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CHRISTIAN LOVE AND LOYALTY; OR, THE REBEL RECLAIMED.

A RETROSPECT. The earliest recollections of Grace Vernon were connected with the darkened sick-room in which her gentle mother had for many years nursed a suffering husband. Her first lesson, when she had been little more than an infant, had been to "sit quiet and make no noise," and Grace had early learned to amuse herself without giving trouble, or disturbing even by her soft prattle the stillness of the chamber of sickness. The innocent giee of childhood was hushed, the joyous laugh, the merry romp with little companionsthese had never been enjoyed by Grace Vernon. The child grew up like a pale flower that has been shut in from the light. She was thoughtful, quiet, grave, full of tender care for others, fearful of giving pain, and very sensitive to the lightest word of rebuke. The first pleasure which Grace could recall to her mind, was that of strewing crumbs for the sparrows which twittered about her window, and her earliest ambition had been to possess a red-breast of her own, which would feed from her lips, nestle in her bosom, and warble sweet songs from its perch on her shoulder. Such ambition could not be gratified, and little Grace had to content herself with sending whispered messages by the sparrows to children whom she could see at their romps in a neighboring play-ground which was overlooked by Mr. Vernon's lodging. Little did those merry children dream how their sports were watched by a pale young prisoner in the dull brick house whose blinds seemed to be always down, or what fanciful names were given to each of them by the child, who knew well which was the fleetest of foot-which was strongest of arm-which most ready to quarrel and which most willing to oblige. Sometimes a feeling of envy came over Grace as the glad voices rose from below. She wished-oh! how fervently she wished !- that God had given to her a sister, one who would have shared her little amusements, talked over her childish fan-oies, and returned her fond clinging love! But the possession of a sister seemed to be a good yet more unnattainable than that of the coveted redbreast: Grace locked up the wish in her heart, and only a quiet sigh sometimes told that it lived When Grace was about seven years old, her

the little girl became the all-in-all of her widowed mother. But with bereavement sharper poverty came, and Nina Vernon, almost before her first deep anguish could be softened by time, had to think of some way of earning a subsistence for herself and her orphan child. Being a woman of a cultivated mind, the lady found employment as a daily governess. But this engagement involved many hours of absence from her little daughter, and the life of Grace Vernon became even more lonely than before. It is true that she now found interest in books, and that Mrs. Vernon well knew that the plan laid out for the studies of her child would be scrupulously followed out in her absence, Grace timing her various occupations by the chime of a neighboring church clock; but still the widow felt with pain that the childhood of her solitary Grace was brightened by none of the pleasures natural to youth. When the wearied mother came home in the evening, the sight of her pale, pensive, joyless child, ever gentle and Black; 40 bbls. Whiting; 1 ton White Zinc Paint; 4 casks nacomplaining, sent a pang through her heart. Putty; 5 casks containing Raw and Burnt Amber, Raw and Burnt Senna, Vandyke Brown, English Vermillion; 1 It was for the sake of her daughter-it was to give to Grace the protection of a father, the blessing of a comfortable home, that Mrs. Vernon, after five years of widowhood, took the one foolish step of her life, and without sufficient knowledge of his character, became the wife of Jaspar Braburn. The world considered that the daily governess-the needy widow of a clerk-had inade a brilliant marriage; Jaspar was, it was said, of good family, and had inherited a fortune from his father-his appearance was attractive, his abilities brilliant—what more could be wished for in a husband? Had Nina Vernon taken counsel of God rather than that of the worldhad she asked for more wisdom from on high-she would have seen that all outward advantages weigh but as dust in the balance against the two essentials—good principles and good sense! It was not until the irrevocable vow was taken, that the painful suspicion was forced npon Nina that her husband was wanting in both.

A new sparkling fountain of joy was opened in the heart of Grace Vernon, when she first heard of the approaching event which would so alter her position in life. It was not so much because poverty was to be exchanged for comfort—a dull lodging in a town for a beautiful home in one of earth's loveliest isles—that the change was to her so full of promise; but because her long cherished desire was at length to be fulfilled, and the union which would give to her mother a protector, would give to her also a sister. Grace was never weary of hearing Mr. Braburn describe his only daughter, which he often did, coloring his picture with many a fanciful hue. It was a peculiarity of Jaspar's mind to magnify all that belonged to himself. Grace, accustomed to hear simple truth, was not prepared to make allowance either for parental partiality, or an exaggerated style of speech. Jaspar's glowing account of Liberia—her auburn ringlets—her sparkling eyes her talents her spirit her warm, overflowing affections, almost realized to Grace Vernon her idea of an angel upon earth. On a sandy foundation the poor girl built up her fabric of hopes! In all her day-dreams and the lonely child had been too much given to day-dreams-Liberia, the beautiful, the gifted, the good, then shone out as the central figure. Grace Vernon counted the days that must clapse before she could have the happiness of first beholding the sister whom her young warm heart was so well prepared to love. At length the long-expected day arrived, and

the carriage, containing the newly wedded pair, and Grace Vernon, drove up to "Braburn Castle"—such was the high-sounding title given by Jaspar to the home which his father had named "Summer Lodge." The first glimpse which Grace caught of Liberia, as she stood in the porch, gave a chill to the warm hopes of the expectant girl. Liberia appeared good-looking, indeed, and tall—rather formidably tall; but her rough hair blown back by the wind-her untidy dress-and above all, the expression of a face on which some curiosity might be seen—but nothing like kindness—made her so unlike the picture which fancy had drawn, that Grace could scarcely be-lieve that this was indeed the Liberia of her daydreams! Grace reproached herself for so hasty a judgment; but when, a few moments after, she par's daughter receive, with cold haughtiness, the proffered kiss of his bride, and then felt that Liberia's keen eyes were surveying herself from head to foot, with a scrutiny neither kind nor courteous, pleasant expectation was changed to undefined fear, and Grace shrank within herolf like a sensitive plant that is rudely touched

"Why, pape said that you were twelve years old. I should scarcely have taken you for eight," was Liberia's first remark to Grace as she led her into the dwelling. Grace glanced up timidly at her tall companion, and knew not what to reply. While Jaspar showed the castle to his bride, Liberia took Grace, who would far rather have

t beside her mother, into the pretty sitting-m which the young lady considered her own-re books, work, bits of ribbon, and sea-weed, agled with augar plums and shells, lay scatterpled with augar plums and shells, lay scatter-bout in utter disorder. Liberia did not ask the great to sit down, or to take off her bon-but watched her simid movements with cu-

tiny gave. At last Miss Braburn burst out laughing, and said, "You seem afraid to move or to speak, you poor frightened little creature! I think that your mother must have starved you, or kept you in terrible order! She'll not try that game upon me, or she'll get as good as she gives!"

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