#### HELEN MOIR

LOVE AND HONOUR.

A TALE OF THE CLYDE. CHAPTER XXII.

THE SECRET PLOTTERS—HELEN'S MUSINGS—SHE IS DRAWN INTO THE SOLITUDE.

She sat a ther bedroom window, in her light morning wrapper, with the sense of a fulness of blessing in her soul; and as she sat she mused on the occurrences of the day before, with the new love welling up from the freshly opened fountain in her heart. How warm and tender, yet withal how strong and gushing was its flow. For the father whom she had unexpectedly found she had nothing but pity, compassion, sympathy, and respect, all running into the current of filial affection for which her noble and exalted nature formed a channel. After listening to the story of his sorrows and his sufferings, she felt that the guilt attaching to that one crime of his life had greatly lessened in her eyes, and with it of course was a corresponding lessening of the shame. What had at first been a subject of fearful horror, had, when shown in its true and naked light, been immensely reduced in its repulsive features, and her father's character, so frightful and hideous at its first presentation, was something—which she could contemplate with infinite pitiful affection, and even with respect and reverence. All that was substantial and permanent therein were qualities fitted to elicit the highest admiration. Though he fell, it was by an impulsive act, and under a pressure of temptation the most powerful and distracting. Amid the pathos of the circumstances, the criminality of the crime dwindled to a very insignificant point. It lived not in the thought, in the intention of the culprit; it entered not into his spirit even with the faintest shade of complexing influence; it was altogether an external thing, not so much as touching the outside fibre of her father's personal or real character. No, emphatically no; she could love him with all the filial affection of her heart, and his name and history need never bring the blush of shame upon her these.

Engaged in these pleasant ruminations. Helen's attention was arrested by a footfall on the gravel below, and looking d

Hall I am often over half the estate before breekfast."

"Then, in this respect, you have lost four character dreadfully at Ardendam," rejoined Helen, with a malicious smile.

"But probably you have only transferred the walking time from morning to evening. Did you used to be out as late at Allerton Hall?"

"Never mind about that my quizzing cousin," responded Edwin, with a merry laugh. "Let us fix our attention on this present and special occasion, if you please. Do you know where I am off to this bright morning?"

"Gertainly I do not, unless it may be to the West Bay."

I am going quite an opposite direction—to Glasgow; and, by Jove, I must be quick too, for I hear the Dandie beginning to get up her steam."

"Oh dear me, Mr, Allerton now, if you please, but Edwin—towin Edwin, you do not surely mean to leave for Glasgow by this first least?"

"Positively I do. I am all ready, as you see."

"Eat you cannot have got breakfast?"

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I should think not. Who breakfasts

at 6 A.M.?"

Will you not wait, then, till ten, and have breakfast in comfort?

"I expect to have a very comfortable breakfast in Glasgow with Hermann. What message shall I take from you to

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"Yes, message. Of course you would like to say something to him apropos of last night's discovery. Why, bless you, this is the cause of my early journey. I grudge every hour that passes till Hermann receives the happy tidings. Ha! the steam of the Dandie's engine is rising in earnest, and I haven't another moment to spare. But I'll be sure to tell Hermann that you will—"

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What Edwin meant to tell Hermann, Helen did not hear, for he hounded off as he was speaking, and immediately on turning the corner of the house the sound of his voice was lost; and the short colloquy caused Helen's thoughts to pass into a new direction, and the question rose in her mind—How did the discovery of yesterday affect her relation to Hermann Rheinbach? Did it change it? Did it remove the barrier between them? A momentous question truly, and one that began immediately to exercise Helen's mind to the utmost. It resolved itself into this pointed form—Could Lova and Hoosta be now united in their minor. Oh, with what agonising carnestness did Helen seek the solution of this problem; and need we say that her heart dearest wish and throbbing longing to tind the solution in the direct. A love and hope and joy. Her love for Hermann was deep and strong as ever. Never, never could that love change lessen whether union or separation we to be their earthly lot, and one came wonder if, through the strength a yearning of that love, the natural tend ey of her mind was to reconcile dear and duty. She caught herself doing this and she recoiled with a jealous shudder, trembling least out of the desire of her love a mist should rise to obscure her true path, and lead her and Hermann in a region where the purity of their honour would be stained and the crown of their integrity removed.

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