

together than any other tie could bring them ; he raised the pallid, serious face, and kissed it tenderly, saying—

" You must bear up, my darling, for you know what a great grief it would be to him, to know that you suffered so "

" Trust me, Guy," she answered softly, " I will brave it—but then you know, he was my father, and I loved him "

" Yes, that is all true, my love. but you must remember he is better off, and he has left his blessing with us, for all our lives."

" And we will merit it, Guy, will we not, he was so good, so kind, so true ?"

" That we will, Honor, I swear it, I will never forget the pledge I spoke into his dying ears.

" Nor I," she answered, in a whisper.

They left the room together, and Honor stole away to her own quarters ; she saw no more of her dear guardian after that, until the funeral day, when she pressed the last long kiss of eternal farewell on his cold, unfeeling lips, that was the scene which racked her poor tried heart with all the sharpest pangs that grief doth know she fancied, at that moment her endurance must yield, and her heart break, but she remembered dimly having been carried away to another room, and when she saw and felt again, all was over.

Two days after the interment of Henry Rayne, Guy and Honor sat chatting quietly together in the little sitting-room from whose window, Guy had caught the first glimpses of Honor, on that autumn evening long ago. In a close-fitting dress of heavy black, Honor looked more imposing and dignified than ever ; her face was very pale, and there were deep, dark lines under her sad eyes. Guy too was serious, though handsome and careful as ever ; their grief it is true, had thrown a heavy pall over the happiness of their new love, but still, each, felt, that it had served only to draw them still closer together, they were now all in all to one another.

" You are looking pale, and ill, my darling," Guy said, rising and throwing himself on the handsome fender-stool at her feet, " I hope you are going to try and regain your former health and spirits very soon."