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CHAPTER XLVIII

In an endeavor to alleviate the sufferings of the poor. That was more like her old idea of happiness, more like the kind of life she had once mapped out for herself.

Lord Clanronald was very unwilling to go to Ronald's Court; but Diana told him, with a softening of her proud face, that she wanted to be happier, that she was tired of the perpetual round of gayeties, tired of frivolity, tired of the faces around her. She wanted to go home to Ronald's Court and see whether she could not find something more congenial and profitable to do there. He sneered at first.

"You are going in for the quixotic, Diana," he said. "It will not suit you; but you can try it."

"I should like to be a little happier," she answered, with a wistful look in her eyes.

"I will give you carte blanche," said Lord Clanronald. "I will fill the house with my own friends, and you shall go your own way."

So it was agreed; and they went to Ronald's Court. Diana tried hard to redeem her life by active and praiseworthy work. Just as she had drowned her care and remorse in a whirl of gayeties, so she now sought to drown them in working for and serving others. She soon knew every one on the estate. She had a school built for the children, a row of almshouses for the aged poor. She was bustled from morning until night with plans for the good and the benefit of others. She was now far less unhappy than she had been since her wedding; and, Lord Clanronald had been different their marriage might not have been so disastrous as it was. Always more or less addicted to drink, he now became more confirmed to his evil habit, and that fact raised an insuperable barrier between them.

There were times when Diana went in search of her husband, her mind full of some worthy enterprise, for the carrying out of which she was compelled to ask his consent or get his signature, only to find him angry at being disturbed or asleep.

There was one relief came to her at Ronald's Court. Lord Clanronald went away for weeks together, leaving her alone. But for those periodical reprieves, it seemed to her impossible that she could have lived.

CHAPTER XLIX

Five years had passed since Diana Cameron became Lady Clanronald. They had brought many changes to her, but few to Ferness. The most remarkable event which had happened there was the marriage of Thea Scarsdale and Richard Marche. At one time Lady Cameron would have opposed such a marriage with all her power—would have refused to hear a word about it; but the years had softened her, and the chastening influence of time was visible in the daily life of the once proud and revengeful Lady Cameron.

She had, however, a sore trial in her daughter Evadne, who returned from her visit to the Duchess sour and embittered. She had really loved Lord Clanronald, and she had so entirely set her mind on being mistress of all

the disappointment was a terrible blow to her. To Lady Cameron's dismay, it had even affected her beauty.

"If you are not very careful, Evadne," said that wise lady, "you will lose all your good looks."

"They have done but little for me," was the gloomy rejoinder.

"There is still a bright future before you," said Lady Cameron.

"I do not think so," replied Evadne. "I loved Lord Clanronald; I shall never love another half so much."

"If I were in your place, I should try to forget all about him," said Lady Cameron.

"Even if I could forget him, I should never be happy again while Diana enjoys her triumph," declared Evadne. "It seems a wicked thing to say; but I really believe that I should be happy if I thought she were miserable."

"Then I think you may comfort yourself on that score, Evadne," said Lady Cameron, with a significant smile.

Evadne looked up eagerly.

"Do you not think Diana is happy, mamma?"

"I should say most certainly not," replied Lady Cameron, impressively.

"To tell you the truth, Evadne, I am as much mystified now as ever to decide why she married Lord Clanronald. There was not a single element in the marriage to make it a happy one."

"It serves her right," said Evadne, vindictively. "I shall always believe that she did not care for him herself."

"I cannot think of it," she said. "It

but that, seeing I did, she took him away purposely from me."

"She has her reward, if that was the case," replied Lady Cameron; "but I never understood the marriage from the first, and I never shall."

It was not long after this that Lady Cameron began to notice a great change in her other daughter. Thea, who had always been proud, cold, engrossed, rather in herself than in others—Thea, whose abrupt and at times almost brusque frankness had made her disagreeable to those about her—by degrees became more gentle, more amiable, more thoughtful; and all these good qualities seemed to ripen under the cheerful, honest, sunny influence of Richard Marche, one of the most simple and earnest of men. Miss Scarsdale had from the first been struck by the upright manly integrity that was revealed in his every word and action; she was impressed by his abhorrence and hatred of everything mean, by his contempt for all the mere accidents of birth and wealth, and by his sturdy independent spirit.

Two more opposite characters could hardly exist than Thea Scarsdale and Richard Marche; but that very fact perhaps attached them more to each other. Thea could not realize the genuineness of her own thoughts when she owned to herself that she loved Richard, and that she would rather marry him for love than wed a peer of the realm for his money. It seemed incredible to her that she, who had been reared in the very atmosphere of worldly wisdom, should even think of marrying for love.

But Richard returned her love, and everything else was a matter of indifference to Thea. Richard had soon found out all the good qualities that lay hidden beneath the girl's proud and cold exterior. He did not seem to think that he was asking for anything unusual when he told Lady Cameron that he wished to marry her daughter. She looked up at him in blank wonder.

"Marry my daughter!" she exclaimed—"my Thea? How can you make such a request? If my daughters marry at all, they will marry into the peerage."

"I do not think Thea will," he said. "She loves me, and will marry me, I hope."

"Not if I can prevent it!" she replied, with the full assertion of her dignity.

Lady Cameron talked the matter over that same evening with Mr. Cameron.

"I cannot think of it," she said. "It



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is too great a disappointment to me. You see, I have trained my daughters purposely to marry well, and I expect nothing less than a peerage for them. I cannot entertain the idea for a moment."

"I cannot buy Rich a peerage, but I can give him a fortune," remarked the millionaire; "and if he marries Thea, I will do so. Barton Moss Manor-house is to be sold," he continued, "and there is a large estate with it. I was thinking only last week that, if I had some one to put in it, I would purchase it. Richard Marche of Barton Moss Manor-house will make his way in the world, I feel certain."

"It is not a suitable match for Thea," said Lady Cameron disconsolately. "I always thought she would marry an earl at the least. She is not beautiful, like Evadne; but there is an air of distinction about her that almost surpasses beauty."

"You must think it over," counseled Mr. Cameron.

"The more I think of it," said her ladyship, frankly, "the more I shall dislike it. I really could not sanction such a mesalliance. I shall take both girls to London in the spring, and there Thea will find some one more worthy of her."

And in that fond delusion her ladyship remained for some time.

When the season came Thea enjoyed it with all her heart. She lost no opportunity of enjoying all the pleasures and gayeties offered her, but she remained true to Richard Marche. Lady Cameron knew that her ambition was quite hopeless when her daughter said:

"Oh, mamma, I shall be glad to leave London and go home to Ferness and Rich."

Lady Cameron had hoped to find an ally in Evadne; but, when she appealed to her, the girl said, simply:

"If she likes him, mamma, let her marry him. I wish I had married Lord Clanronald!"—and she signed as she finished the sentence.

"It is such a poor match for Thea," Lady Cameron continued, piteously.

"She will have plenty of money, mamma, and a good husband; matters might be worse," replied her daughter.

"She will never be anything but Mrs. Marche all her life. Think of that, Evadne!" Lady Cameron objected.

But, when her ladyship found that she was really vanquished, she gave in with a good grace.

"It is not much of a choice, my dear," she said to Thea; "but, if you still persist in it, I will not refuse my consent."

When Richard heard this, he kissed Lady Cameron's hand for the first time.

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PARIS, Nov. 19.

Premier Clemenceau, replying to the congratulations of Senator Monis on the result of Sunday's elections, said the returns showed France understood she must proceed according to law and order in the reconstruction of the country. France would be stronger than ever, he declared, because more united.

**THE BELGIAN ELECTION.**

BRUSSELS, Nov. 19.

The Catholic Party will have seventy three seats in the Chamber of Deputies and the Socialists seventy as a result of the election on Sunday. It was announced officially to-night. The Liberals won 34 seats, the Front Party five, the National Regeneration Party one, the Ex-Soldiers Party two, and the Middle Class Party, two.

**COALITION IS UNIONISTS' HOPE.**

LONDON, Nov. 19.

Bonar Law's speech defending the present system of Coalition Government, has brought an editorial reply from the Westminster Gazette, which says the Unionist Party's hope lies in Coalition which secures it a certain number of Liberal votes, also an opportunity for slipping in between Liberals and Labor. The warmest supporters of the Government, says the Westminster Gazette, deplore the absence from the House of Commons of experienced statesmen to sustain the work of a critical Opposition. The same journal thinks the coalition will become a central block, standing for property interests and protection.

**THE PRINCE SEES NEW YORK.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.

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