

FATED TO LOVE HER

"And she knows nothing; did you read the postscript? Here it is, Olivia, listen. Such grand words, too!"

"S. S.—Both my husband and self have made it a point to betray no alarm in Gabrielle's presence. I believe the dear girl to be totally unaware of her critical condition; the more so, as she is ignorant of the consumptive tendency in her family. Her late lamented parent was very sensitive on the subject, and took every precaution to guard her from the sad knowledge. She has been told that her mother's illness was of a lingering kind, but nothing more; and when the last survivor of her maternal uncles and aunts departed this life, she was too young to understand the full disease which destroyed them."

"Olivia, what was the last survivor? An uncle, or an aunt, or what? I can't quite make out the letter."

"Cissy, this is no subject for ridicule. My dear Olivia! I'm far too good-natured to ridicule any one. But seriously, I see in a vision, a slate, a corrected copy, a Johnson's Dictionary, and a Crabbe's Synonyms. Here; take back the glorious result."

She tossed the letter into Olivia's lap; shook her finger in Olivia's reproachful face; ran away upstairs to her own room, locked the door—and cried as if her heart would break.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Gabrielle bade farewell to Eversfield, prepared, as she believed, for the worst; but in a state of far different mood from that in which she had quitted Farley. She had then been restless, passionate, rebellious—chafing and fretting under the yoke of pain and disappointment which seemed appointed for her. She had felt her trial, then, to be greater than she could bear. She had almost felt it to be unjust.

But as she returned, these murmuring thoughts were stilled. She was no more impatient; but she was more resigned. The invisible world, and all connected with it, were very real and present to her; the visible world, and all connected with that, had decreased in her esteem. In fact, she had quite done with earth, she thought. She was contented—now to serve out her apprenticeship, to work out her work, to the end, and peace might come, in time. But joy she could not expect again, this side the grave. She must study the art of living without joy; of waiting patiently for the best joy—the joy of heaven.

Nevertheless, as the shrill whistle proclaimed the vicinity of Rotherbridge, her heart beat fast, and she could still when the train steamed slowly into the station, and she caught a glimpse of the Farnley carriage, waiting in the street outside. The august Wilcox himself stood on the platform, ready, the instant that the train stopped, to open the door. How Farnley-like, already, everything looked! The Eversfield world seemed a thousand miles away.

"We are to call at Bradley's, if you please, ma'am, to take up Miss Cicely." Gabrielle's face brightened. This was a pleasant surprise; and so thoughtful and kind in Cissy. She would now be spared the trial of hearing, for the first time, all that there might be to hear, in the publicity of the family circle; from Olivia, or from Marian; together with the agony of self-command which such an ordeal would have involved. She leaned back among the cushions, and endured her suspense, until Bradley's shop was reached. Then the carriage drew up, and Cissy appeared, radiant with smiles.

Beneath the smiles, however, Gabrielle detected a touch of unusual tenderness, of commiseration. Until this moment, she had not known how much of hope still lingered in her heart. But now even these poor remains vanished, and left a dead blank.

"I have quantities to tell you," said Cissy. "But I must wait till we get out of this morning town. The clutter drowns my voice. By the bye, Gabrielle, my dear, I hope you know to what a stupid party you are returning? An interesting quintette we shall be, till Marian's wedding."

"The wedding is very near now."

"Yes; the twenty-fifth is galloping on; or perhaps I ought to say, sailing on, in compliment to the admiral. And we are to have such a bustle. I suppose Marian thinks that, as she is making one splash, she had better make two—a very vulgar pun, Gabrielle! So eighty people are coming to the breakfast, and a grand dance, not to say a ball, is to follow in the evening. I hate the idea of the fuss; and so does Olivia. But Marian opines that since wedding comes but once a life—at least, we can't count on them often—she may as well do the thing handsomely."

"And where will they go afterward?"

"To the lakes for a fortnight. The admiral wants to see what fresh water is like, I suppose. Then back to Farley, a flying visit of three or four days. Then off to the dear Mediterranean; the only part which excites my envy."

Thus, clatter notwithstanding, went Cissy's tongue, until the town was passed. Then, when they had entered the still autumnal lanes, where the leaves were falling silently, and the bustle of the world seemed far removed, she drew nearer to Gabrielle, and hugged her tight.

"It is so nice to have you again, you dear, darling child! I have missed you dreadfully. But before we talk about that, you must hear a grand piece of news. Can you guess it?"

"A mist came before Gabrielle's eyes, a singing in her ears. She did not know how she answered; but she supposed, by another question; for, the next moment, Cissy was replying:

"No, it does not concern us, at least not directly. It concerns a young lady—some one whom we know very well."

"Some one whom you like, Cissy?"

"Like, my dear! Like is not the word. Say date upon, rather. The news is a great blow to me; she might have done so much better. Though, as to that, it would be impossible, perhaps, to find a suitable match for her; peerless creature."

"Oh! an engagement; I see now. But I can't guess, Cissy. You must tell me. It is not yourself, of course."

"And why of course, pray? You alarm me, Gabrielle. I wish you were at home! I'd rush to my glass at once. It might be—nothing more, however, it is not. It is The Featherstone and the illustrious Lord Joseph Postlethwait; and they are to be made bone of each other's bone and flesh of each other's flesh on the twentieth of November, at St. George's, Hanover Square. No phlegm, of course, could do the

HUNTER-SAGER.

Pretty Wedding at Langford Yesterday Afternoon.

A very pretty but quiet wedding was solemnized on Wednesday, April 29, at 4 p. m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sager, Langford, Ont., when their daughter, Beatrice, was joined in marriage to Mr. Edward Hunter, of the same place. Rev. James Clark, of Gaithering, performed the marriage ceremony. To the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," played by Miss Lillian Masson, of Toronto, cousin of the bride, the bride looked very pretty in a gown of white silk, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and ferns. The bride was assisted by her younger sister, Miss Nancy, who was attired in a very becoming dress of cream cashmere, and carried a pretty bouquet of pink carnations and ferns. The groom was assisted by his brother, Mr. Herbert J. Hunter. The present from the groom to the bride was a beautiful ring, and to the bride a beautiful ring, and to the groom a beautiful ring.

DICKENS CLUB.

Mr. J.W. Bengough Gave Pickwick Papers Last Night.

A very enjoyable programme was carried out at the regular monthly meeting of the Dickens Fellowship Club in the lecture hall of the Conservatory of Music last evening. The feature of the programme was an illustrated sketch by Mr. J. W. Bengough, of Toronto, of the Pickwick Papers. Mr. Bengough's dramatization of the famous papers was clever, and the illustrations gave much pleasure.

Mrs. McArthur sang two solos most acceptably—"The Death of Little Nell" and "Love Has Eyes"—and was presented with a bouquet.

Mr. J. Williamson, of the Toronto Dickens Club, made a short address, congratulating the club on its success here. Over 200 persons were present.

President Bell announced that at the next regular meeting of the club, on May 20, Mr. Wm. Miles, F. R. S. L., of London, Eng., will give a recital. Members will be admitted free, but an admission fee will be made to non-members.

ST. PHILIP'S.

Harmony Prevailed at Vestry Meeting Last Evening.

Everything was harmonious last night at the adjourned vestry meeting of St. Philip's Church and the meeting was largely attended. Rev. C. Kenrick, the newly appointed pastor, was in the chair. The most important business of the meeting was fixing the agenda. The members agreed to purchase his \$600 a year with the sliding scale up to \$500, if possible. A member of the synod committee in charge of the fixing of salaries of the rectors, announced that he was empowered to offer \$300 from the synod but Mr. Kenrick wished to see what the church could do first. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Kenrick for two months for the purpose of regaining his health. His salary commences from the present time and it was left to him to supply the pulpit during his absence. A motion was introduced by the Finance Committee to abolish the Finance Committee that body was blamed for any slackness in the running of the church. The motion was lost as the only ones to vote in favor of it were the members themselves. The election of officers was then called for. W. J. Atkinson and A. Whitehead were nominated as auditors and they were elected. The rest of the elections were also unanimous as follows:

J. Cooper, people's warden; C. Emory, rector's warden; A. Whitehead, lay delegate to the synod; A. Inch, vestry clerk. The minutes of the meeting were read by Geo. Heatley, F. C. Wilcox, A. Weeham, Fred Walker and D. C. Ferguson. Reference was made as to the criticism of the previous week's meeting.

Heartly votes of thanks were tendered to the choir, organist and ex-officials of the church.

PASSED WITH HONORS.

Arnott M. Patterson, an ex-pupil of the Hamilton Collegiate, has distinguished himself at Queen's University, passing his full year with honors. He obtained first class honors in preliminary honor botany, in preliminary honor animal biology, in senior chemistry and in geology; also second class honors in mineralogy.

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London, April 30.—The Bank of England's rate of discount remained unchanged to-day at 3 per cent. The stock exchange will be closed to-morrow.

KILLED THE MAYOR.

Fort de France, Island of Martinique, April 30.—Several persons were killed and a number wounded in a political disturbance here yesterday afternoon. One of those killed was the Mayor of Fort de France.

IN ERUPTION.

Messina, April 30.—Mount Etna is now in active eruption. At night the contrast between flames from its cone and the snowcapped mountains is most picturesque.

RAIN IN HAVANA.

Havana, April 30.—The long drought which has seriously affected the crops, has broken. The rains are now becoming general throughout the island.

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