

not been getting on well for a long time. She has her mind made up on two points—one is that she will not go back to India, and the other that her people at home are not to be told of the step she has taken.'

'I am not sure but what it is our duty, Euphan, to let her people at home know what has happened. What does she propose to do?'

'To get something to do in London, I believe. She has spoken already of becoming a secretary or a daily governess. You know she is very accomplished, and so pretty, that I am sure people will do anything for her.'

'I don't think that good looks in a governess are always considered a qualification,' I observed discouragingly. 'In a secretary they may be a distinct advantage, especially if the employer be of the male persuasion.'

At this Euphan looked distinctly indignant.

'I am disappointed in you, David, and I don't think I can talk any more to you.'

When I saw that she was so much concerned, I laid aside my unbecoming levity, and tried to discuss seriously the position and prospects of