

HELEN MOIR

LOVE AND HONOUR.

A TALE OF THE CLYDE. CHAPTER XXX. GLOAMING BY THE RIVER—THE BATTLE OF SPEICHERN.

A hand laid gently on Hermann's shoulder, made him start and look quickly up, only to encounter the smiling eyes of Edwin bent over him, and the pleased face of Ritchie Dunlop two paces distant.

"He sprang to his feet with a glad exclamation and extending a hand to each, held them in a warm, fervent grasp, while his handsome face flushed with the intensity of his feelings, and a surprise struggled with pleasure in his bosom.

"This is an unexpected joy," he exclaimed. "What!" cried Edwin, "were you not expecting us?"

"I hardly knew when you might come or where we might meet. But right glad I am to know that you have come in time to behold our first battle on the morrow."

"Ah! do you expect a battle then?" "We do; nay, it is sure to take place."

"What, here?" "No, but at Saarbruck, where the French are posted in strength. They expelled a handful of our men from that place four days ago with some slaughter and we are advancing to retake it."

"Then war has fairly begun?" said Edwin. "It has," returned Hermann, "and it must now go on till the French are beaten and defeated."

"Spoken like a true German," laughed Edwin. "But perhaps you will permit a neutral to mention the other contingency—the success of the French—as the result which shall terminate the war."

"Oh, of course not," returned Edwin, still laughing. "As a German soldier, you cannot allow such a thing to be possible."

"I speak from a full knowledge of the French and German natures. It is quite possible, may I not say, that at the first we shall lose a battle or two, for the French always dash impetuously at the outset. But German persistence must in the end prevail. We have made up our minds to do this long deferred work, and to do it thoroughly, so as not to have it on our hands again for a long while to come. But then we are not going to plunge into these matters at the first moment of meeting. What news do you bring me?"

"I was"—here Hermann hesitated a moment, and for the same brief space a shadow crossed his face—"I was engaged in writing to Helen when you came so sily upon me."

"I could have guessed that," said Edwin, "by the manner in which your whole soul was absorbed in the task. But don't finish your epistle to night my dear fellow; wait till the battle is over so that you may give her an account of it."

"I specially wished to write her before the battle," rejoined Hermann. "You can, I dare say, guess my reason?"

"Let you should be wounded, and so be unable to do it after, eh?" "Or killed," added Hermann, with calm gravity.

"Nonsense. You must not suppose anything like that it is not like a soldier."

"I am not supposing it," said Hermann, very calmly. "I am only considering it possible; and I hope such a thought is not incompatible with the courage which a soldier should show. But come, you have not told me the news. How left you all our friends at Ardenalam?"

"Well, and as cheerful as circumstances permit. Of course, I have heard nothing of them since we came away, and we were a few days in London."

"With what result?" asked Hermann, eagerly. "With the best result," replied Edwin. "My uncle is as innocent of the forgery as either you or I. Our suspicions have been fully confirmed: it was Jerdan who wrote the name."

"Ha!" cried Hermann, and his face flushed and his eye sparkled with speechless excitement. "And Helen," he gasped, "does she know this?"

"She will by this time, for I wrote a full account of the truth to my mother from London; so my difficulty is removed now, my boy, and Helen is yours at last."

"Mine at last," repeated Hermann with fast coming breath. "Mine—and the news come to me within the shadow of battle. Oh, Edwin—if—if—no, I will not think of that—it would unman me, and I will not. See, the sun has set, and we must to quarters soon. But we have still half an hour to linger in this quiet spot. Sit down beside me, and tell me all the particulars of your London investigation."

With prompt alacrity they seated themselves on the bank—Edwin on one side of Hermann and Ritchie on the other—and there in the still August evening, they discoursed on matters which had to them the strongest personal interest.

The sun had been set for some time as they rose to quit the river side, and seek the camp for the few hours of repose which intervened between them and the early hour at which the army was to begin its march. There was still much noise and bustle throughout the half-slumbering host when they reached their quarters. Yet thousands upon thousands of strong-hearted men lay on the ground fast asleep—many of them ere another night to be cast into a sleep deeper and more dreamless still.

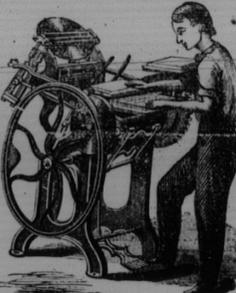
Edwin and Ritchie slept soundly and dreamt of nothing. Hermann slept too, but he dreamed of Helen. She was the radius of countless bliss when in stem and grim reality dispelled it. It was the sound of trumpets rousing the sleeping hosts to the early morning march. Nervous himself to the work he was called on to perform, he sprang up at once, and made himself ready for action. An hour later and the whole army was in motion. The river was crossed, and with steady precision the giments and battalions formed the forward march, squadrons of Uhlan riding far in front, ready to give information as to the position and strength of the enemy.

The day of which we are writing was the 6th of August, by which time the war had grown hot and bloody. When it drew towards noon the news came in from the scouts that the French were occupying the plain behind the heights of Speichern. The information had been received that it was on these heights the French were posted, and this had been indeed the case; but at the news of the defeat of Weissenburg (Gen. Frossard, who commanded them, had withdrawn them to the level ground in the rear. Now that Steinmitz's army had come in view, the French General poured his hosts up the heights again, where they occupied a position which seemed wholly invincible.

Edwin and Ritchie had marched with Hermann's company all the way from

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