

ANNABEL OR THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XIII. PARTINGS—THE TEMPTATION GROWING INTO FORM.

Jim had not been all these weeks at Rockstone without having that large heart of his touched with the tender passion. His was a nature specially made for love, and if he had not hitherto been smitten by a fair damsel's charms, it was because he had been too much of a rover, his restless disposition having caused him to move from place to place so frequently, and at such short intervals, that he never gave his affections time to fix themselves. At Rockstone, however, he had been destined to find the attraction which was to act like a magnet in drawing and steadying his soul's feelings. In a word, Jim Potts had fallen a victim to the charms of Sally Primrose, the housemaid, and she it was who now sat with him in this sequestered spot under the yew.

A very good, kind-hearted girl was Sally Primrose, not given to flirting or encouraging the advances of every young man who approached her. She was quite good-natured, free and affable, and treated no young man who came about her disdainfully, but she had formed an ideal of her own, and till something in the form of this ideal appeared she both avoided entangling herself and prevented sighing swains from being nudged under the power of her fascinations. This was a highly sensible proceeding on the part of Sally, and betokened both good principle and sound judgment. It would prevent many a heart-ache and many a bitter and irrevocable consequence if Sally's example were generally followed.

When Jim Potts made his appearance at Rockstone, Sally confessed to herself that her ideal had been found. Jim's qualities were just those which found favour in her sight, and when he was equally quick to read the excellence of her character and disposition—singled her out as the object of his marked attentions, she was not cold and distant to him as she had been to others, but treated him with all the natural kindness of her nature, and thus tacitly invited the continuance of those attentions which he had begun to manifest.

They had not gone beyond this stage when Mr. Seymour died. A mutual liking, of which the two were mutually conscious, existed between them, but a positive avowal had not been made or received, and such might have been delayed still longer had the American expedition not come in the way. Here, however, was something to bring to the surface the feelings which had begun to form themselves in their bosoms; and on the evening of their departure, Jim had trusted Sally to meet him under the yew.

Be sure that the meeting had lasted some time, and that evidence of the tender leanings of both had been given ere Sally became seated on his knee, with her head laid confidently on his bosom. This position, so comfortable and nice, indicated that an understanding had been verbally reached, that Jim had confessed his love, and had been told that his love was returned.

And this was indeed true. With a greater bashfulness than ever he had been known to manifest at any previous period of his life, and with more agitation and confusion of manner than any person had seen him display, he told Sally of the love that had sprung up in his heart for her. He did it in a manly, straightforward way, as he did everything, launched into no extravagances either of language or action, but with modest, earnest sincerity, and with a tone which betrayed the truth of his words, his tale was told in Sally's ear; and with the same frank unaffected openness and fullness of affection Sally responded. She was not ashamed of her love for Jim, and did not act as if she was, but answered in the way he liked best, and in the way he had asked her to do, by turning her bright blushing face full upon him, placing her hand within his, and saying—

"Yes, Jim, I love you."

Then did he without more ado draw her nursing form upon his knee, and imprint a warm kiss upon her ruby lips, after which they allowed their affection to flow forth unrestrainedly and without reserve.

"And, in course, we'll not forget each other when we are far apart," he whispered.

"No more than Mr. Philip or Miss Annabel will," she replied. "Oh, Jim," she added earnestly, "I do hope you and Mr. Philip will soon find out the man you are going to seek."

PROBABLE ROYAL MARRIAGE.—There seems to be very little doubt that the reported and as often denied arrangement for the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh with the only daughter of the Czar has actually been made. On the very night on which the Gladstone Government went out of office, the Premier received at a private dinner the Duke of Edinburgh, and at the dinner it is understood, the final details of the arrangements for the marriage were discussed and decided upon. The Grand Duchess Maria was born October 5-17, 1853, and is the fourth child of the Emperor Alexander and the Empress Maria (and by marriage to the Princess Alice). The princess is said to be a most accomplished linguist, and it is understood that she will inherit the whole of her mother's substantial private fortune. Nothing is said yet with regard to the "religious difficulty." The Greek church consents to never ending torturing persons who do not confess their creed nor belong to her communion, and the Grand Duchess Maria will have the satisfaction of knowing that her husband will, according to her hereditary faith, be doomed to everlasting agony. But this is not likely to make any difference.

LONDON PUBLISHERS.—According to the London Directory for 1873, just published, there are in the city 283 newspapers, 553 magazines and serial publications, 938 news-vendors, 124 advertisement agents, 830 booksellers, 377 publishers, 1,080 master printers, 27 type foundries and 26 stereotypers. There are also 81 copper-plate engravers, 81 lithographers, 128 wood-engravers, 82 music printers, 63 map makers and map sellers, 222 wholesale stationers, 1,400 retail stationers, and 19,000 printers. The journeymen working for the employers in the above trades are not given, but the number must be quite large.

THE BIBLE IN CHINESE.—To print the Bible in Chinese requires about 7,200 different characters—although a font of type sufficient to meet the demands of modern books requires 8,000 characters. The best office in the world for Chinese and Japanese printing is said to be that of Mr. Adolph Holzhausen, in Vienna.

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A DURHAM BULL will serve Cows this Season on the Farm of Mr. Joseph Morgan, 1st con., lot 2, Township of Guelph, Term—One dollar cash at time of service. Guelph Township, March 10th, 1873.

FRESH FINNAN HADDIES RECEIVED TO-DAY. J. E. McELDERRY 2 DAY'S BLOCK.

JAMES COHMACK, TAILOR and CLOTHIER. Begs to announce to his customers and the public the arrival of his SPRING IMPORTATIONS! His stock is now complete in BROADCLOTHS, Fancy COATINGS, Fancy VESTINGS, Fancy TROUSERINGS, English and Scotch Tweeds; Also, a large and varied stock of CANADIAN TWEEDS! READY-MADE CLOTHING BOYS SUITS! Gent's Furnishing Goods of the best quality and latest styles.

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Direct from Glasgow! Ex. S.S. "NORTH AMERICAN." CHEVIOT and BANNOCKBURN TWEEDS FOR SUITS! Gentlemen requiring medium heavy suits for spring wear will find at the GUELPH CLOTH HALL An unusually attractive stock to select from. SHAW & MURTON, Wyndham St., Guelph.

New Dry Goods! W.M. STEWART Has much pleasure in stating to the public that he has secured many lots of desirable New Dry Goods under current prices, and they will be offered At Decided Bargains!

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HOTEL CARD The Right Man in the Right Place. THOMAS WARD, late of the Crown Hotel, begs to inform the travelling public that he has acquired possession of the Victoria Hotel, next door to the Post Office, where he hopes by courtesy, attention, and good accommodation, to merit a fair share of public patronage.

THOMAS WARD, (Late of Crown Hotel), Proprietor. Guelph Dec. 1st 1872. dawly