

RIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS

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CHAPTER XI
It were useless to dwell longer on the dread notes of war, to speak of the high enthusiasm of the young brave hearts that panted to rush to the conflict of the no less determined but saddened mood of the parents, of Lillian's earnest sympathy and ever ready aid to all, or Alfred's regret that the youth do not call up all that is left untold, but it cannot portray the transformation a few short hours had made in Rose. From a bright, sportive, sunny child she had passed at once into a noble woman.

That Sabbath evening she begged to remain undisturbed, and her mother, with a loving kiss, left her, though with an aching heart.
But the next morning saw Rose at her regular work, self possessed, but bearing unmistakable evidence of some strange change, of a hard battle fought and victory won. Her face was paler than usual, and the merry laugh and cheerful carols that always heralded her approach were hushed, but no trace of gloom or sadness could be seen. A high and holy light burned in her eyes, a left purpose, a consecration of all her powers to serve the noble work spoke in every movement. She conversed as ever hesitatingly as ever, more so if possible, but underlying every word and act was the visible evidence that her mind was working out some plan for future action. Her friends had agreed that her reasons should be asked. Time and her own wishes were to decide.

When the morning's work was all disposed of, and the family gathered together for some quiet breakfast, her parents were to join the same regiment the next day she was exceedingly desirous that Lillian's marriage should take place before they were parted. She begged that this, which must be their natural wish, should not be delayed out of any needless delicacy on her account. The past, as far as she was concerned, was sealed book to all forever, but if they would help her they must let her see that their happiness was secured as far as human foresight could secure it.

Eustace then acknowledged that he had urged Lillian to consent to such an arrangement, feeling sure that her parents would think it advisable, going as he was into imminent danger, that they should be united before they parted, and the two were quietly married. The ceremony ended, the family all escorted the three young men to the camp, not far from the city, a far different bride than Eustace and Lillian had often pictured.

Eustace had far more knowledge of military science than most young men who had not intended to follow a profession, and George's tastes and education had inclined him to become familiar with engineering. As soon as it was known they were ready to enter their country's service in any capacity they were sought after to fill important positions in various regiments then banding together. Eustace was placed as colonel, and that they might be together in the same camp, George accepted a captaincy and Ralph a lieutenant under him rather than to enter into the more desirable positions that had been offered and be separated. This arrangement, highly gratifying to the parents, was planned in part as a just tribute to the estimation in which Mr. Newton was held, but aside from this the intrinsic worth of the young men and their capacities for grilling and engineering were made them a most valuable acquisition where raw troops were liable to be called into immediate action.

In the excitement and hurry of this startling call for volunteers Eustace had not forgotten to arrange his business carefully, and to leave also in case of his fall a will by which his property was placed under Mr. Newton's care in trust for Lillian, his wife, for some months.

A clause in the will was also executed, known only to Lillian and placed in her hands, securing the Montgomery property to Mr. Newton and his heirs in case of its present owner's death. Lillian, immediately after her marriage, assumed the entire care of little Jennie Le Barron, and with her husband's approbation withdrew her from the city school, placing her in an institution near her father's.

Of Estella Le Barron little was known. It was supposed she had embarked for Europe immediately after her ill advised marriage without learning of the dissolution of her parents' home. Some weeks after her father's death a draft from Paris on him had been received at the bank where he had so often done business and of course rejected, by which it would seem that up to that time De Courtney still supposed that his wife was a millionaire's daughter. A report was also current that De Courtney was but an obscure adventurer, and when it was found how he had been overmatched in duplicity by the crafty Estella he had deserted her, saying that his wealth and high titles were but imaginary and that a wife and children waited for him in America.

This information had been communicated to Mr. Newton by Freeman, the former partner in the old business, and anxious to ascertain if there was any foundation for the report he made inquiries. Nothing satisfactory could be learned, however. That Mand had received some tidings of her sister was apparent, but equally so that her husband was quite unwilling her former friends should learn anything from them of her condition. On this point for once Mand coincided with her husband. She cherished bitterly the memory of her sister's dishonorable desertion to allow one emotion of pity for her disappointment to find a place in her heart.

and shall have no further use for her. I told Alfred some time ago to try and find a purchaser for her. He has sold her for \$2000."

"But, sister," said Lillian, "this sacrifice must not be made. You surely will not hesitate to let your brother Eustace enjoy all your expenses."
"It is no sacrifice, sister mine. I have not seen Fairy since—that day" (Greenville had bought the horse at Mr. Newton's sale and presented it to Rose) "and do not wish to."

"Well, my Rose, you shall leave to-morrow, and our God will have you in his holy keeping."
Mr. Newton had no difficulty in securing a nurse's position for his daughter or of obtaining permission for her to locate near her brother's station.
There was great rejoicing in Dunbar's camp when these unexpected guests arrived and appeared before the brothers. They said Rose was just the one needed. There were many then in the hospital sick and pining for a kind word that could cheer their hearts.
A comfortable apartment was procured for Rose in a cottage near her chosen labor, and then Mr. Newton reluctantly bade his children farewell and hastened back to the anxious friends at some and the increasing labors of the farm.

The planting was accomplished, fruit trees blossomed and set, promising an abundant harvest, and the strawberries already showed promise of a fine crop. From a suggestion from some horticultural friends Mr. Newton early in the spring made very satisfactory arrangements for the prompt sale of all the fruit he wished to dispose of, and the encouraging and remunerative beginning dispelled all fears for the success of the new enterprise in which they had embarked.

The war and the absence of their children were the only shadows over their household, and but for that Mrs. Newton and Lillian often said they should have been too happy. They were naturally enthusiastic lovers of the country, and their freedom from the shackles of fashionable life and the change to the useful and common sense occupation of their present position were so much more congenial that they looked to the past with no cravings or regrets.
So sped on the day, and Mr. Newton insisted on bearing her full share as strictly as before her marriage had given her competence (if not wealth); at night books and papers for the men and the busy needle for the women.

The papers and news from the army were the first chosen and tidings from the loved ones eagerly looked for. The expected tidings, which so excited their friends, was still delayed, to the great disgust and vexation of those who had given up home and its comforts to work for their country.
In a letter to Rose wrote:
"My life is as different from your own, my sister, as one can well imagine, so unlike anything I have ever experienced that I scarcely realize that I am an inhabitant of the same world. I once lived in."

"Many a poor fellow committed to my inexperienced care would be so much comforted if there was some one here to speak to him from home, and to play me a fair, young boy—for many are but boys—with a broad, white brow and his mind wanders or the death film closes his eye, call 'Mother'! Then I know of nursing, my dear girl, how little you have been accustomed to such deprivations as you must meet in that situation; how little you have seen of wounds and pain and agony."
"More reason, mother, that I should not leave my dear children, as I have not known as much as have my brothers before they left us? Our men must risk life and limb in this struggle, and have our women no sacrifices to make? For some time they have been trying to do something that I could do, and for a time I felt my sex shut me off from every expression of love for my country that required any self-denial. But within a few weeks Lillian and my dear Rose before me when she earnestly besought her husband and parents to allow her to do what I should have done before and would do now. The reasons that sustained her will not hold in my case. Some must stay by the staff at home, for we all know that work absolutely necessary to the comfort and strength of those who go out from among us to be done here as well as in the field."

Rose had spoken clearly and without excitement, such as was visible among all her listeners. All were much surprised, and after she ceased they remained silent for some moments. Then her father, turning to Mrs. Newton, said: "I do believe, my dear wife, that Rose is right, and hard as it will be to send her from us, yet I am impressed with the wisdom of her plan, and I will do my best to do her part in this great work."
"But, my dear Edward, our child has no experience in a sickroom—not the least—and she is, so tenderly nurtured, so loving a child—how can she bear to witness the shocking scenes that must meet her eye daily?"
"Ah, my child, you could not bear it."
"Some one must, mother, and why should I be exempt? I seek it not for pleasure or to gratify my taste, and why I may find more satisfactory and abiding peace in this holy work than I ever experienced before. I do not fear that she will be injured by the mission."

"What says Lillian? Does she approve of her sister's plan?"
"I do, my dear father, and I would gladly join myself could I gain yours and my husband's consent. I have been longing to repeat my first petition every hour."
"No, no, my mother must not be left without one daughter. We cannot spare you both unless there are more efficacious calls than we have yet had for assistance."
"Dear Rose," said Mrs. Newton, with some reluctance, "my dear Newton, will you before I give any answer remind me if before I take this step you may have your feelings sorely tried by hearing or seeing more of Greenville than will be for your peace of mind."
A deep flush overspread her face for a moment, but she answered calmly: "I understand you, my kind mother. I have thought of it all over. I make no boast of coming through this trial unscathed. There is a sore spot still at my heart. I have been for some time making a careful preparation to start at a moment's notice, and my mother, give me your blessing and permission to start to-morrow."

"My darling child, I dare not refuse if your heart is so moved toward this work that I be best fighting against the direct teaching of Providence. I have tried to give up my children cheerfully to this good work, but I have not thought that my daughters might be called as well as my sons, not that what my sons are as precious," said the mother, her eyes glistening lovingly on Alfred.

OUR ARMIES WERE MORAL.

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Let it be, however, distinctly understood that in the field and in camp the Union army, which, as I have previously said, was eventually of valuation of property that may occur thereon; and for the purpose of transacting any other business that may come before the board; and all persons interested are requested to appear before said board at said time and date, and show cause, if any there be, why their assessments should not remain as placed upon the roll. Do not fail to examine your assessments, as the assessor has no power to correct any errors after the meeting of the board.

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