

THE TRIUMPH OF TRUE LOVE

She clasped her arms around his neck, and laid her beautiful face on his.

"I wish that I could comfort you, my darling," she said. "Teach me how." The fire-light played upon her dark hair and on the little child at her feet—on the haggard man with despairing eyes. Somehow, he could not tell why, this love of his wife's, though offered to him with sweet words and tender caresses, brought him no consolation.

At that moment, while Lady Beatrice still clung to him, seeking in vain to turn his thoughts to herself, there was a gentle touch at the door, and Mrs. Rivers entered, so quietly and so quickly that the white arm of Lady Beatrice still lay round her husband's shoulder.

Silently Mrs. Rivers noted the scene. That was her place; her husband was sorrowing for her child. She ought to be comforting him, and feeling comfort from him in her turn. But what of which she, in the character of a blind dependent, stood there unnoticed and alone. Silently she noted the haggard face and despairing eyes of him whom she had tried to set free, and that one moment was a new revelation to her of the love Lord Vivian had borne to her, and here to her son.

"Mrs. Purton tells me you wish to see Mrs. Lord Selwyn," said a low, hushed voice.

Lady Beatrice rose hastily; she was far too proud to allow any one to see her consoling even her own husband.

"Come in," Mrs. Rivers said, and "His lordship is waiting to see you."

He turned round when the low, hushed voice reached him.

"How is my son?" he asked. "Do you see any difference—any change in him, Mrs. Rivers, either for better or worse?"

"I am afraid to answer," she replied; "but I did fancy this evening there was a slight shade of improvement; he has not been so despondent, and has seemed quieter; if he could sleep I should hope; I should hope—"

And the last words sounded so like a prayer that Lord and Lady Selwyn both involuntarily turned to look at her; but in the ceaseless fire-light they could see little of the sad, patient face.

"This must be painful to you, Mrs. Rivers," said his lordship, wondering at the sad, despairing voice.

"It is painful," she said, gently. "Was your own son ill long?" asked Lady Beatrice, who had a mark of pity, was always kind to her inferiors.

"He had a long illness," she replied, "and I watched him the whole time." "I wanted to tell you that," said Danvers, said, continued Lord Selwyn. "The opiate will be here directly; he says if it gives my son sleep he will live; if it fails, he must die!"

There was only a tighter clasp of the thin hands. Even as he said the words there rose before her the memory of that morning in the garden at Florence, when Lord Vivian had placed her son in her arms and Rupert had clung round his mother's neck—the morning when Beatrice Leigh had stabbed her with such cruel words.

"Doctor Danvers wished the medicine to be given to him the very thing tonight, so that no noise could disturb him. Just before midnight, I should think, would be the best time."

"I will give it to him myself," said the hushed voice.

"I shall give orders for the whole household to retire at ten," continued the master of Selwyn Castle, "so that he may have every chance of quiet. Do you really think there is an improvement?"

"The least possible," she replied, as at that moment, as though by accident, her eyes fell upon the face of Lady Beatrice, the moment before it had been filled with false compassion; now, as Mrs. Rivers spoke of hope, though the hope was faint, all the pity died from it, and there came into it an expression of cruelty and anger no one could have dreamed of; that there was better news, a hope that it would prove false; all that Mrs. Rivers read in the dark eyes that met her own. For one minute the two women looked steadily at each other, then Lady Beatrice turned away, and her eyes fell.

"I will come in myself about twelve," said Lord Selwyn. "Ask Mrs. Purton to sit up with you, Mrs. Rivers."

"I would fain ask that I may be alone," she said gently. "The most careful people fall asleep, or make a noise. I should do it better alone."

"Let it be so then," he replied; and just at that moment a footman entered with a bottle in his hand. Lord Selwyn took it from him and unwrapped it. In the bright firelight all three plainly and distinctly saw the bottle.

Whatever drug composed the opiate, in color it resembled water; it looked like clear, cold water, and nothing else.

"It has no smell," said Lord Selwyn, replacing the cork, and giving the bottle to Mrs. Rivers.

They remembered afterward every detail in that scene. Then Mrs. Rivers went out of the room, leaving the wife and child where she ought to have been.

She turned to the sick room. The boy's shining eyes welcomed her—his faint smile greeted her.

"How long you have been," he said. Come and sit by my side. You must not go from me tonight!"

And she remembered distinctly placing the bottle containing the opiate on the mantel-piece before taking her seat by the boy's side.

CHAPTER XVII.

When the hour of eleven struck that evening, by the wish of Lord Vivian, the whole household had retired. It was the last chance for Rupert's life, and he was determined that no noise, no accident, should occur to deprive the son he loved so dearly of this one hope.

He was well content that the gentle, kindly lady who had attended his boy so skillfully should remain with him. Who better suited? He would fain have remained himself, but that, he felt, in a case where such profound silence was necessary, the fewer persons in the room the better. Lady Beatrice told him so, and surely she knew best. His lordship had also suggested that Mrs. Purton should remain in the ante-room, so that if anything was required, she would be at hand.

Again Lady Beatrice overruled him. "Far better not," she said; "there are two bell-ropes in the room; if Mrs. Rivers requires anything she has nothing to do but ring."

And when Lord Vivian slightly objected she said her hand upon his arm.

"Rely upon it," she said. "I am quite right. If Rupert did fall asleep, and Mrs. Purton by any untoward noise should wake him, surely she would forgive yourself; better a thousand times trust to Mrs. Rivers alone."

He agreed, as of late he had agreed with all his wife did and said, too sad and sorrowful to resist her influence; so the arrangement was concluded. Lord Vivian went in first to see the boy. The large, bright eyes were fixed full upon him.

"You feel any better tonight, Rupert?" whispered his father, bending over him and kissing the white brow.

"I think so, papa. There is a weight upon my eyelids, as though I should sleep, and I have been dreaming, I am sure, of my mother. Do people ever dream awake?"

"Sometimes," he replied. "I shall come back to you in an hour or two—when, if you can not sleep, and want me. We are all anxious for you to sleep, Rupert; it would make you so much better."

"I will try," said the boy, faintly; "my eyes burn so I can hardly close them; and my brain seems hot and tired. Papa, if I could lie only one minute in my mother's arms I should sleep like a little child."

And those words stung the father with sharpest pain. He remembered how devoted that mother and child had ever been to each other. Whose fault was it that, when the suffering boy cried out for his mother, she was not here? Was it retribution that when the son he loved a thousand times better than his life lay dying, the only one who could have saved him was not there?

And Lady Beatrice, standing by, heard all that passed between father and son—heard it with hot anger, with bitter hatred, with envious, growing jealousy against the suffering boy and the lost wife. It was she who went up to Lord Selwyn and said that he would do Rupert harm if he remained talking to him, and Rupert looked up at her with those unnaturally large brilliant eyes.

"Lady Beatrice, when I get better, you will let me kiss little Lance," he said.

"Of course I will," she replied, in a soothing tone; then, anxious to divert attention from his words, she said something in a low tone to Mrs. Rivers.

"You always did kiss little Lance, and play with him, too, when you liked, did you not, Rupert?" whispered his lordship.

The boy made no reply, save by a melancholy shake of the head, and then a strange suspicion shot through his father's heart. Could it be possible that Lady Beatrice had not been kind to this his idolized wife's son? Could it be that Rupert had been unhappy, as Violante was before him? A hundred little incidents flashed before his memory. How often he had returned home and found his boy absent. How often, years ago, he had seen traces of tears on his face, and when he had asked what had caused them, Rupert had laughingly refused to tell. How dearly his son loved Mrs. Rivers—this gentle, patient stranger. Surely if Lady Beatrice had been to him all that he should be, he would not have been driven from home to seek someone to love?

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Lord Salisbury Asked for an Explanation.

Trouble in Bulgaria—Peasants' Rising Assumes Serious Proportions.

London, May 4.—Ambassador Croate has asked Lord Salisbury for explanations as to the alleged abuse of international right in the case of the American ship Sea Witch which, according to the statement of her commander, Capt. Howe, was boarded by the British warship Wasp within the three-mile limit of Portuguese territory in East Africa.

The Sea Witch left Wallaroo Dec. 3 and arrived at Delagoa Bay Feb. 12. She sailed March 4 for Durban and arrived there March 9.

TROUBLE IN BULGARIA.

Sofia, Bulgaria, May 4.—The rising of peasants in the vicinity of Rustchuk is assuming alarming proportions. The peasants have succeeded in disarming some troops and have used rifles against others. Two officers and fifteen men have been killed or wounded. A similar number of peasants fell. About 3,000 peasants are now marching on Rustchuk against two battalions of troops sent to defend the town.

London, May 4.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail, describing the Rustchuk riots, says: "The peasants stormed the prefecture, yelling for vengeance. They were armed with scythes, pitchforks and logs of wood. Only a few had firearms. They pursued the prefecture into an upper room. The wretched man, driven into a corner, seized a crucifix and abjectly prayed for mercy, but the peasants fell upon him and beat out his brains. They then burned the furniture and destroyed the building past his head, and from molesting his wife and children."

LIBERAL ELECTED.

London, May 4.—In the parliamentary bye-election at Portsmouth yesterday to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of the junior Liberal member, Mr. Walter Owen, who recently resigned for the Children's Hospital, Mr. T. A. Bramson (Lib.) defeated Mr. Majendie (Con.) by 610 votes, as follows: Mr. Bramson, 10,301; Majendie, 9,691. Mr. Majendie represented the new imperialistic sentiment, which it was thought would have a strong hold upon a seaport constituency like Portsmouth.

INSURANCE LOSSES IN OTTAWA.

The Ottawa fire has caused the British insurance offices to carefully consider their position in Canada. Their books show that during the past 30 years the fire losses in Canada consumed 68 per cent of the premiums, while the commission and other management expenses consumed 35 per cent, leaving a loss of 3 per cent. That they will hang on in the hope of better times.

A VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

At a banquet given by the entire Liberal party in honor of the Australian representatives at the National Liberal Club, a unanimous vote of sympathy was passed for the sufferers in the terrible fire at Ottawa and Hull last week was passed. The Earl of Carrington was chairman at the banquet, and the resolution, at his instruction, was carried to the order of the day, governor-general of Canada.

DELAGOA BAY AWARD.

Borne, May 4.—The complete Delagoa Bay Railroad award, which the secretary of the tribunal declared would be delivered April 15 at the latest, is not yet forthcoming, and further delay is feared. The governments concerned are unable to determine till they examine the text whether the award is acceptable.

METHODIST GAIN

It Has Been 97-Fold in the Last Century.

Chicago, May 4.—The interest of the delegates to the Methodist General Conference yesterday was centered in the reading of the bishops' quadrennial address by Bishop Andrews. When the delegates gathered from the report that while the country had increased fourfold during the past hundred years, the Methodist denomination had developed ninety-sevenfold, they applauded enthusiastically.

Nearly all parts of the globe are represented in the Methodist conference. In all climes Methodism is reported to be progressing. "The work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Japan," said Rev. Julius Soper, dean of the Philippine South, Bishop Andrews, Aoyama, Tokyo, "has been most successful. We now have about 65 ordained native preachers and 5,500 native Christians, not including children and adherents."

"The church in North India is growing rapidly," said Rev. E. W. Parker. "The Hindustani Church now numbers 45,000 souls, and we have an Epworth League of about 4,000 strong."

"The condition of the church in South India," said Charles J. Mueller, one of the lay delegates from that country, "generally speaking, is good. There are hopes, and the existing circumstances of a considerable extension."

There seems to be a paucity of laborers for the harvest. If that can be corrected, there is every reason to believe that the church in South India will attain proportions. "The progress of Methodism in Liberia," said Rev. Wm. T. Hagan, the colored presiding elder of the Monrovia and Bassa districts, "has been highly satisfactory. We have now over 100 churches and more than 30 ministers."

30 MILES OF FIRE

Michigan Forests in Flames—Wide spread Destruction Threatened.

Menominee, Mich., May 2.—The towns of Arnold, Gardener, Swanson and Adams on the Wisconsin and Michigan Northern road, 40 miles west of here, have been wiped out by the fierce forest fires.

The passenger train reached here yesterday for the first time in two days.

Wires are down and traffic on railroads suspended. The forest fires cover an area of 30 miles, extending westward as far as Swans, and northward to Carbondale, Mich.

The fire is spreading, and there is much concern for small towns in Menominee county, along the Northwestern and Wisconsin, and Michigan and Northern roads.

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