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THE FIGHTING HOPE

By Virginia L. Wentz, from Wm. J. Hurlbut's Play

is guilty. I know that you are not. I have found that out."
"Ah, you needed to be told!" He was speaking more to himself than to her. It was the protest of his heart against the blindness of his heart's princess.
"No, nobody told me; I found it out myself. I read that letter you put there—in the safe. I thought it might be something that would clear my husband."
"Poor little wife, poor little wife!" was Temple's only comment.
"and it was just the opposite," she went on, struggling to finish her confession. "Sun and moon and stars and all the lights of heaven and earth they



helped. It fought, and it has won," she whispered half to herself with trembling lips, looking far, far past him. And it was a joy to the man to see the smile in her eyes. "I know now with every faculty what my heart must have known from the first. I know that I—yes, I know," she slurred. "but I mustn't say it."
"You love me!" cried he. "No, don't say it." He swallowed painfully. "But it will be a comfort to think sometimes that a scrap of the very best that is in you is mine. That can do no harm, can it?"
She could not answer for fear that her heart might tear from its moorings.
When she spoke it was an eminently practical thing she had to say: "There's some way at least, thank God, in which I can repair a little the injury I have done you. When your case comes up for trial I can give my testimony. I can tell what became of that letter. I can repeat it, word for word, the foul thing. My testimony would have weight, would it not? It would have weight because it would be against my interest."
"It would have weight with the jury, yes," Temple nodded. A pause. "But"—he hesitated, then went on bravely—"no one knows of your having burned this letter?"
"Mrs. Mason knows. She's an old friend of my mother's. I found her here by chance. She knows, but she won't speak. She's on Robert's side. Oh, but she must speak! She must!" cried Anna, with sudden resolve. "She must help in this. She must help undo the wrong I have done. Kiss her, please. I want her."
"Mrs. Mason," said she when the housekeeper entered, taking in the situation at a glance. "I've got to go to court and tell what I've done. I've got to tell the truth. My testimony means Mr. Temple's liberty—and more."
The old New Englander had been almost prepared for this. Nevertheless she turned toward Burton Temple in indignant protest.
"Surely you won't ask her to do this?"
He shook his head gravely.
"I shall ask nothing," he said.
"You see, Anna. He'll not require it of you."
"I know," returned Anna dully. But Mrs. Mason didn't like the gleam that shone in her eyes. She attacked it first by cunning.
"You wouldn't have the heart to send your husband back to prison just as he's about to be pardoned or acquitted?"
"But he's guilty, you see, guilty as hell!" She leaned back in her chair with half closed eyes.
"Well, it's one thing to send a guilty husband to jail," continued Mrs. Mason, "and it's another thing to send your children's father there, branded a felon by their mother!"
She saw by the spasmodic clutch of Anna's hand on the arm of the chair how directly her shaft had gone home.
"You told me awhile ago that you'd failed in helping them," she pursued. "You needn't fail. Why, I'd let every man on earth go to prison and stay there before I'd forget that I was a mother and had two boys with two names to carry through life!"
"I'll teach them to make their names over. I'll look out for my boys," Anna stirred on her chair tiredly.
"You'll teach them to make their names over? Why, Anna Graeger, you told me only a half hour ago sobbing in your room how their father's disgrace would be thrown in their faces all the days of their life!"
"Oh, I know, I know," moaned the woman on the chair.
"Well," concluded Mrs. Mason, "that's the thing for a mother in your place to remember, right or wrong. Learn it by rote if it isn't already born in you. Your duty is to your boys, to give your boys an honorable name."
"Ah, if I could! If I only could!" cried Anna bitterly. "But I can't give them that, you see."
"You can give them at least the appearance of an honest name whether their father is honorable or not. I'm not pleading any longer for Robert, the scamp. Let the men out of it, both your husband and—Mr. Temple."
She of the Puritan conscience nodded coldly to one side to where the big financier stood silently, taking no part in the discussion. "After all," she added, "I suppose Robert's no worse than a good many other men in the world of finance. You shouldn't judge him so harshly, Anna."
Anna's delicate brows twitched. When she spoke it was in an odd, faint voice. Mrs. Mason and the whole room seemed to be moving out of her vision.
"I don't know many men," she said

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Purely Personal

Baltimore Mail-Ship, Fresh Operators at Mat Addison, Henry street

Mrs. Lea Lillie is nursing the patients at Mr. Henry Woods, Jasper, where every member of the family is down. Doctor's are unavailable and Mrs. Lillie is helping by going from house to house in the neighborhood administering to those who are in need of aid.

The Council of the Rear of Yonge and Escott meets on Monday, March 1st, at one o'clock, for general business.

John Mulvena, Main street, has leased his farm on the Delta road to David Young, Hard Island.

Arch. Mulvena held a sale of stock and implements on Tuesday, and is moving to Mrs. A. L. Fisher's Central street house.

Allie Thornhill has purchased the Wellington street property of Mrs. George Evans, Greenbush.

John Bigalow and family are moving to Norman Hawkins' Wiltse street residence.

D. L. Kavanagh, Glen Elbe, is assisting at the Farmers' Club warehouse, and intends moving into the village when he can procure suitable quarters.

The village assessor, George Gainford, is paying official calls.

George Flood, whose tinshop was destroyed by fire about two months ago, has leased a part of the Mulvena building for his business.

Motion pictures, put on in the town hall on Thursday evening of last week for the benefit of local students, were well patronized and much enjoyed. Complimentary tickets in limited numbers were issued so that many outside the school had the opportunity of being in attendance. Pictures of this nature are of a real educational value.

The De Alva British entertainers played here to a good house on Friday and Saturday evenings of last week. It was a "medicine show," but the stunts put on by the different characters afforded considerable merriment. Their stay here was cut short, as the powers that be assembled Saturday night and put the lid on public gatherings for the present.

The Epworth League entertainment for Thursday evening, with Tom Hamilton, Ottawa, as star attraction, and a picture show billed for Saturday night, both had to be cancelled.

Reeve M. B. Holmes returned Saturday night from a business trip to Toronto. The customary crowds in evidence everywhere gave no indication of a smallpox scare or an influenza invasion.

Mr. Leslie Earl returned to Kingston on Tuesday to pursue his studies, after having fully recovered from a recent attack of measles.

Mr. Andrew Thomson, tailor, who has rented the store in the Parish block, will open his tailoring establishment on Saturday, February 28, and will carry a full line of suitings and coatings at reasonable prices. Come in and get measured for your new spring suit and overcoat. Mr. Thomson can give the very latest in style, fit and material.

Rev. E. R. Nichols and family have taken up residence in their new home here on Reid street. We extend a hearty welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Nichols and family and trust they will find their surroundings most pleasant.

Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb returned to her home here last week after an absence of about ten weeks in the Brockville General Hospital. We are glad to see Mrs. Lamb in our midst again and hope her complete recovery may be speedy.

Mr. W. C. Smith is in charge of Mr. Dave Johnston's store during Mr. Johnston's absence, caused by sickness.

The four doctors are busy, and many inquiries for nurses are coming in daily.

Miss Gertrude Vickery, who sustained injuries recently in Ottawa, is at her home here. Although badly shaken up and bruised, Miss Vickery is progressing favorably and hopes to

be able to resume her normal course shortly.

Much regret is expressed at the demise in Ottawa of Miss Mary Brown, formerly of this place, where she was held in the highest esteem because of her amiable disposition and her willingness to use her splendid musical talents to assist in the various enterprises of the church and community. Funeral services were conducted at Delta on Saturday last.

Anson Brown, Wellington street, has received intelligence of the death in the West of his brother, John Brown, for many years an active business man in Delta.

Mrs. Fred. Pierce returned from Brockville last week after spending some time with relatives in the County Town.

Mrs. Fred. Latham and family, of Brockville, came out to spend the week-end, guests of the former's father, Malcolm Brown.

George Drummond, Toledo, a former high school student, is home from Detroit where he has been spending the past few months, and is here a guest of his sisters, Mrs. M. Lyons and Mrs. C. Yates.

Rev. Mr. Robeson, Enterprise, is here for a few days the guest of his mother, Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Robeson. On Sabbath evening he occupied the Methodist pulpit, delivering an energetic address, full of spiritual uplift.

Miss Ada Leadbeater has returned to her home, after spending a week as guest of her brother.

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FAREWELL PARTY TO MR. AND MRS. G. LEE.

On Friday evening, Feb. 20, the people of Elvida met at the home of Mr. George Lee for a farewell visit, as he is leaving here next week to make his home in Ottawa, where his son now resides.

A delicious supper was served and much enjoyed, after which the following address was read by one of the ladies and the presentation made by one of the gentlemen. The address was replied to by both Mr. and Mrs. Lee in well chosen words.

A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "God be With You Till We Meet Again."

The Address.
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lee—
We regret exceedingly that you have decided to leave us, for during the time you have been our neighbors we have learned to esteem you highly for your excellent qualities and for your gracious kindnesses at all times and in all places.
We shall miss you at our Sunday services, and when we want a favor we shall be sorry you are not here to grant it, and our pleasant visits over the phone will always be bright in our memories. Some of us remember the time when you were just starting out in married life, and your faces were bright with joys of youth and you were as happy as if the whole world were made for your enjoyment, and you painted the pictures of future success in glowing colors.
Now, after the lapse of years, we find that you have made a success of handing down to posterity your good qualities, for two bright, clever young men call you "father" and "mother," and several nice children call you "grandpa" and "grandma." Your faces are bright and happy still; we sincerely hope that your lives shall grow brighter and brighter until they end in "Perfect Day."
We trust that wherever you go you shall find as appreciative friends as you are leaving, and that all things shall work together for your good.
Now that we have come to the parting of the ways, we ask you to accept of these small tokens of our affection for you; and as memory only brings back the roses of the past, carefully concealing the thorns that surround them, we trust that sometimes memory will bring you pleasant visions of your friends and neighbors of Elvida.
Signed on behalf of your friends.
Mrs. C. Crummy,
Mrs. M. Henderson.
Elvida, Feb. 20, 1920.

ARMENIAN RELIEF.

The Women's Institute beg to acknowledge the following donations:—Women's Institute, \$25; Mrs. John Wiltse and daughter, \$7; and \$5 each from the following ten: Joseph Thompson, Geo. W. Beach, Geo. W. Judson, F. W. Clarke, H. Knowlton, A. Taylor & Son, W. G. Parish, Rev. T. J. Vickery, Wilson Wiltse, and Chas. F. Gates; also \$2 each from Mrs. Ada Fisher, M. B. Holmes, W. F. Earl, H. H. Arnold, W. C. Smith; and \$1.00 from Mrs. C. C. Slack.

Mrs. Clara Chant is selling her entire Household Effects on Saturday, February 28 at one o'clock sharp. A.M. Eaton, Auctioneer.

Sheldon's Corners

Heber Cowles and family are sick with the flu.
School attendance has been rather slack during the past week or more, owing to the poor condition of the roads and sickness in the neighborhood.

Mrs. M. Hollingsworth met with a painful accident Sunday when an icicle fell from the barn on her head. Hyle Newsome spent the latter end of last week visiting friends at Throoptown and Brockville.

Friends and relatives in the neighborhood were grieved to learn of the serious illness of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mavity, of New Dublin.

Miss S. Niblock spent a few days last week visiting friends in Athens.

Plum Hollow

Mr. Edward Dowden is confined to his home with la grippe.
The Mission Circle held a social evening at the home of D. M. Kilborn on Friday evening last.

The Ladies' Aid met at Mrs. Dowden's on Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wiltse spent Saturday in Brockville.

We understand that C. M. Moulton is to return again for the dairy season. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Moulton and family back again.

Miss Irene Lillie is ill at Delta with influenza, at the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Holiday, Philippsville, spent the week-end at W. B. Newsome's.

The snowstorm blocked the roads so our mail carrier didn't get through until Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Baker entertained a number of their Frankville friends on Thursday evening.
Miss Evelyn and Mr. Omer Kilborn are both ill with la grippe.

22 Horses For Sale
Saturday, March 6th, 1920
McVEIGH'S HOTEL, Athens
H. W. IMERSON, Auctioneer

Good Reputation

This year has been a record one for Auction Sales and in this connection we might say that Mr. H. W. Imerson has a reputation for the busiest man in the business. During the past month he reports only three idle days.

Mr. Imerson has a good reputation as a Pure Bred Live Stock Auctioneer and during the past week landed two High Class Pure Bred Stock Sales, 1 at Belleville March 9th and the other at Kingston on March 17.

IN MEMORIAM.

BROWN—In loving memory of Edith Estella Brown, who died February 29th, 1916.

Four years have passed and still we miss her,
Never shall her memory fade;
Her loving smiles and gentle face,
No one else can fill the vacant space.
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For Sale

FRAME HOUSE—and Lot for Sale on Wiltse St. Athens—Apply to A. G. Palmer or J. Chapman, Plum Hollow.

ONE ROAN MARE—coming 9 years old apply to John Ross, Athens.

IMERSON—The Auctioneer

Write or Phone early for dates or call the Reporter and arrange for your Sale.
H. W. IMERSON, Auctioneer

AUCTION SALES

On Friday, February 27, at 10 o'clock, on the farm of W. C. Stevens, one mile east of Philippsville, all his Farm Stock and Implements.

H. W. IMERSON, Auctioneer.

On Tuesday, March 2nd, on the farm of A. W. Merriman, one mile northwest of Elgin, on the Newboro road, entire Farm Stock and Implements, at 12 o'clock sharp.

H. W. IMERSON, Auctioneer.

DR. PAUL

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