

HELEN MOIR

OR— LOVE AND HONOUR.

A TALE OF THE CLYDE.

CHAPTER XXXII.

"No, I won't," he said; "at least not just yet. I don't believe I am so bad as the doctor says. These men are often mistaken. I won't burn the packet yet—not till I find myself getting worse; then I'll do it—and time enough then."

Bent on humoring him, the youth extinguished the taper, and resumed his seat, silently, yet anxiously, waiting to see if Jaquin's better nature would not arise to interfere with his cruel obstinacy, and cause him to give them the information which they panted after.

His better nature! Edwin could not believe but there was a better nature in him. Jaquin, he thought, could not always have been the malignant, vengeful creature he was now. In the days of childhood, for instance, when the soul is comparatively innocent, and the heart young and tender, he must have been a different being, and had human sympathies and feelings. Might these not revive now when death was drawing on?

As yet it did not seem so. He lay watching the eager pleading faces of his two nurses with an expression of triumph and satisfaction, enjoying, as it seemed, the suffering which he saw they were enduring, and as resolutely determined as ever to keep his lips sealed regarding the fate of Bridgenorth and Helen.

Oh, how Ritchie's fingers twitched with strong nervous impulse to clutch his throat and drag the truth from him by main force, and Edwin too had to place a curb on his rising impatience, resolved that no chance should be lost of gaining their object, yet compelled to see from Jaquin's hard inhuman countenance that his obduracy had not by the least abated.

Thus they sat till after sunset, by which time Jaquin had dropped off into a quiet doze. Suddenly Edwin started up. "I must to the field," he said. "I must go and see how Hermann has fared through this dreadful day. Stay you here and watch Jaquin. I will return as soon as possible."

"The don't" cruel devil deserves to be turned to the street to die in the gutter," said Ritchie, wrathfully. "He does; but kindness may overcome him at last. For Helen's sake, bear with him. Her life may depend on it."

Nothing further was needed to cause Ritchie to crush down the stifling rising of his indignation, and obediently he returned to his seat.

Edwin went out. It was dark. The night threatened to be a dark one, and still there was no token of the battle ceasing. His crashing bursts, his incessant rattle, filled the air with as much fury and intensity as that long day of deadly struggle had manifested. Of the slaughter which must have taken place that day Edwin shuddered to think, and his heart died within him with fear lest Hermann had fallen among the wounded or the slain.

Had he gone up the slopes at the same hour a week before he would have been met by the sweet fragrant night breeze coming fresh from the heights, but that breeze came to him now tainted by a sickening odor, heavy and loathsome—an odor from the decaying bodies of men and horses, which still lay on the battle field of the 16th. Mingled with this horrid smell came at times puffs of air laden with the powdery smoke of the battle now raging, while the lurid flashes of the guns lit the sky with the momentary gleams of light, strange and awful to see.

Thus the horrors of battle were increased and intensified by the gathering darkness.

Ere long, Edwin felt himself entangled among the mounds which constituted the burial-places of the bodies which had been mangled and over the soil, yielding, unconsolidated earth lay many a thine stumpled. But it was worse when he went further on and had to push his way among the still unburied bodies, which, on the further side of the plain, lay thick and ghastly, just as death found and kept them. Gladly would he have kept from trampling on those sacred forms, but more than once his eyes failed to show him where they lay, and his flesh crept as his foot touched some stiff, motionless and silent frame which so recently had been animated by a living soul. Occasionally an exploding shell, breaking into pieces in the air, lighted up for two or three brief moments the scene around, and in the sudden, vivid illumination, dead, distorted faces met his view, with their staring eyeballs and varied expressions of placid serenity or terrible death agony. It was beyond description dreadful to wander there alone, and had Edwin's mind not been strung to a high tension, and impelled by anxiety to learn tidings of Hermann, he would have turned and fled from the horrid place.

But true friendship is stronger than the fear of the repulsiveness of death, and under the resolution which it inspired in his heart, Edwin pushed on till he passed over that field of slaughter, and reached the further side of the plain.

Presbyterian Assembly of the United States.

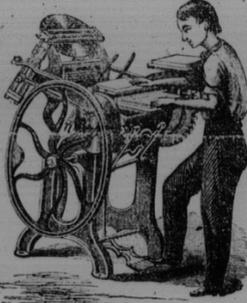
The representatives of this large Christian association, composed of what were formerly the Old and New Schools of Presbyterians, are now holding their annual Convention in the neighboring city of Detroit. The assembly was opened on Thursday by the Rev. Z. M. Humphrey, D. D., of Philadelphia, with a sermon on 1 Cor. xii. 13-6. It may be interesting to us to learn a few particulars of the Assembly to give a short account of this great ecclesiastical body and its congregations.

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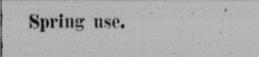
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