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Had she so offended him that, after all, he would not marry her?—not make her Countess of Lethrington? He might, and she would be powerless. Her father and his father being dead, he now was really earl by right.

Esmer could not perceive that a dishonorable act would be so antagonistic to her cousin's nature as to be impossible. She only saw the probability. Her heart trembled; her lips contracted. Was she, too, the daughter of her father, not to be a countess? If she had offended, she must seek pardon. Reflecting a second, after another glance, she slipped her white, cool hand in his, and bending nearer, murmured, contritely:

"Gerard, if I have done wrong, do not punish me too severely. You break my heart. I—I was so wretched down there. What I did was because—because I loved you."

Ending with a sob, she bowed her head on his shoulder. No better method could have been adopted to touch the earl. The sight of her grief instantly moved him. He was too honest to suspect deception in others, especially in women. Besides, as it has been stated, conscience whispered him Esmer apparently had some cause to blame. Drawing her to him, he said:

"Esmer, you have pained me much today. You know not how much."

"Not past forgiveness?" she sobbed, pleadingly. "Gerard, all I told you was not quite true. Pardon me."

"What was not true? Come, Esmer, do not weep thus. I am not so angry—that is, if you will be open, and confess all, I will not be. Why did you come to town?"

"Because Lady Davenant, receiving an invitation from her nephew, desired to bring me. She wished to ask your permission, but I persuaded her otherwise. I said I knew you would not object, and it would be so delightful to take you by surprise."

"You were right, Esmer. Far from objection; only yesterday I wrote to Lady Davenant to see if she could not make arrangements to bring you to London."

"You did?" and Esmer quickly fixed her eyes on her cousin.

"Most assuredly. The letter must now be at the villa. But proceed. Why did you not let me know earlier?"

"We arrived only the day before yesterday; and feeling sure you would be at the flower show, I proposed to Lady Davenant to meet you there."

"Very—very foolish, Esmer, all this, but not unpardonable. Why, though did you conceal yourself? Why did you play the spy?"

Esmer dropped her head. This catechising was very humiliating to her proud temper, but it was best to yield.

"Why, Gerard?" she answered. "Because I was jealous."

"Jealous, Esmer?"

"Yes, of course, I was foolish, but I couldn't help it, Gerard. Why? Because during yesterday I saw you on horseback with a lady. You kissed her hand. I inquired who she was, and learned her name. I thought you had never looked at me as you did then at her. I came here today, and the first person I beheld was Lady Westbrook. I was in the same marquee where you joined her. I kept out of sight and followed you."

"Did you hear our conversation?" inquired Gerard, quietly, though a prey to sudden anxiety.

"No," answered Esmer, with truth, for she had been unable to get near enough. "I am not so bad as that, Gerard. I only saw you kiss her hands, and—look at her. Might I have heard your words?"

"Assuredly," he answered by compulsion. "Our conversation was of yourself. I was telling of our engagement, and your coming to town. Esmer, you have wronged both me and Lady Westbrook, who has requested to be introduced to you, to be your friend."

His cousin regarded him furtively. She did not believe this. Nevertheless, she did not consider it worth while to say so.

"I see my folly, Gerard," she rejoined, plaintively. "I confess it. Will you not pardon me?"

Clasping his hand, she drew closer to him, questioning with her eyes.

"If you do not, I'll—I'll go back to the country. I can find no happiness here."

Her head dropped. Once more her tears flowed. Gerard was much moved by this new and apparently better phase in his cousin's character; he felt his judgment had been unjust. In his lack of vanity, too, he had forgotten that she might really love him. He would make amends for the past, and at whatever self-sacrifice, henceforth, as heaven heard him, he would fulfill his duty to her.

Pressing her to his heart, he smoothed her hair gently; then, raising her face, for the first time touched her lips with his.

"My dear Esmer," he said, "banish that torturing, innate jealousy from your breast forever. It has never had, it never shall have, foundation. Are you not my betrothed wife?"

She had thrilled under his glance, his touch. She rested her cheek on his shoulder.

"Gerard—cousin—husband!" she exclaimed rapturously, "you have made me the happiest girl in the world."

It was true, for through the veil of the future, now not far off, Esmer beheld the glitter of that coronet after which she craved. To her, rank, wealth, power, were everything. Love, nothing.

CHAPTER XIX.

Captain Granby Lascelles walked down Pall Mall at a brisk pace. He had an appointment at which he desired not to be late. That blow, delivered straight from the shoulder, had not ceased to rankle in his breast, and the captain, having planned it out, was now on his way to take his revenge—the revenge of a coward, because it was to be done in secret, and under the mantle of friendship.

Entering one of the palatial club houses, he bade an attendant take his card to the Marquis of Santyre, if that nobleman was there.

Lord Santyre was there, and Capt. Lascelles was ushered into a private room where he was waiting.

The marquis stood on the hearth-rug before the fireless grate. His well-governed, aristocratic features displayed no trace of the curiosity which really possessed him. He had cause. Why had Captain Lascelles, with whom he was very slightly acquainted, requested an interview—one of so private a nature that it must be "in strictest confidence, and at a place away from his own house."

The marquis knew little of the captain, and that little he would not have liked had he not been perfectly indifferent. He was of service to Cecil. Such men were useful, being ready to fetch and carry in return for the wing of patronage.

Still, Lord Santyre did not admire the class, consequently his reception of his visitor was not very genial.

"I received your letter, Captain Lascelles," he said, sitting down, as the other took the chair placed for him. "I confess the style of your request surprised me."

"I trust, my lord, on hearing my communication, though that, too, may astonish you, you will recognize it in the true light in which it is given," rejoined the officer.

"And that light, Capt. Lascelles?"

"Of sincere friendship to your nephew, Lord Carlsford, though he may not construe it so, my lord, and from a sense of justice to you, to your family."

The marquis' fingers were gently tapping the table. They still kept tapping, but his brows rose slightly, and his eyes regarded the speaker with a little more interest.

"Your words, Captain Lascelles, but add to the mystery of your letter," he remarked. "What intelligence can you have to refer to me or mine? You excite my curiosity, the more so as I find the object of our conversation is apparently to be my nephew."

"Precisely, my lord."

"Then, may I ask you to proceed, Captain Lascelles? I repeat, you have excited my curiosity." This rather distantly.

The even, almost indifferent, accents of Lord Santyre nettled the officer. He consoled himself, however, by knowing his time must come and he was quite correct.

"Before obeying you, my lord," he remarked, a little distantly, too, "pardon my making a proviso that you will receive what I am about to say in the strictest confidence—that you will not, under any pressure, reveal the name of your informant."

"Why, Captain Lascelles?" inquired the marquis, his brows knitting.

"I might say, my lord, my communication would acquaint you with that. But I prefer to say this—I desire secrecy, because I honor, I esteem your nephew, and have no desire to lose his friendship. Because what I do arises out of this esteem—this friendship, as you will soon perceive, though Lord Carisford, did he discover that it was my hand that dealt the blow, would regard me as his bitterest enemy."

Lord Santyre's expression grew graver, a little colder. Yet he began to perceive the matter might be of a more serious character than he had imagined.

"You have my word, Captain Lascelles," he said. "Will you now favor me by proceeding?"

"Then, my lord, my purpose in requesting this interview is to communicate a matter of which I fancy—nay, I am sure, you are ignorant. I regret to say that Lord Carlsford is entangled in a flirtation which, I fear, may produce trouble."

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McKinley Obliged to Demand an Inquiry

Into Mismanagement of the Cuban Campaign.

A Wail From Good Republican States and the Position of Miles Precipitated It.

Washington, Sept. 10.—It was the Macedonian cry from congressional districts that suddenly decided the president to order an investigation of the conduct of the war—that and the failure to keep John Sherman and Gen. Miles still. The White House statement that it is ordered at Secretary Alger's request is considered to mean that Gen. Alger only requested it at the president's order, for it is only two days since Gen. Alger is quoted as saying "he would not ask for an investigation, because if he did it would amount to a confession that there is something to investigate, a point he could not concede."

But when it was learned that Gen. Miles was going to stand pat on his strong charges made in the Kansas City Star, and that Sherman proposed to stand by him, it became plain to Republican politicians that if an investigation was not voluntarily entered into by the administration, one would be forced that would be very bad for Republican prospects. President McKinley heard this from all parts of the country.

Wisconsin sent for documents bearing on the financial question, congressional candidates declaring they must force the fight on the lines of the campaign of 1896, as they did not dare to come in strong on the war.

From Michigan, messages came that Snover's defeat for renomination could be traced to the popular indignation over the conduct of the war, and that the seventh district was in grave danger of going Democratic. The first district of Michigan was reported in danger, too, if Maybury took the Democratic nomination, as the feeling on the treatment of the soldiers was said to run very high, in spite of Gov. Pingree's heroic efforts to meet and quiet it.

Iowa had a half-dozen of her leading Republicans here in as many days telling of the danger spots in that usually desperately Republican state. Word of like portent from many other localities, especially since Gen. Miles' return, has left the Republican national committee almost in a state of panic. After a vain attempt to stem the growing tide of criticism, or "hysteria," as Republican politicians call it, the president decided to return to his original intention and order a commission of eminent men to raise the cover and examine the conduct of the entire war.

That is, they are to examine all except the controversy with Gen. Miles. There appears to be a chapter about his case relative to suppressed, secret and mutilated telegrams, that the administration does not want aired.

METHODIST PARLIAMENT

Report of the Committee on the $1,000,000 Twentieth Century Fund.

Toronto, Sept. 9.—The most important matter that came before the Methodist general conference this afternoon was the presentation of the report of the special committee appointed to arrange the details of the 20th century million-dollar fund scheme. Rev. Dr. Ryckman presented the report, which occasioned a brisk discussion. Rev. Dr. Potts, educational secretary and father of the scheme, is chairman of the committee. The report recommended that 70 per cent of the entire fund should be divided among the educational institutions and the missionary enterprises of the church; $450,000 to go to education and $250,000 to missions. Of the balance it was recommended that 15 per cent should be given to the superannuation and supernumerary fund; ten per cent towards the liquidation of the debt on St. James' Church, Montreal, and five per cent towards the general conference and union church relief funds. The object of such a large proportion of the money being devoted to educational purposes was explained by Dr. Potts, who pointed out the fact that there were seventeen institutions among which this sum was to be distributed. The proposal to devote the portion assigned to St. James' Church to some other interest called forth a strong protest from the representatives of other congregations, which seemed to reach the sympathy of the greater part of the conference. The discussion will be resumed tomorrow.

The first report of the discipline committee, which was presented, indicates that the body is opposed to any more stringent regulations for the conduct of the individual member of the church being added to the rules. At the same time they show no disposition to relax the binding ones which exist at present, and if their report be adopted the general rules against dancing, card playing, theater-going, and other kindred forms of amusement will remain in the discipline.

The special committee nominated the following as board of the twentieth century fund: Ministers—Revs. Dr. Potts, Sutherland, Briggs, Griffin, Courtice, Wakefield, Burwash, Ryckman, T. G. Williams, Sparling, Brecken, Dewart, Withrow, W. R. Young, J. R. Gundy, L. Curtis, G. J. Bond, E. Robson, A. C. Crews, L. Gaetz. Laymen—Hon. Geo. A. Cox, W. E. H. Massey, J. W. Flavelle, E. Gurney, Dr. Mills, Hon. W. E. Sanford, Thos. McCormick, John Torrance, Judge Dean, Dr. MacLaren, J. A. M. Aikens, Dr. Allison, Hon. J. J. Rogerson, James Hart, James H. Ashdown, Isaac Findlay, Alex. Fraser, George Robinson, David Spencer, L. L. Beer. General secretary—Rev. Dr. Potts. General treasurers—Hon. G. A. Cox, Rev. Dr. Potts, W. E. Massey and Rev. Dr. Briggs.

The general conference fund committee recommended that the following assessments be made upon the various local conferences to provide for the cost of the quadrennial conference, which is approximately $8,000: Toronto, $1,500; London, $1,200; Hamilton, $1,450; Manitoba, $450; British Columbia, $150; Nova Scotia, $375; New Brunswick, $300; Newfoundland, $125—total, $8,000.

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Some of the men who were looking for the bodies think they have located another one, but cannot raise it. A thorough investigation will take place before the wreck is removed or work resumed on the other bridge.

One thing is certain—the two spans are a total loss. The iron is in such a shape that none of it will be available for reconstruction, and the removal of it from the bottom of the river will be a very difficult undertaking. As for the pier, it is worse than useless, being in the way of a new structure.

There seems to be little doubt that the number of dead and missing is fifteen instead of fourteen. Robert Martin, of Montreal, had been employed on the bridge, but was away from town for several days. Some of the men are positive that he returned to town and went to work on Tuesday morning, but the time-keeper missed him, and so he was not reported in the official death list.

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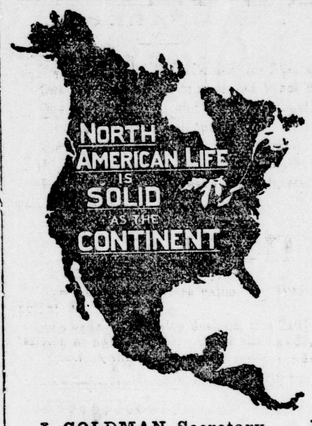

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