

## GRANTLEY MANOR

## A TALE

LADY GEORGINA FULLERTON,  
Author of "Lady Bird," "Ellen Middleton," &c

## CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

She joined him, and they descended towards the river, where several of the servants and a number of village boys were sliding and skating with some little skill, and a great deal of merriment. They reached the pretty bridge at the lower end of the park, and wrapped up in fur cloaks they sat down on the arch to watch the scene below. Mr. Warren pulled some of the grass from between the stones, knocked about the loose bricks hummed, whistled, seemed embarrassed in short—a strange feeling to him; he had not been embarrassed when he went up for his degree at Oxford, nor when he made his maiden speech in the House of Commons, which he soon gave up, as too fatiguing; nor on that eventual occasion when he proposed to Mrs. Warren, which he did in so abrupt and off-hand a manner, that she had first answered, "No, thank you," not comprehending it was the offer of his hand she rejected. But he was in his way, at least, embarrassed now; and said, without looking at his companion—

"You know that Edmond has been speaking to me of your affairs? It is a difficult business, Signorina."

"Can you help us?" she asked in a low voice.

"Only by telling you the exact truth," she said again, and clasped her hands with a nervous contraction.

"That my brother-in-law will ever consent to your marriage is as great an impossibility as that this tree should walk across the river and take up its position on the opposite hill. Upon my word, I should as soon expect the one event to occur as the other. He is the most conscientious, the most prejudiced, and the most obstinate of men. He has sworn never to admit a Catholic into his house. He has made various sacrifices to the fulfilment of that oath. He has neglected claims which might have been established to considerable property, from a determination not to have any dealings with Catholics; so you may imagine what chance there is of his consenting to the marriage of his only son with a person of that religion. No, I will not deceive you on that point. If Edmond should persist in marrying a Catholic, he will be disinherited, without the shadow of a doubt; and I must also add, in fairness to him, he cannot, for your sake as well as his own, run such a risk, or rather incur that certain penalty. Brought up as he has been in the most extravagant manner, fonder of luxury than any human being ever was, accustomed to gratify every whim as it arises, head over ears in debt already, and disinclined or unfit for every profession—by urging him to such a step, you would be plunging him and yourself into hopeless beggary; you would destroy every prospect of happiness, nay, of respectability for him, and act as his worst and most cruel enemy. As you care for him, as you value his peace of mind, his reputation, his honor, signorina, you must give him up."

"And if I cannot give him up?" she repeated slowly, with her eyes fixed on the ground.

"Why, in that case, I am sorry to say so, but he really must give you up."

"Did he say so? Did he say that?" asked Genevra, grasping Mr. Warren's arm.

"No; but I say so, and you must feel it he added coldly. She released her hold and hid her face in her hands.

"I am vexed, my dear Miss Leslie, that you take it so much to heart, but indeed it is inevitable."

She raised her eyes one moment, and her lips murmured, "God give me patience." Mr. Warren looked at her, and seemed struck with the expression of agony in her face. He pitied her, and said in a low voice—

"There would be one alternative, one resource."

"What?"

"A change of religion," he said, without looking at her, and affecting to gaze through his spyglass at the skaters below.

For an instant her eyes flashed fire, but a holier expression soon succeeded that first glance of indignation, and she gently but resolutely uttered the word "never."

"You will get accustomed to the idea," she replied.

"Heaven forbid!" she replied.

"Why, if you could be convinced, what a good thing it would be. Cannot you stretch a point in such a case, and persuade yourself to believe—"

"Mr. Warren," she answered, with a calm manner, but with a nervous voice, "if I could do violence to my own soul, discard my faith at will, and call that error which the evidence of my reason, and every instinct of my being, affirms to be eternal truth, I might go a step further in my daring apostasy and at last deem heaven itself a dream, and hell a fiction; and then it is not at the change you propose that I would stop. There," she said, and pointed to a spot where the ice was broken, and the rapid river was seen flowing underneath, "there lies my temptation; a refuge from the misery of this hour, and a less dreadful self-destruction than that which you propose."

Almost unconsciously, Mr. Warren laid hold of her as she leaned over the bridge; but she turned to him, and a faint smile passed over her face.

"Oh, no! my guardian angel has not yet forsaken me. I believe," she said, and raised her eyes to heaven, "I believe and I can afford to suffer."

"You think hardly of Protestants, Signorina, even a grave in that dark river would seem to you a better alternative than to adopt their faith."

"Say then to renounce my own," she eagerly rejoined; "the sacred truths we hold in common are part of the creed which I would rather die than forsake!"

"Then what is it you feel about us?"

"Inasmuch as you are Christians, the deepest sympathy inasmuch as you are secret spirits, God vouchsafes his inward revelations of light and of peace. Who can judge by what rays he illuminates the mind, or by what mysterious teaching he raises a soul to heaven and himself?"

But to abandon the truth when our hearts have received it, to cast away the pearl of great price that once was ours, to have had faith, and to lose it, to have knelt in breathless awe and in speechless adoration, when God had been near us and within us, and then, with our lips, to

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W. W. MCLEOD,  
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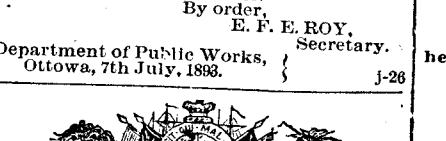
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Ottawa, 7th July, 1893.



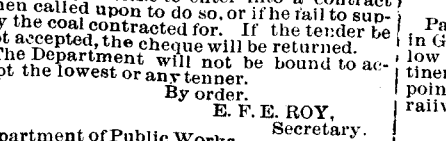
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