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(Concluded.) 'Adelaide,' he said, abruptly, 'I shall leave England to-morrow, never to return."

Her sweet face grew a shade paler. 'I am not surprised,' she returned, gently-

'I knew that you would not be; you are so kind, so good. I must go; my hea, t lies buried in Margarita's grave. I cannot s, 'ay here. He spoke with a sorrowful, passion te bit-

terness that grieved her. She tried to co. mfort him; she laid one hand on his. 'It is only natural,' she said, quietly Change of scene and travel will be best for

'I am ashamed of myself,' he continued, but I cannot help it, Adelaide; my love is stronger than I. I cannot forget her. I see the beautiful face, the dark eyes, the sweet lips; I hear the voice sweeter than earth's sweetest music. What shall I do? My sorrow never sleeps.'

'Time will heal it,' answered Adelaide; nothing else can.

'Adelaide,' said Lord Rylestone, ' you have been like some dear sister to me. I shall never forget your goodness. Be kind to me still. I shall never return to live at Walton. Will you remain here and take care of it for me?'

'I will,' she replied-and the simple words meant more from her than strongest protesta-

'I am ashamed to ask you to take my place -to ask you to fulfill my duties; but I cannot remain, for my heart is in Margarita's grave.'

'I will take your place,' she said, gently; but I have faith in you, Lord Rylestone. You will not let sorrow master you. You must suffer for a time, but you will rise again. braver, nobler, better for the fight; and until that time comes I will take your place.'

So they bade each other farewell, and soon afterward he left England, and Adelaide lived on at Walton Court with the dream of her life

Her name soon became famous. Nearly the whole of her large fortune was spent in works of charity. She built churches, alms-houses, and schools; she relieved the sick and the poor; she never turned from a prayer, she never refused assistance to the needy. For miles around her name was followed by blessings and tears and prayers.

Her sweet and noble womanhood seemed to have grown complete; as the years passed, the beautiful face grew more lovely; time added to its charms. There was, perhaps, a deeper sheen on the golden head, a deeper light in the eyes and a firmer expression round the lips; but Adelaide Cameron was nearly at the prime of her superb womanhood then.

She had had lovers in plenty. Some of the proudest in the land had laid title and fortune at her feet; she heeded them not.

'My shadow love,' she said to herself, with a mournful smile, 'is dearer to me than any other can be, and I shall die as I have lived-

She heard at rare intervals from Lord Rylestone, but she had ceased to hope or to think that he would ever care for her; his heart lay in Margaita's grave. There was no more seautiful trait in her character than that evidenced by the great care she took of Margarita's grave. No one could see it without thinking that loving hands tended it. Rarest flowers bloomed there, and hardly a week passed without her visiting it.

If she was kinder to one than another, it was to the woman whose charity had preserved Margarita from death-Mrs. Meadows. Lord Rylestone had settled a handsome annuity upon her. It had been one of his pleasures to find out all who had been kind to Margarita, and

So time passed, and Adelaide smiled when her twenty-sixth birthday came.

'I wish my face would grow old,' she said. My heart, I think, has never been young.' * * * * * *

Before six years had passed Lord Rylestone had made for himself a name and a fortune. As Adelaide had predicted, be lived down his sorrow, and he rose from it a nobler, better, braver man. He travelled for some little time, and then accepted another appointment in

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time to return home He reached the (Court one eve ning in May. when the air seem ad full of the perfume of lilac and the song of nighting ales; and, besteps thither, he paid fore he wended his 's grave. What loving visit to Margarita' Sweetest flowers bloome d hands tended it! to surround it. Le was at visit-it seemed to rethe better man for th sorrow. After all the was move the weight of

at peace. And then he wer it to the Court. He found Miss Cameron in the grounds, and a little child, one of her pr otegees, was with her.

Perhaps she was not much surprised to see him; he was so (continually in her thoughts that it was only one of them realized. She ropped the white lilies that she had gathered, advanced wit a outstretched hands to meet

'You are honie at last,' she said, leaving her hands in his.

His hear, seemed to go out to her-she had been so loving , so good, so tru e-she was so fair; and he kne 'w that her youth, her love, had all been given to him.

'I want you to make it home for me, Adelaide,' he said, gently. 'I have so mething to

She walked down the broad path, she forgetting the little lame child, who look 'ed after them with a sigh.

He did not plead to her as a heart broken man, nor as one whose heart lay burie, d and whose hope was dead, but like one who had suffered bravely, and had borne his pain.

'It is not my first love that I have to o ffer you, Adelaide,' he said- ' that, the impetuou is fervent boy's worship, was Margarita's-but I do offer you the whole true, deep, tender love

She did not accept it at once; she wanted him to be sure of himself; L'at at last, almost in despair, he pleaded to her with such passionate earnestness that she could not refuse.

There was no coquetry or affectation in her acceptance of him, she mere ly placed her hand in his and said-'I am quite willing to be your wife, Allan,

for I have loved you all my h fe.' They were married in the toummer time, and no happier husband and wif e live than Lord and Lady Rylestone. She is too noble and too liberal-minded to be jeal ous of the dead, but there are times when she steals nearer to him and clasps her white arm s round his neck,

remembering Margarita's las t words. The voices of children now make music in the Court. If Lord Rylestone has a favorite. it is his eldest daughter, a dark-eyed girl, whom he calls Margarita; and his voice takes ar other tone when he speaks to her, and his eyes have a softer light. A grave, half-sad smile comes to his wife's lips when he, weighing past and future, calls his child Margarita.

Adelaide finds him sometimes standing before the Spanish picture, looking : it the richly colored face and dark, tender eyes; and ther she rises above the level of wom anhood, and says sweet words to him of the buried love. and leads him gently away.

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