PAUL JONES

TWENTY YEARS IN EXILE.

TALE OF THE SOLWAY.

CHAPTER XVI. A LAPSE OF TIME AND A CHANGE OF SCENE— SAD EVENTS AT MARSTON GRANGE—AN

ALASE OF THE AND A CRASSES OF ASSAULT STREET AN ARRESTON GRANGE—AN TRONGET LAWVIER COMES INTO VIEW.

Of course, so long as he lived the wife, and daughter of Adam Borland were his special care. Another house was found for the new gardener, and they were allowed to remain in the cottage. A weekly mm was also allowed them, equal to half of Adam's wage, and this was sufficient to support them in the plain, humble style to which they had been accustomed. Mr. Bruce, feeling that he would soon be called on to follow his beloved wife to the tomb, was naturally anxious about the future of his two children — Orwell and May. Orwell was now fully sixteen years of age, while May was seven years younger and of a delicate constitution. As the children had no near relatives, it behoved him to be the more particular in making provision for their care and protection during the years of their minority. His solicitor, Mr. Bishop, being a man in whom he could not put thorough confidence, was by his will appointed executor and trustee, along with Mr. Langton, a neighboring proprietor, whose trust was to continue until Orwell reached the age of twenty-one. The latter was sent to complete his education at the University of Glasgow, and a governess was found for May in the person of Miss Elliott, a young lady whose high recommendations were more-than borne out by the manner in which she filled the important position. Shortly after these various, but necessary dispositions were made, Mr. Bruce succumbed to the weakness which had been growing on him, and death came with gentle hand to close his earthly pilgrimage.

To the last Mr. Bruce showed every manner of kindness to Mrs. Borland. Besides the allowance made for her support, Agnes was brought to the Grange as a companion and attendant to May, and to receive nearly the same education from Miss Elliott. The executors were instructed to continue the allowance to the widow, and Mr. Bruce charged Orwell when hebecame master of the property to perpetuate his bounty.

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Seven years had passed from the death of Mr. Bruce, and Orwell was now the proprietor of the Grange, but had seldom resided there since he came into the inheritance, his inclination being to travel in companionship with Reuben Langton, the only son of his guardian, who, being two years his senior, had obtained great influence over him, and had little difficulty in controlling his motions or directing his pleasures, except when at certain intervals young Bruce paid periodical visits to the Grange to stay a few weeks with his sister, and enjoy shooting on his own property, the management of which he had left in the hands of Mr. Bishop, the youth being wise enough to know that with this gentleman his interests were perfectly safe.

These, then, were the changes which had taken place during the seventeen years from the opening of our story, and the reader has now an understanding of the situation and position of the personages who are to play a part in the incidents now to be related. Having given the necessary information, we return to Mrs. Borland, whom we found in her widow's garments, scated alone in the kitchen of the cottage.

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It was a warm summer afternoon towards the end of July, and the only sound that broke the stillness was the hum and murmur of the bees as they rifled of their sweets the roses which clustered round the open casement. The park without lay in a shimmer of hazy, sultry heat; the cattle had gathered under the trees to enjoy their shade, for hardly a breath stirred the leaves, and the ardent sun, though declining towards the west, was still high enough in the heavens to scatter his fierce beams on the landscape.

As Mrs. Borland sat at her knitting the occupation did not prevent her thoughts from wandering with subdued sadness along the pathway of the past. Ten years had indeed mitigated the poignancy of her grief, and she could now think of her loss with calmness and resignation. Though the desire of her eyes had been removed with a stroke, and darkness and desolation had fallen on her life, the severity of the blow had been broken in various ways. Nothing indeed could compensate for the loss of her beloved Adam, but she had not been made to feel the pinching poverty which often comes with widowhood to add to its bitterness and intensify its realization; she had not been left utterly friendless or helplers to fight a hard battle with the world, she had experienced the fulfilment of the Scripture promise, "Thy bread shall be given thee, thy water shall be sure," and she had always enjoyed much comfort in the society and affection of Agnes, who, as she grew to womanhood, proved a stay and solace to her mother's heart. Possessing in a large measure the excellent qualities of both her parents, Agnes had ever been dutiful and obedient, while the superior education she had received from Mrs. Elliott and the sweet companionship of May Bruce had added a sense and refineeducation she had received from Mrs. Elliott and the sweet companionship of May Bruce had added a sense and refinement to her nature which gave her mother unbounded satisfaction, and filled her soul with quiet hope and peace. Full of health and the cheerfulness which health gives, Agnes had always manifested a lively disposition, but never anything approaching to that giddiness of youth which often gives a watchful parent great anxiety. She seemied to have inherited her father's solidity of mind and patient devotion to duty, and much acquired knowledge having been added to natural intelligence, she possessed istrength of will, discretion naving been added to natural intengence, she possessed [strength of will, discretion and judgment, as well as a warm heart and keen sensibility—qualities well fitted to make her in the real sense of the word a companion and counsellor to her widow-

a companion and counsellor to her widowed mother.

Mrs. Borland's silent thoughts, therefore, were far from being gloomy or despondent. If she had been chastened she had also been comforted—into the bitterness of her cup of sorrow sweetness had been pongred, and she was not one to overlook the blessings she had received, or be ungrateful for them. Though a little over forty and bearing the impress of the trial she had en dured, she was comely still, and had it been possible for her to forget the husband of her youth so far, as to enter again into the marriage relation, she might now have been a good man's wife, for David Ramsay, who had succeeded Adam in the management of the Grange garden, had seen her worth, and offered her his honest love. Nor did she despise that love, or scorn the offerer. If she could have been a wife again none would have gained her esteem more readily than David Ramsay, or more fitly taken the place which death had made vacant; but with words of grateful appreciation she told her honest-hearted wooer that nothing would tempt her to be given seemingly unfaithful to Adam's name, or place another human being between her and his sacred grave. Davil received her reply with quiet submission, honoured her for her faithfulness, and became her steadfast friend. He it was who tended the flowers round the cettage, and kept the little garden in that state of neatness in which Adam had left it. He spoke no more to her of marriage, but having failed, to obtain her for his wife, it seemed as if he cared not to seek any other. If she was true to her dead Adam, he would failed to obtain her for his wife, it seemed as if he cared not to seek any other. If she was true to her dead Adam, he would be true to her in his own way, and to that ideal of woman which she alone had form-ed and fixed in his soul.

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