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sent by his former curates at Bootle, Southport and Birmingham, with his portrait in his episcopal robes, painted in oils, as a token of their affection and esteem.

The Ven. Archdeacon Robeson died at Tewkesbury on Sunday, June 16th, quite suddenly and peacefully, aged 80 years. Only eleven days previously the late Archdeacon and Mrs. Robeson had celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding day.

The Rev. J. Lloyd, Methodist minister at Wankesha, Wis., has resigned his charge, and has applied to the Bishop of Fond du Lac for an admission into communion with the Church. Both Mr. Lloyd and his wife will shortly be confirmed by the Bishop-Co-adjutor.

On the 2nd Sunday after Trinity, the Rev. L. T. Hardin, until lately a Methodist minister, was confirmed by the Right Rev. Dr. Partridge in St. George's, Kansas City. It is Mr. Hardin's intention, ultimately, to be admitted to the priesthood of the Church, and he is shaping his course accordingly.

Upton, near Peterborough, one of the smallest parishes in England, numbering only 14 houses, possesses a tombstone of black marble, which becomes damp in patches whenever rain is about to fall. It is regarded in the village as an infallible barometer. This tombstone is presumably the English equivalent to the weeping cherub at Amiens Cathedral.

The old market cross at Aberford, in Yorkshire, which was removed in 1644, has now been restored and re-erected on its original site at the entrance to the church, as a memorial of the coronation of King George. It is probable that the cross was built in 1250, the year in which a charter was granted to the town for the purposes of a market. During the year of the Great Plague, 1643-4, it was dismantled, and its base removed to Lether-ton Lane, where it was unearthed a few years ago. It was found that the original shaft had been broken, and a new one has been substituted.

Children's Department

"GEMMA"

A Story in Three Parts (Concluded)

"Oh, no; I watched that long, flat piece of moonlight which stretches right across from the garden to your island. I had an idea" (lowering her voice) "that God put it there on purpose, so that I shouldn't lose my way."

Jack stroked the bright hair, and a very tender expression beautified his face, which earlier in the evening looked so hard.

"No doubt, Gemma," he said, "God would be sure to look after you because you have troubled to look after other people."

"I spoke to Him about it, just before I started, under the willow tree," she confided, looking up at the stars, and nestling into the great rug which enveloped her, with a sense of warmth and comfort. "I said I should, perhaps, be a little frightened, and then I tried to feel I was not alone, and it all seemed easy. I shan't mind going back a bit, because you have the letter safely now, and it will be all right for Daisy."

She turned a smiling face to Jack which sent a wave of emotion over him. He remembered feeling just such a sensation when listening to exquisite singing at a cathedral. Some special note in his being thrilled at the sudden realization of sweetness, beauty and light, of the immense possibilities in this little creature who sat at his feet, unconsciously revealing to him her unselfish love. New thoughts came to his mind, through avenues he had never voluntarily opened; they changed the sombre, common reasonings of life into poetry which blended with the stars.

"I shall call you a star-child," he said. "Do you like the name?"



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"Yes," she replied. "I don't quite know what it means, but it sounds nice."

She stood up as she spoke, and looked down at the water.

"I think I ought to go back to bed now. The others may be out in the boats after dinner, and it might startle them if they met me!"

Jack laughed. "You don't really imagine I am going to let you swim home?" he asked.

"Please you won't stop me," she cried, springing to the steps. The wide, brown eyes looked frightened now. She wanted to go as she had come, silently, unobserved! The watery way held a strange fascination of its own, and she no longer feared the cold, deep stream, but dreaded a public home-coming. Jack held a detaining hand upon her shoulder.

"Gemma," he said, "you must never swim again at night without your people's knowledge; it's very dangerous. This time you must be forgiven, because it was in a good cause, and you did not realize the rashness. I will row you back to the willow tree, and wait in the garden till they have finished dinner. Then I must go and ask Daisy to forgive me for misjudging her."

"And shall you kiss her and make her quite happy again?" asked the child.

"That depends," sighed Jack, "if she is willing to kiss me."

The boat glided swiftly across the water, the moonbeams playing on Gemma's hair. Jack fancifully imagined the little figure especially attracted them.

"Run in just as quickly as ever you can," he said, as she sprang on shore. "I do hope you won't catch cold."

"Good-night," she whispered, pulling his face down to hers; "good-night, dear old Jack."

She left him standing under the willow tree, staring at the stars.

As Gemma scampered back across the grass, her heart was filled with wild exultation. "Daisy said it mattered all the world," she told herself. "So I've given the world back to her, and perhaps a little bit of Heaven, too! Daisy thought I couldn't help; I'm glad she wasn't right in that. I shall say my prayers again to-night, because I don't often go twice to bed in the same evening."

Daisy's watchful eyes had seen Jack's boat glide towards the weeping willow, though she failed to discern his small passenger in the bows.

She slipped away, unobserved, as they rose from their alfresco meal, and ran towards the well-known trysting-place with pulses beating furiously.

He saw the glimmer of her white dress, and a great wave of joy swept over him.

He went forward to meet her, with eyes glowing and arms outstretched.

"Oh, Jack!" she whispered, "I'm so glad you've come after all."

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