

the girl's blushing cheeks. There was a bitter cry, and Diana fell like one dead, at the elder woman's feet.

"Lydia," the mother cried; "child," as Lydia entered, "come quick! I fear we are not alone in our trouble."

Lydia and her mother between them bore the young girl into the spare room, and then she gradually revived, and seeing the other girl alone, crept into her arms, and sobbed as though her heart would break.

Word was sent to Castle Monmouth that Diana was too ill to come home, and all that night the two girls lay locked in each other's arms. She stayed there a whole week, and then returned to her home; but she was greatly changed. The happy young girl had vanished, and she had awakened to the fact that her heart was in a far away grave.

Meanwhile, Carey had returned, and had not been able to see her alone, although he was very assiduous. She seemed to be always over at Bradford's, and when he at last got private speech with her, he received no satisfaction. She seemed to have aged, and he read something in her eyes, which revealed to him her secret. But he was desperate. He had had trouble with Monmouth, and knew that he could not stay there much longer; and he resolved to know his fate finally, as soon as possible.

The other letter which affected the fortunes of the settlement announced the recall of Captain Philpotts to active service, and his promotion to the rank of an Admiral.

"It has come very unexpectedly," he said, as he