

A Fatal Mistake

IN view of the fact that there are but two living characters in this brief narrative, it will not be necessary to use names. One other character—a dead person—enters into the record, and she, too, may be without a name.

It was nearly two years after this woman's death that He and She, the living principals of this tale, were married. The dead woman had been his wife and she had known her for years—indeed, the two women had been schoolmates together, and after the first wife's death she was the first to tell him with consolation that brought a smile in that moment of heart-torn grief, when the future seemed to hold nothing for him. For a good many weeks the two were seen together occasionally. She felt that the death of her most intimate friend made it duty to show small attentions to her bereft husband, and once in a while the little deserted home was brightened by a bunch of flowers that came fresh from the hands of her distant garden back of the old-fashioned house, just a few rods down the lane.

All at once, at a moment when his friends were wondering that a husband's grief could be so deep and lasting, he began to go down the country way between the two houses and spend an hour on the broad porch that faced the garden of old-fashioned roses that were cared for through the week of the morning and evening by the quiet folk who had been so much to him in his time of grief. There was comfort here and remembrance, and sometimes remembrance is not so bitter when there is a faint gleam of hope with it.

That was what he thought as he grew fond of leaning back in the easy, split-bottom chair of that simple home one evening after another, until, at length, "the folks" began to go into the house earlier than they did at first, leaving him out there alone with her. Neither spoke of the dead woman for a good many weeks. Then, one night, after they had come back from a long stroll, when he had said one or two things that she seemed surprised to hear, she said just before the parting: "If you don't mind—tomorrow—we you and I—will go to the cemetery, you know, and put some flowers on—on her grave."

He gave a little start, bowed his head, and said nothing. She went on: "It has been a year—a year tomorrow, and I think—"

He put out his hand, and turned his head away. She stopped, and after an awkward hesitation, he said, in a broken way: "Yes, I had forgotten. We will go tomorrow."

That night, sitting with the dead woman's picture in front of him, he thought it all over. He thought of the thousand qualities of heart and mind that had made the wife of his youth the wife of his fancy—his very life and soul. He closed his eyes and felt her presence and heard her speech and, putting on his hand, here seemed to rest within his own the willing pain. For a long time—hours, perhaps—he sat there, and then, when he got up from his chair, he saw, by a strange chance, a picture of the other woman in another part of the room. As he looked, the dead face seemed to cry out to him. By degrees, he took out the two photographs, and, picking up the two photographs, he laid them side by side. Only for a moment he looked. Then, with an imprecation, he grasped the portrait of the living woman and tore it into bits that were flung into the black, unlined fireplace.

"She shall not go with me tomorrow!" he exclaimed, and the empty room echoed the words back to him so strangely that he started. "It is my grief—not hers—my remembrance—not hers," he cried, and again the walls repeated his words in a hoarse, ungodly fire.

"But the morning rarely keeps the pledges of the night. When he arose, after a brief, but refreshing, sleep, the sun filled the room. The first thought that caught his eye was the photograph of the dead woman, and then he remembered that he had laid it into the fireplace, and saw the bits of paper that were once her picture.

"I was foolish," he said, slowly and then, before dressing, he went over and placed up all of the bits, and sitting down, he did not move until they were together again—pasted on a sheet of cardboard. After the mullage was dry, he took the joined photograph and put it in the pocket of

GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

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one of his coats—next to his heart.

It was late that afternoon when he and she came back from the little country cemetery, walking slowly and in silence. They had found the grave of the wife and friend already marked by a beautiful but artificial could make it, for nature had not been neglectful, and it seemed that over this mound, of all others, her gifts were scattered with lavish hand. So the little bunches of plucked roses were put about the headstone, and these two went home—to her home.

"Won't you come in?" she said gently, as they reached the front of the house. The man stood in silence. The empty basket dropped to his feet, and he looked away from the woman who stood in front of him. Then, moved by impulse, he turned and grasped her hands in his, and held them, in spite of a struggle that followed a slight noise from within the house.

"I feel easier now," he said, "and I want you to forgive me. Some day I am coming here—six months from now, perhaps, and I'll try to be my wife—to take her place in my lonely heart. May I?"

She had been expecting such a question, but not in couple with such a confession. She was dazed by it all, and the only thing she could do was to follow him to the door, and as he pressed her for an answer, say yes, with her lips, while her heart said no.

"Bless you," the man murmured. "You have made me very happy. Goodbye."

It was a year and a week from this day that he and she stood before the minister of their church. It was called a good match in the town. They had known each other for such a long time that it did not seem possible that there could be a mistake. After the little dinner to a few friends, the two went away on a little journey to the city—as light of heart as if nothing had never met more than a school-boy sorrow.

The constable started to take him away, because the coroner had not come, but he had given to her clasped his hand, and the coroner, when he came, prepared a verdict in two cases instead of one.—St. Louis Republic.

DUNMORE DOINGS.

Shoe Store of Pasquale Demara Burglarized—An Unique Entertainment Planned.

The little boot and shoe repairing shop on Chestnut street, conducted by Pasquale Demara, presented a sorry sight yesterday morning when the proprietor opened the door preparatory to resuming work for the day.

Boxes and accumulations of several months were scattered promiscuously about the interior, but the repairing tools, several pairs of boots and shoes and some other job work could not be found. After diligent search the cobbler was obliged to lock up the shop and start cityward to endeavor to purchase tools. Who the party or parties who broke into the shop and abstracted the contents are there seems to be no knowledge of, but it is thought that the chicken roasting and other depredations on Bunker Hill and this theft can all be traced to the same source.

AN UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.

A most unique entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church Friday evening next in the church parlors.

The amusing caption, "The Reason Why," has been given to the evening's entertainment, which will consist of a skit in which a number of young ladies and gentlemen will be arranged in pairs on the platform and will endeavor to tell in poetic verse the reason why they are unmarried. Amusing climaxes will form an interesting part of the readings. After the entertainment refreshments will be served.

OTHER ITEMS.

The funeral of the little child of Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis, who died Saturday morning, occurred yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, services being held at the home on South Blakey street. Interment was made in the Forest Hill cemetery.

The contest for the bicycle, which has been attracting some attention, will be closed tonight. The affair was to have been closed Saturday evening, but was postponed owing to the absence of George Wenzel, of the South Side, one of the contestants.

The concert in the First Presbyterian church last evening was well attended and proved interesting and entertaining to the end.

A representative of the Smead & Willis Heating and Ventilating company arrived in town yesterday and will endeavor to adjust the difficulties arising from the bad ventilation in No. 4 school building.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Kelly, of Philadelphia, who has been the guest of Mr. William Crane, of Cherry street, for the past week, returned home yesterday.

Miss Clara Frisbey, of Mill street, is visiting acquaintances in South Conant.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, of Grove street, are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Letchworth and son, Bertie, are some from a week's stay at Dundaff with friends.

The Rev. James Hughes, late of South Africa, will deliver his lecture on "The British-Boer War" in South Africa on Thursday evening this week in the Baptist church, Dudley street, Dunmore, at 7:45 o'clock. Admission, 10 cents.

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CONVENTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

BEING HELD IN THE FIRST WELSH BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sessions Yesterday Morning, Afternoon and Evening—Addresses by Rev. D. D. Hopkins, of Scranton; John M. Evans, of North Scranton; Rev. J. E. Davis, of Plymouth; David J. Davis, West Scranton; Miss Margaret Vaughan, Ashland, and Miss Cora Roberts.

The semi-annual convention of the Young People's Union of the Northeastern Pennsylvania was held in the First Welsh Baptist church, South Main avenue, yesterday. Three sessions were held, the morning hours being devoted to the business of the convention. In the afternoon addresses were delivered by Rev. D. D. Hopkins, of Scranton; John M. Evans, of North Scranton, and Rev. J. E. Davis, of Plymouth. Last evening the programme was varied with music and addresses, the latter being delivered by David J. Davis, of West Scranton; Miss Margaret Vaughan, of Ashland, and Miss Cora Roberts, of North Scranton.

The morning session was opened at 10:30 o'clock with devotional exercises, led by the president, T. T. Edwards, of South Wilkes-Barre. Joseph Lloyd, of Wilkes-Barre, read the scripture lesson and John C. Richards, of Taylor, offered prayer. The committee on credentials, Rev. Jacob Davis, of Plymouth; John C. Richards, of Taylor, and David J. Davis, of Scranton, reported the following delegates present:

Lee Park—Harriet Morris, Junior; Edwardsdale—Isaac Doughton, Mrs. Daniel B. Thomas; Plymouth—Rev. J. Davis, Edith Jenkins, Junior, Mrs. J. Jones; North Scranton—Miss Given Jones, Warrior Run—Emma Hopkins, Ashland—Margaret Vaughan, Lansford—Rev. T. C. Richards, Taylor—Lucy Powell, Bessie Phillips, John C. Richards; Pittston—Mrs. Thomas Vaughn, Mrs. Thomas Williams, Alexandria Martin; Jonestown—Abel P. Parsons, Laura Bevan, Howell Jones, Wilkes-Barre—Rev. Hammond, Joseph Lloyd; South Wilkes-Barre—Kate Thomas, Annie Jones, Thomas Morgans, Jessie Thomas; Clyphant—Jennie Phillips, Phoebe Jane.

North Scranton—Cora Roberts, John J. Hughes, George Davis, Tyndal Reese, West Scranton—Sarah Meredith, Margaret Jones, Ruth Lewis, W. B. Morgan; Junior, Mary Stanford.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURES.

The report was accepted and the minutes of the last convention were approved as read. The committee on by-laws reported progress. A communication from State Secretary C. A. Walker, of Bellewood, relative to a tax on the membership was read, and laid on the table. A motion prevailed that the convention be adjourned until the next meeting of the National Union's Christian Culture course. A communication was read from Dr. E. E. Chivers, of Chicago, relative to the Christian Culture course, which was received and filed.

Another motion was passed that every society report at the annual convention in Edwardsdale in May next regarding the progress made in the Christian Culture course. Several bills were presented and ordered paid. The Union heartily endorsed the paper, "The Open Door," published by Dr. Williams, of Parsons, and voted to make it the official organ of the union, as a means of communication among the different societies of the union. The meeting was afterwards adjourned, and dinner was served in the church by the local society.

At 2 o'clock, the afternoon session began with a song service, led by Hugh Williams, of Scranton, and Mrs. Thomas Vaughn, of Pittston, conducted the devotional exercises. Rev. D. D. Hopkins, pastor of the church, welcomed the delegates in behalf of the Scranton societies, and the responses were made by Isaac Doughton, of Edwardsdale. The feature of the afternoon was an address on the "Consecration of Ability," by John M. Evans, of North Scranton. The address, in part, was as follows:

CREATURE OF GROWTH.

"Man is a creature of growth. Under favorable circumstances, he may grow and advance forever. As a creature of growth, his end is symmetry of being. To realize this, there must be a perfection of parts. These parts may be designated as the factors of man's ability. The truest consecration of this ability would consist of these factors. The best method then is the unfolding of one's self into these harmonious blending powers.

"To realize this perfection of parts, man must have the right ideals and be governed by healthy principles. The best supplement to any ideal is a true system of education. The truest consecration of ability is its perpetual increase for the highest aims in life. And further, it is the giving of the actual self to attain the ideal self. It is not sacrifice, but devotion, and the object then is better personalities in better society. The advance of society is the increasing liberty and power of the individual, and therefore a more varied and a higher life for all.

The closing feature of the afternoon was an address on the work of the national convention at Richmond. The delegates were entertained at supper in the church by the members of the Welsh Baptist society.

The evening session began at 7 o'clock with a song service and devotions, led by President Edwards, and the Junior society of the West Scranton church sang two selections. Miss Margaret Vaughn, of Ashland, gave an address on "Christian Stewardship." She spoke, in part, as follows:

"We are told there are a great many changes in the world of religious thought, but Jesus has not changed, and what we need is to keep closer to Him. We are all stewards, and God is our master. He has committed unto us His goods, and they should be used in His service. We are all held accountable for all He has given us, and some day we will be asked to give an account of our actions.

THE FAITHFUL STEWARD.

"The faithful steward of God is he who does his bidding in the right way, and uses his money, time and talents as the Master would have him. It is required of a steward that he be found faithful, and let us be faithful and use our talents as God would have us use them. There are many opportunities for doing good, and we all have a great account to render; let us serve God diligently, faithfully and zealously. Let

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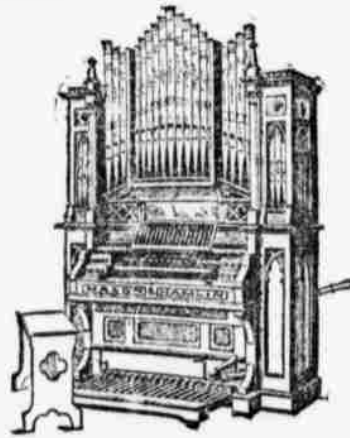
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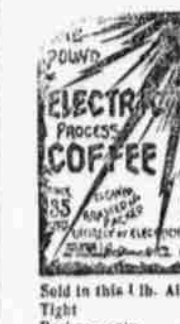
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selling the highest number of tickets at the annual excursion in proportion to the membership. The prize was accepted by David J. Davis, vice president of the Welsh Baptist society, who made a stirring patriotic address.

The banner is made of purple and white silk and on one side in gold letters is the inscription, "Prize Banner, B. Y. P. U. For Christ and the Church." On the reverse side is the motto of the union, "Loyalty to Christ."

The session was closed with a selection by the Juniors. Commencing at 10 o'clock this morning the Welsh Baptist association will convene and continue their sessions until tomorrow evening. The meetings today will be devoted to business proceedings, and this evening and tomorrow preaching services will be held.

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This means that for one fare plus one dollar the Lackawanna railroad will sell on November 21, 1899, from Mt. Morris, Ithaca, Oswego, Ulster, and all intermediate points, tickets to New York and return, permitting the holder to spend five full days in the metropolis.

This week of November 21 will be one of the gayest and most interesting of the entire winter. One of the great

est football games of the year, that between Columbia college and the Carlisle Indians, will be played at Manhattan Field on November 25. Columbia college recently defeated Yale on the gridiron. Its eleven is the only aggregation of football players outside of the "Big Four" that ever scored against Yale. The Carlisle Indians have defeated some of the best college football teams in the United States.

At the theater this week will be a particularly brilliant one. Among their attractions will be the following: May Irwin in "Sister Mary"; Julia Arthur in "More than Queen"; the Alice Nielson Opera company in "The Singing Girl"; Julia Mariow in "Barbara Freitche"; Virginia Harned in "The Song of the Sword"; John Drew in "The Tyranny of Tears"; Mrs. Plink in "Becky Sharp"; Richard Mansfield, William Gillette, the Kendals, Annie Russell, Anna Held, William H. Crane and others.

The city itself will be an attraction as it has already done its holiday dress. The tickets at one fare plus one dollar for the round trip will be sold on November 21, and must be used for the going journey at or before midnight of that date. They may be used for the return journey on any train leaving New York before midnight on November 26.