CONFUSION OF CASTE.

Or Gentility Vs. Nobility of Soul.

CHAPTER V.

One June evening Mrs. Markham was going to the village when a neighbor overtook her, and, as they walked on together, this woman—prompted perhaps really by kindness—fell to telling her what the village was saying of Mr. Trelawney and Letty.

"It's not that I believe anything myself, I'm sure, Mrs. Markham," she began mysteriously, "and as for knowing a bit about the matter—why, I know nothing; I've never been one of them as pry into other people's affairs, but I don't like to hear Letty's name lightly spoken of, nor yours either—that's the fact, and I shouldn't be a true friend to her or you if I didn't say so."

"And who is speaking Letty's name lightly?" exclaimed Mrs. Markham, flushing at this address, and perhaps suddenly, too, feeling a cruel presentiment of what was coming.

And then the other told her how all the place was talking of Mr. Trelawney's liking for Letty. "And, you see, Mrs. Markham," she said, "they blame you for it, for Letty's only a child, and she don't know what's right or wrong—and if a gentleman pays her attention, or likes to sit chatting with her, how is she to see any harm in it, or to help being pleased? But when people see you standing by, and looking on, and lending a hand in it all—"

"Well, when they see me doing that, mightn't they that know me trust me to take care of my own child?" interrupted Mrs. Markham, with her face in a flame, and her voice trembling with indignation. "Do you think I've lived thirteen years with Mr. Trelawney, and don't know what he is?—or that Letty's as safe with him as she'd be with her own father? It's only them that have got evil in their own hearts that would think evil either of her, poor lamb, or of him, or of me; and when they speak about us next in your company, Mrs. Saunders, you may tell them that I said so, and that I thank them; yes, tell them that I thank them," cried the angry woman, throbbing all over with contempt and indignation, "for their kind opinion of Letty and me."

She walked home in a tumult of bitter feeling. As she opened the gate, and crossed the garden towards the house, she saw Mr. Trelawney sitting under one of the trees talking to Letty, and with a quick, sore impulse she called to the girl to come in.

"You forget everything you have to do when you're amusing yourself, Letty," was what her aunt said, and she gave her a little push before her—not being really angry with her, but showing her perplexity by seeming to be angry.

"I shall have to send her away," she began to think to herself that night. "I can't be watching her always, and even if I were to watch her I can't watch him. I'd better try to get her away. Perhaps I needn't part with her for good, but if she was to go for a bit then he'd get out of the way of wanting her, and we could begin again fresh when she came back; and, please God, the talk would die out."

And then, sad at heart, and yet seeing no other way out of her difficulty, she set herself to think to what place Letty could be sent.

Letty had an aunt on her father's side, living in Yorkshire, a poor woman with a large family, who was little likely, indeed, to be willing to take her niece into her house for nothing, but who perhaps would be glad enough to take her, if Mrs. Markham paid for her board. Suppose she were to write to this woman, telling her some fraction of the truth, and get her to send an invitation to Letty to come for a few months and stay with her?

Mrs. Markham thought over this plan for a few hours, and the longer she thought of it the more feasible it seemed to her. The morning it had first come into her mind she secretly wrote her letter, and three or four days afterwards her heart came into her mouth as she took the answer to it from the postman's hand.

The reply came—as she had asked that it should come—addressed to Letty.

"Child," said Mrs. Markham, almost tremulously, "here's a letter for you."

"For me?" cried Letty in surprise, for Letty wrote and received few letters, and she opened it with a wondering face, and read it (it was not long); and then went suddenly into a little quick laugh.

"How funny!" she said. "It's from Aunt Eliza, up in Yorkshire, and she asks me to go and see them. What in the world could put it into her head that I should go all that way!"

"Why shouldn't you go?—if it was a right thing to do? You shouldn't be always thinking of what you'd like best yourself, Letty. You should consider other people. It's very nice of Mrs. Cooper to want to see you—and she's your aunt just as much as I am—and, if she asks you, I don't see how you can refuse to go to her, I'm sure."

The tears had started up to Letty's eyes, and Mrs. Markham had to turn her head away that she might not see them.

"We needn't settle the matter all at once, but I'm afraid you'll have to go, Letty," she said, after a moment or two, in a kinder tone, and then she went vigorously to work at something she was doing, and she set Letty some work to do too, and kept her steadily at it, contriving nearly all day to keep her in her sight, lest she should go and tell Mr. Trelawney about the scheme for sending her to Yorkshire, and get him to plead for her that she should not go.

It was one of the days on which she had lessons with Miss Watson, and, as soon as she should start in the evening for the school-house, it was Mrs. Markham's plan to go to the study and tell Mr. Trelawney of the arrangement she wished to make. She could discuss the matter with him then, safe from any interruption from Letty, and—as she hoped—overcome any objections to her plan that he might raise.

So, almost as soon as Letty's back was turned, she proceeded to do this; only, unfortunately for the complete success of her scheme, it had happened, as Letty was starting for the village, that at the garden gate she had met Mr. Trelawney and, before Mrs. Markham spoke to him, he had already been put by Letty in possession of the matter which the elder woman had meant to communicate to him herself.

It was unfortunate—but yet the fault had hardly been Letty's. She had met Mr. Trelawney as she was going out, and had only raised her eyes for a moment to him with a quick tremulous smile, not meaning to appeal to him, or to make any complaint, but only to give him that one smile, and pass on; but something wistful and sad in the poor little face had struck him, and instead of letting her pass he stopped her, and asked her if anything was wrong. And then it all came out. Oh, no—nothing was wrong; it was only that—that they wanted her to go to Yorkshire, and—she didn't want to go.

"Why, who wants you to go to Yorkshire?" he inquired, in surprise.

"My Aunt Cooper, sir," she said. "She has written to ask me."

"Well, write back to her, and say you can't be spared."

"But Aunt Markham wants it too, sir."

"Your Aunt Markham wants you to go away?"

"She says, sir, that I can't refuse."

"I don't see why you should not refuse, if you don't want to go, Letty. I'll speak to your aunt about it."

"Will you? Oh, thank you, sir!" she said, and the sad and anxious young face began in a moment to brighten with gratitude and hope. If he said he would take her part, need she have any more fear? She had started from the house with a heavy heart, but as she went on her way now her heart was light within her.

So it happened that when Mrs. Markham went into the study, prepared to tell her tale in such a way as she hoped would enlist Mr. Trelawney on her side, to her dismay it was he and not she who instantly broached the subject, and by his first words showed her that Letty's view of the matter, and not her own, was the one that he intended to take.

"Mrs. Markham, has anything gone wrong between you and Letty?"

"Gone wrong, sir?" she echoed, almost with a cry. "God bless you, no!"

"Then I cannot understand this sudden desire of yours to get rid of her."

"I don't desire to get rid of her, sir. Pray don't say such a thing. She's dearer to me than my own life. I only want her to go away for a little bit. Oh! sir,"—and all at once, to his amazement, she broke down, and the tears ran down her cheeks—"Oh! sir, don't oppose her going! It's for her good, or I wouldn't urge it. Do you think I'd want to send her away except for that?—when—when she's all I've got in the world!" cried the poor soul, and fairly began to sob.

Mr. Trelawney looked at her for a moment or two, and then he looked down upon his desk. After a little silence, he said gravely—

"Of course there is something in all this that I don't understand. I think, if you would speak openly to me, Mrs. Markham, it would be best. I am apparently vexing you very much by opposing this scheme of yours, but I can't help opposing it when I see how unwilling Letty is to go, and when I feel, too, how much both you and I would lose by parting with her. There is something in your mind that you have not told me yet, and if you want me to agree with you, or to help you, I think you must let me know what it is."

And then he turned his face to her again, and waited for her to speak.

She had said to herself beforehand that she would not tell him the truth, but now how could she keep the truth from him, when he declared that, unless he knew it, he would not help her to get Letty away? It was hard upon her to have to tell it: it seemed to her like setting her with her own lips to stain her child's name; and yet what else could she do?—how else could she make him agree that Letty should go? She went through a bitter struggle during those moments while Mr. Trelawney sat waiting for her to answer him; how bitter perhaps he guessed, when at last she began to speak.

"I had hoped not to have had to tell you anything, sir," she began by saying, speaking without looking at him, in a broken voice; "but since Letty's been with you before me, and you're resolved to take her part—well, I can't help it now. It's only this (it mayn't seem much, perhaps, to you, or the like of you, but, oh! sir, it's life or death to Letty!)—they're beginning to talk up in the village—about you and her."

"How can they be such fools?" he cried out indignantly, and the blood came to his face.

"Oh! sir, I know it's false. If it wasn't,"—and through her tears her eyes flashed fire for a moment—"do you think I would let her stay another hour under your roof? No, no, sir, I'm not blaming you, or thinking you in fault; it's myself to blame, who am an old woman, and should have known better; but I was pleased to see you like her, and I thought she was such a child—and I knew I could trust you, sir. I knew I could do it—yes, and I know it now—and, though my heart's sad and sore, I say still—God bless you, sir, for all your goodness to her, and God reward you—and He will!" she cried, and covered her face, and sobbed bitterly.

She had been standing since she entered the room, but suddenly now, in his pity for her, he rose from his own chair and made her take it.

"Mrs. Markham, I am the only one to blame. I am sorry with my whole heart," he said earnestly. "But yet, take my advice, and do not think of sending Letty away. That is the one thing you must not do. If you let their evil tongues frighten you into parting with her, her going will be taken as an admission that she has done wrong. No, no—whatever else we do, you must keep her with you. She must stay, and live the report down."

"She will never do that, sir, if she ever comes to hear of it at all," Mrs Markham answered sadly. "It's not with her as it might be with many. Give Letty a bad name, and you've dug her grave for her."

He made no answer, and they were both silent for a minute. Then at the end of that time—

"It will be better for me to go than for her," he said abruptly. "My going somewhere for change of air after my illness would seem perfectly natural. Mr. Gibson has spoken of it more than once. I might go to some seaside place for a month or so, and then abroad, and stay perhaps in Paris for the winter."

"Oh, sir, I couldn't expect you to do all that—just for Letty's sake."

"I would do more than that for Letty's sake. I may well do it when—

"Oh, aunt, has he spoken to you? How good he is! I think he is kinder than anybody else in all the world!" she cried.

"Yes, yes, he is very kind," replied Mrs. Markham a little stiffly. She put Letty back from her almost impatiently; she glanced uneasily at the open door; a curious feeling, half of anger against the girl, half of terror, came to her. "Of course he is always kind; but don't you talk in such a foolish way, Letty," she said sharply. "I don't know what Mr. Trelawney would think if he was to hear you." And she got up, and cut Letty's enthusiasm short with a feeling as if a knife had gone into her heart. For there was something in the girl's face, and in the passionate, unconscious joy of her voice, which awoke a fear in her that she did not know how to bear—a fear that started up like a spectre before her, and that she had not courage to face. "God forgive me for a blind fool!" she cried that night on her knees before she went to bed.

(To Be Continued.)

QUITE A MIX-UP.

A tramp, while loafing in the street the other day, saw a benevolent-looking cyclist riding towards him, and started to head him off. What then a dog on the same side of the street noticed a cat on the opposite side and made for it. The cyclist took no account of the dog. The result was that the dog went between the legs of the tramp, and rolled that individual over on his back. The cyclist struck dog and tramp, and took a header over them. He hit frantically at the dog, and part of the blow landed on the nose of the tramp, while the dog made an assault on the tramp, and, missing him, made life exciting for the cyclist. At last they untangled themselves, and the tramp and the cyclist hurled bad language at each other, while the dog stood and growled at both. Meanwhile the cat emerged from a grating, where she had taken refuge, and watched the three with evident interest as she calmly washed her paws!

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PAIR OF GUESSES.

"Do you love me still?" asked the wife.

"I do indeed," replied the husband.

Then she thought and he thought and she wondered if he meant it as she understood it and he wondered if she understood it as he meant it.

Visitors to Trinity College Chapel Dublin, of late, have noticed a regrettable falling off in the singing.

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Mrs. Homer—"Jane, open that window and let a little fresh air into the house." Jane—"It isn't fresh air at all at all, mem; it's the same air that's been about here all the morning."

MANY ADVANTAGES OVER OTHER LINES.

That the New York Central possesses great advantages over other lines cannot be gainsaid, and they are too numerous to enumerate, but a few of the principal features are: the great train service (twelve express trains each way between Buffalo and New York), four tracks and the Grand Central Station the only station in the city of New York.

This is the route of the famous Empire State Express.

The chess match which has been arranged between the British House of Commons and the Australian Parliament will be played on April 16th and 17th.

WHAT HE HAD TAKEN.

"I had an interesting time in the Soudan," said the man whose head was divided from the back of his neck by a thick fringe of hair.

"Were you with the army?" inquired a commercial traveller, who had tilted his chair against the dining-room table.

"Of course," replied the first speaker, spreading his feet apart and swaying backward and forward. "That's what made it exciting."

"I didn't see you mentioned in any of the reports," remarked the person who is always making an effort to humble somebody's pride.

"Oh! I've been mentioned in a lot of them," was the genial reply. "People who know anything about such matters admit that some of the best work of the campaign was done by me. One of the most successful things I did was to take two Emirs and seven Dervishes."

"All by yourself?"

"Certainly. I didn't have a bit of assistance. The next day I went out and took a lot of their spearmen."

"How many?" inquired the sceptic whose face showed traces of mingled surprise and suspicion.

"Oh! I didn't stop to count 'em."

"Didn't you get wounded?" asked the man who was leaning against the mantlepiece.

"Once or twice I got a little scratch, such as a man is always liable to when he is knocking about in that way. The next thing I did after I got through with the Fuzzy-Wuzzies was to take a lot of banners and flags belonging to the Dervishes, and I followed that up by taking one of their camps on the morning of the next day and a fort in the afternoon."

"Mister," said the disagreeable man, slowly and with indignation, "here in this place we see some of the finest specimens of almost anything you can call to mind, but I wish to state—and I fully realize the responsibility I assume—that you are telling the biggest lies ever concocted."

The good-natured raconteur looked very angry for a moment, but the expression of his face gradually mellowed into one of gentle reproach.

"I ain't doing anything of the kind," he made answer slowly; "I'm a photographer!"

He—"Do you dance on your toes Miss Pritt?" She—"Never, Mr. Muf other people do that for me." (And he didn't quite know what she meant until he tried to get another dance with her.)

WHAT HE ASKED FOR.

Mr. Johnsing—"Did you hear what Mistah Snowball asked for when he sent back his cup faw some moah tea?"

Mr. Washington—"No; whaffur?"

Mr. Johnsing—"He asked faw a cup of dat which inebriates but does not intoxicate."

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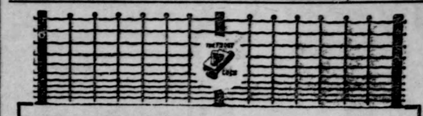

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SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the British America Assurance Company was held at its offices, Toronto, on Thursday, the 27th inst. The president, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, occupied the chair, and Mr. P. H. Sims, who was appointed to act as Secretary, read the following:

ANNUAL REPORT.

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting the Sixty-eighth Annual Report and Financial statements, duly vouched for by the Auditors of the Company.

There has been a moderate increase in the Premium Income in all branches, the Canadian Fire Business, particularly, showing a considerable increase over that of the previous year, this being mainly due to the advanced rates which have been obtained.

The balance of Revenue Account, $99,590.00, has been applied as follows:—$65,000.00 for two half-yearly dividends, the first at the rate of Seven Per Cent. and the second at the rate of Six Per Cent. per Annum, $4,045.26 written off office furniture and Securities, and the balance, $30,544.74, added to the Reserve Fund, which now stands at $612,001.96.

Although considerable progress has been made during the year in the direction of advancing rates throughout Canada and the United States the results of the business, owing to the increase in fire losses, have not proved satisfactory to Companies generally, and measures are now being taken for further advances which should bring about a material improvement in the condition of the fire insurance business on this continent.

GEO. A. COX, President.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total cash income	$2,040,197 10
Total expenditure, including appropriation for losses under adjustment	1,940,607 10
Dividends declared	$ 99,590 00 65,000 00
Total assets	$1,755,849 21
Cash capital	$1,000,000 00
Reserve fund	612,001 96
Security to policyholders	$1,612,001 96

The report, on motion of the President, seconded by the Vice President, was carried unanimously. In moving the adoption of the report the President said:—

The Revenue Account shows that, after deducting losses and expenses from the premiums for the year, there is a balance, or underwriting profit, of $58,795. This, with the earnings from interest and rents, $40,795, makes the total balance at the credit of Revenue Account $99,590. Compared with the preceding year the figures before you show again in premiums (after deducting reinsurances) of $127,159, and a reduction in losses of $16,124.

This increased income is derived mainly from the fire business, and as stated in the report, is due in great part to the better rates that have prevailed. In the Marine Branch there has been little changein the volume of business we have done, but we have had more income from this source represents less than one-fourth of the total premiums received, we are indebted to this Branch for nearly one-half the year's profits.

Taking into consideration the large amount of fire business transacted, the results of the year—although they show a marked improvement on those of the year 1900—cannot be regarded as affording an adequate margin of profit, but those of you who have noted the records from month to month of the serious fires in Canada and the United States, beginning with the conflagration in the business centre of Toronto in January last, must, I think, regard the accounts presented as more favorable than might have been anticipated. We can at least claim that they will bear comparison in their general results with those shown by other Companies operating in the same fields as ourselves, and this is perhaps the best test of the judgment exercised by the officers and agents of the Company in the conduction of its business. The problem as to what rates will be adequate to meet the losses of any one year is a difficult—I might say an impossible one—even for the most experienced underwriters to solve. They can only meet the changed conditions that confront them from time to time by readjusting their rates in accordance with the loss records which these changing conditions produce. The adverse experience of Companies engaged in the fire business on this continent for the past two years have shown the necessity of increases on many classes of risks, and we have benefited to a considerable extent from the advanced rates which prevailed during the year 1901, and the action of the action taken during the past ten days by all the leading Companies doing business in the United States to bring about a more radical advance than has hitherto been attempted I feel that we may safely anticipate that these improved conditions will have an even more marked effect upon the business of the present year.

In reviewing the business of the past year, as well as of the preceding eight years during which I have had the honor of occupying this chair, it is very gratifying to observe the progress which the Company has made in its fire business in Canada, as well as the profits which have accrued upon this notwithstanding the losses by the conflagrations of the past two years. A Company which has been doing business—as the British America has—for upwards of two-thirds of a century should, we have felt, occupy a prominent position in connection with the business of its home field, and while an income equal to that of some leading British offices which carry much larger amounts on individual risks, might not be looked for, it should command a liberal share of the business and be able to show results equal to, if not better than, the average results of its competitors. The progress which the British America has made in this direction under its present management is indicated by the following figures: In 1892 the total fire premiums of the Company in Canada were $173,951; in 1901 they amounted to $351,505. These figures represent the net premiums (after deducting reinsurances), so that during these nine years the income of the Company in this branch has increased upwards of 100 per cent., while the total increase of all Companies reporting to the department is about 40 per cent. It is still more gratifying to find from the annual returns of Companies doing business in Canada, published by the Dominion Government, that while for this same period the average loss ratio of all Companies reporting to the Canadian Insurance Department is 70.3 per cent., our ratio has been but 59 per cent. of the premiums received.

While this has been our experience at home, the progress we have made in other fields in the way of securing advantageous connections had been such as to warrant our looking for equally favorable results from our agencies outside the Dominion, particularly when we bear in mind the improved outlook to which I have referred in the United States, from which territory a large proportion of our income is derived. In conclusion, I desire to avail myself of the opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the work of the officers of the Company, both at its Head Office and at its Branch Offices, and our obligations to our General and Local Agents for their services in the Company's behalf, during the past year.

The following gentlemen were re-elected to serve as Directors during the ensuing year—Hon. Geo. A. Cox, J. J. Kenny, Augustus Myers, Thomas Long, John Hoskin, K. C., LL.D., Hon. S. C. Wood, Robert Jaffray, Lieut.-Col. H. M. Pellatt and E. W. Cox.

At a meeting of the board, held subsequently, the Hon. Geo. A. Cox was re-elected President and Mr. J. J. Kenny Vice-President.

Thomas Sheehy, a cottier on the property of General Dickson, near Glin, County Limerick, is 109 years of age and well.

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