquor

POISONED IN HIS PULPIT.

The Rev. Mr. Jessup Took Strychnine by Mistake While Preaching. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 17.-The Rev. T. M. Jessup, an aged Baptist

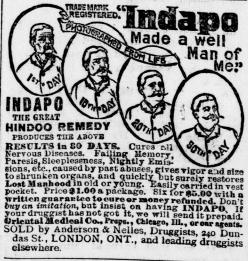
preacher, died in his pulpit Sunday. He had carried in his pocket bread crumbs sprinkled with strychnine to poison English sparrows that infested his yard. He was in the habit of carrying sugar in his pocket on Sundays to clear his throat for his sermon and took the strychnine by mistake.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN. BUFFALO, April 16.—Samuel Vickry, aged 68, a resident of Canada, married, died at the hospital this morning. He was struck by a train on the New York Central near the waterworks station some time last night, and was found unconscious. He did not rally.

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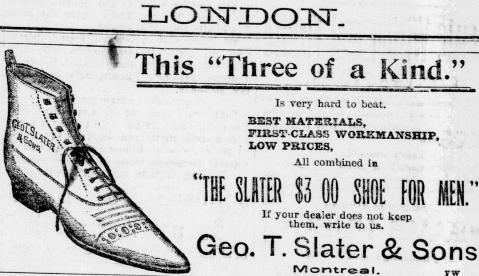
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