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Reginald looked almost stern as he came more slowly back again.

"What is the matter with him?" he asked, quite coolly.

"Indeed, I cannot tell you, if you cannot, Miss Lindley."

"He has picked up very strange manners—er, wherever he has been to."

Reginald looked at her in a very puzzled way, and laughed a little.

"Ladies are rather difficult to understand, Miss Lindley. They are supposed to be tender-hearted, and yet ——Have you any idea how cruel you are?"

"Cruel! I only made a very natural remark. Did you ever see such strange behavior? But perhaps he is not sober."

"Miss Lindley, have some mercy! I—I—you really——" He stammered for a moment, but then said, "Don't you really know why the poor fellow went off so suddenly?"

"Indeed, I cannot imagine any reason strong enough to send a sane man rushing off like a lunatic."

"Shall I tell you what he said when I overtook him?"

"If it is anything worth hearing, which I doubt."

"I cannot tell you the exact words he used, because allowance has to be made again—I am afraid a great deal of allowance has to be made for poor Otway. But it was something to the this effect—that he would rather be in—well, in very unpleasant circumstances, than face a lady who could be so unkind to him."

The words stabbed the girl, but she only shrugged her shoulders slightly and said:

"How absurd!"

And Reginald, although he had no idea how deep her feeling was, came to the right conclusion, that she was sorry for her coldness; and he thought she did not like to own her pity for so contemptible an object of it. She expressed a wish, almost feverish in eagerness, to return to Copsley, alleging how great Miss Gretton's anxiety must be; and as he drove her back she talked so much, and in such a lively manner, that he was rather shocked by such strange demeanor on the morrow of a grief so deep as the death of her guardian.

He would have been reassured as to her depth of feeling if he could have seen her, after the briefest possible announcement to Miss Gretton of the events of her absence, locked in her own room, lying on the floor in a convulsion of mad grief, which distorted her features and shook her frame, and raged her whole being, until every faculty seemed shattered; and she crept back again to fulfill her duty of accompanying Miss Gretton in her morning walk—now taken in the garden—with dull, dizzy brain, and tottering limbs, and a great void at her heart which nothing could fill.

Dull despair at her loneliness, and at the impossibility of helping James, or of saving him from the misery and danger which seemed on all sides to hem him in, had selzed and paralyzed her since her passionate outburst of grief an hour before; and this state of apathy lasted all through that day and to the afternoon of the following, when it was destroyed by a most unexpected event.

For, as the two ladies were sitting together in the drawing-room, the elder dozing, the young one neglecting the work in her hands to stare in front of her with mournful, tearful eyes, which saw nothing, they were both suddenly startled by the sound of wheels and hoofs, and by the sight of the Otway barouche at the door. With a thrill of joy which shattered her dull apathy in a moment, Geraldine heard James' voice; and a few seconds later he, with his Aunt Elizabeth, entered the room, to the overwhelming astonishment of its occupants. For, although they knew each other by sight, it was the first time in all these years that the two elder ladies had met each other. With the boldness of youth, James had persuaded his aunt to take a step which his more timid uncle had never dared to suggest. They were profusely civil to each other, each showing off her grand manners, each, too, making an unexpectedly favorable impression upon the other, for Miss Otway and the 20-years-older Miss Gretton, though women of entirely different dispositions, had intellects of equal keenness. The two younger members of the quartet were strangely shy with each other, and did very little talking, devoting themselves to watching the encounter between their elders. Elizabeth explained, with a stately and cold expression of grief, that she had thrown aside ceremony, in coming at a time when they were all suffering from a great sorrow, at the request of her nephew, who had begged her to give her poor aid in entreating Miss Gretton to allow her ward to return to Waringham Hall with them for a few hours to comfort her sister Eleanor, who was in a state of depression which caused them great alarm, and who had taken a strong fancy to the young girl. So Geraldine, with the dignified permission of her old instructress, returned with Miss Otway and her nephew to the hall, rather silent, rather reserved, but inexpressibly comforted to find that James, who was as silent and reserved as she, had done nothing rash in his despondency.

But, as soon as they arrived at the hall, James, instead of letting her go to comfort his eldest aunt, which was the ostensible reason of her coming, whispered, as he helped her out of the carriage:

"Will you come and see him?"

She assented; and he led her through the dark halls, which made her shiver with dismal recollections of two nights before, up the staircase, and into the solemn death chamber where the coffin lay. But the only sight in it that made her shiver was the face of the housekeeper, watching there, whose thin, shriveled features, stamped with an undying terror since the night of her master's death, impressed the girl with unreasonable fear, and made her shrink back on first entering the room.

"Would you rather not see him?" whispered James, offering to lead her back.

She conquered herself and approached the coffin. But the first glance at the still, waxen face she so deeply loved, lying in the flood of bright afternoon sunlight which streamed through the white blinds, calmed her, and drew from her eyes tears which were scarcely sorrowful at all. She kissed the cold forehead with reverent love; and, when she left the room, after a long, last look at the peaceful face which impressed her, in spite of her reason, with the feeling that he was only sleeping, and that the touch of his child's lips could affect him still, the ghastly horror of death which she had felt since she last visited the room had passed away.

"Come into the garden," whispered James; and, without waiting for an answer, he led her through the dining-room to the scantily-filled conservatory and through that into the garden outside.

But he did not stop there. He could see that she was in no mood for talking; so in silence he led her through the paths on the opposite side of the house to that of the principal entrance, and through a low iron gate under the trees of the park, which extended very little further in this direction; then through another gate, and across a road into a meadow, at the other side of which they found a rough cart-track, which they followed.

"Where are you taking me?" asked Geraldine at last.

"Over the road we traveled together nineteen and a half years ago, Deldee."

She started, and he stopped.

"I thought, you know, Deldee, that, since you have heard so much, it is better you should learn everything about yourself, that it is possible to find out, and that we had better begin by questioning the Corbyns, in whose farmyard I first found you. But, if you don't feel strong enough for the ordeal of investigation, we'll go back, dear."

"No, no; you are quite right. Let us go on," said she firmly.

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Toronto, April 23.—The representatives of the profession whose duty it is to teach the young idea how to shoot came to this city in unprecedented force on Tuesday. It was the occasion of the 36th annual meeting of the Ontario Educational Association, and all manner of pedagogues, from the university professor to the teacher in the side line little red school house, assembled together at the Normal School to explain to one and other what methods of imparting knowledge had met with the best results in their own experience. The day was taken up with the reading of admirably written papers on various literary, historical and general educational topics, and in the evening a grand reception in the school theater was addressed by the Minister of Education and others.

Miss E. J. Preston, of Ottawa, read the first paper, entitled, "The Criminal and His Recruiting Grounds."

Mr. F. F. Manley presided over the Mathematical and Physical Association and read an address, in which he recommended that fees in secondary education be graded according to the ability of the pupil.

This proposition met with strong opposition, and was followed by a paper on "Elementary Geometry as a Preparation for Honor Mathematical Work."

A discussion on this paper led to the appointment of a committee, composed of Messrs. McDougall, McKenzie, De Lury and Glashan, to recommend any changes in the present system of the teaching of geometery, if such was deemed necessary.

In the commercial section, the morning session was taken up with a discussion on "Commercial Work and Drawing in Our High Schools and Collegiate Institutes." Resolutions were passed recommending that the name "public school leaving examination" be changed to "high school first form and public school leaving examination," and also that candidates should not be allowed to bring ruled paper with them to the bookkeeping examinations.

The president, Mr. Fletcher's, paper on "Practical Penmanship" provoked lively discussion.

At the inspector's section, Mr. Jas. L. Hughes' paper on "Manual Training" came up first. He advocated manual training for educational, not economic, reasons.

Inspector D. Fotheringham, of South York, handled the vital subject of "Moral Training in Public Schools." He advocated a non-sectarian but thoroughly Christian system of religious instruction that would meet the wishes of all denominations, and suggested the appointment of a representative commission to investigate the bearings of the question, and prepare an outline of Christian principles, to which all churches could assent.

At the meeting of the Historical Association, President Wm. Houston, M.A., in dealing with "History as a Culture Subject," made a strong plea for the study of original documents, such as copies of Magna Charta, etc., which should be on the walls of every school.

President Wright was in the chair at the Modern Language Association meeting, and presented an able paper on "The Jews in English Literature."

Mr. A. W. Burt, B.A., of Brantford, in his remarks on "Phonetics," urged the need of more careful attention to the subject of sight pronunciation in our schools.

A large gathering of friends of education assembled at the reception in the theater of the Normal School. Mr. John Dearness, the association president, was in the chair, and had with him on the platform: Hon. G. W. Ross, President Loudon, Chancellor Burwash, Rev. Dr. Dewart, and Ald. John Hallam, the latter of whom represented the mayor.

Hon. Dr. Ross delivered an admirable address, in which he spoke of the evolution of the old log schools to the present magnificent, commodious structures. He welcomed the assembled pedagogues as the men and women who formed the groundwork of the nation. He hoped they would derive benefit from this visit. He desired to make the Normal School, refitted, as it now was, on its 50th anniversary, the Mecca of the teachers of the province.

Mr. John Dearness, president of the association, replied to the welcome of the civic and Government authorities.

A letter was read from Mr. J. H. Yewdall, secretary of the English Teachers' Union, now in session in Wales, conveying fraternal greetings.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the National and New Jubilee Anthems.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

The session of the Ontario Educational Association continued in the Normal School yesterday. According to the report of the general secretary, the attendance this year is larger than ever before.

Mr. W. E. Groves, Toronto, in the public school department, gave an address on "The Influence of the Public School Department: How to Extend It."

Mr. C. Ferrier, Mimico, read a paper on "The Aims and Methods of an Industrial School."

Mr. Wm. Scott, Guelph, in a paper on "The Public School Leaving Examination," advocated more advanced education in the public schools, because 65 per cent of the population never went any further.

Mr. H. I. Strang, Goderich, defended the high school system from recent attacks. He said that these complaners sought to make it appear that there was wide-spread discontent among the farming and laboring classes with the system, that they wanted the public schools made more efficient, and higher education left to those who were able to pay for it. In his experience he had never found a farmer who did not commend the high schools. He had found that the schools were condemned mostly by those who had no children and professional men, while they were supported by the industrial classes.

Mr. J. H. Burritt, Pembroke, recommended, with regard to religion in the schools, that the laws remain as the are now. He claimed that the state exists for one thing, religion for another; that religion pertains to the hereafter; the state's functions are confined to this planet.

On motion, the Minister of Education will be memorialized by the trustee department to leave the law regarding religious instruction in public schools as it is.

Inspector Morgan, in an address on "What Method of Inspection Would Secure the Best Results," advised the inspectors to show themselves the true friends of teachers and pupils.

Mr. Locheed, M.A., principal of Caledonia High School, advocated a system involving phonetic vertical script, with a complete consistent phonetic alphabet, with every vowel sound and consonant function represented. His paper was entitled "Phonetic Script as an Aid to the Teaching of Reading, Writing and Spelling."

"The Ideal Teacher," according to Mr. R. W. Murray, Toronto Provincial Model School, should be in the prime of life, in good health, and should have natural governing powers. Among his acquired qualifications should be the very best literary training and a knowledge of psychology.

"The Women in Canadian Literature," was the title of an essay by Miss Janet Carnochan, Niagara. The subject matter was not Canadian authors, but female characters in Canadian literature, and she quoted such writers as Kirby, Miss Curzon, Robert Margery, Wilfrid Campbell, Isabella V. Crawford, Charles Mair, Miss Machar, Dr. O'Hagan, "Seranus," P. McArthur, Jean Blewett, and others, to show that the women depicted in their works were noble, unselfish, patriotic, tender and true, willing and daring.

"Cabot and His Times," a paper of special interest in this, the 400th anniversary of the explorer's great discovery, was read by Mrs. S. A. Curzon, Toronto.

At the training department, Mr. T. R. Stewart, Strafford, quoted several instances of incompetency on the part of members of county boards of examiners who examine model school students. He advocated the appointment of a central board of examiners, his paper being on "Examinations of Model School Students."

The trustees' department was much interested in the paper on the vital subject of "Manual Training in the Public Schools," read by Mr. George C. Chown, Kingston. He dealt principally with the physiological side of the subject.

Dr. Louden delivered an address on "The Interference of Sound," before the Mathematical and Physical Association.

A meeting of the Normal School Alumni was held, Hon. Dr. Ross presiding. The object was to formulate some plan of celebrating the jubilee of the Normal School on Nov. 1 next. Addresses was delivered by the chairman, Inspectors Kelly, Fotheringham, Brown, Glashan and others. A committee was appointed to make the arrangements.

The valedictory address of President Dearness appeared in full in yesterday's Advertiser.

The officers of the General Association were elected for the coming year as following: President, Mr. John Munro, Ottawa; secretary, Mr. R. W. Doan, Toronto; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Hendry, Toronto.

DEATH OF EMILY GREGORY.

New York, April 23.—Prof. Dr. Emily Gregory, head of the department of botany at Barnard College, died on Wednesday in New York of pneumonia. Dr. Gregory was a graduate of Cornell, received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Zurich, and it was said of her by a famous German naturalist that "there was no better botanist in America." She was the author of several textbooks on botany.

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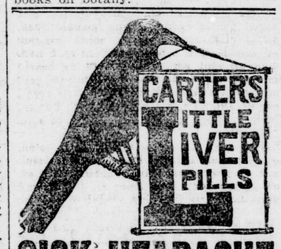

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