Chapter IV. MIRIAM.

I reclosed the shutters, covered over the peaceful face, and left the room, no one knowing that I had visited it. Then I bent my steps to the parlour, where I expected to find mamma. She was sitting there, but not in her usual seat, not with her basket of work before her, busily plying needle and thread, or shears, but by the sofa, reading aloud to a little childish creature—a mere baby, I thought at first-who lay there very pale and still, -a little waxen image of the dead woman by whose side I had watched and prayed. It needed not that any one should tell me that this was the daughter of the poor lady who had perished in the wreck.

There was a quiet, fervent embrace between my mother and me, and then she gently put me away. I at once knew why: it was not kind or seemly that we should flourish our happiness before the motherless child, for whom such precious interchange of look, and clasp, and word, had passed away forever.

"Here is a little sister for you," said mamma, lifting the child into her lap. "Margaret, you have often wished for a sister, you know-a sister younger than yourself; and I told you I thought you would never have one. Now, you see, God has granted your desire. He has sent you little Miriam, and you will be very good to her, and love her dearly, I am certain.'

I looked at Miriam, and, meeting the soft, shy blue eyes which were lifted to mine timidly yet hopefully, I saw that she was no babe, but a child only three or four years younger than myself .--She had, indeed, just entered her eleventh year. At the same time, it occurred to me that this was not precisely the kind of sister I had desired. I had wished that mamma might have another baby, whom it would be my pride and pleasure to nurse, and tend, and teach, and love to adoration; and I could scarcely accept as a sister one who was no flesh and blood of mine-a real waif and stray, tossed up by the waves upon our shore. I am afraid my looks said as much; for the blue eyes drooped, and a deeper shade passed over the small pale face, while mamma smoothed tenderly the long, golden ringlets that hung like a vail about the tiny figure. I dare say I looked very awkward standing there, a great overgrown girl, with a strong inclination to bite her finger ends from sheer uncertainty as to the best way of disposing of them. I knew I felt awkward enough, contrasting my ungainly form, all legs and arms, and shoulders, poking themselves into positions achieved only by those luckless beings fast-growing girls and boys,—contrasting, I say, my own rebellious members with the elegant proportions of the little fairy queen, with my mother's arms around her, and thinking of my own dark, crisp curls, while I admired the soft, shining spirals of the golden-tressed maiden who had appeared thus suddenly among us. But it was necessary to say something, and I

did not wish to appear or even to be in my heart ungracious; I was quite ready to lecture myself for coldness and incipient jealousy; but then, if any one else should presume to lecture me on the same score, I was also quite ready to flash out in one of those tempers that made my mother sad, and brought a frown to my father's smooth, calm brow, and incited Susan to the declaration "that Miss Margaret was a limb." A limb or member of what body Susan never said; but I am afraid the epithet involved a very frightful connection and also a very mournful truth, since, if we are not truly members of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are united to another with whom the children of light can have no intercourse-even the Prince of Darkness himself. So I said "Who is Miriam, mamma ?"

"I can hardly tell you yet," was my mother's reply. "Her father was an officer, and died in the Mauritius several years ago; since then she has been living in France, and came to England in the Hirondelle that was wrecked last night upon the Serrars."

"When may I see Mamma?" said Miriam quietly. Her tone was steady, and though tears were in her eyes, they did not fall, but her whole frame was quivering with the effort she made to suppress emotion.

"Presently, dear-not yet," was mamma's answer; and I saw her arm pressed more closely

round the childish form.

Miriam suddenly slid down from her knees and stood before her, and in the same sad, gentle tone of self-repression continued: "I know. madame, that my dear mamma will never speak to me again. I know she is what people call dead, or she would have come to me, or sent for me, long ago. You have been afraid, dear, kind madame, to tell me; but I knew it all the time." How quaint and old fashioned she was in her

way of speaking, and her words were uttered slowly, and with great precision, as I found afterwards because she had spoken French so continually for three years as to give her own tongue the style and accent of an acquired language. Mamma had tried to speak to her in French, but Miriam's French was as strange to Mrs. Torrington as Cingalese or Sanscrit, while Miriam could only make out a word or two of the several carefullyprepared sentences which her new friend enunciated. It was decidedly better, therefore, to carry on the conversation in English.

" May I not go to mamma?" still pleaded the quiet, childish voice. "I will be so good-oh, so good! chere bonne madame. I will not cause you to be troubled in the least."

"My dear child," was the answer, "it is for yourself I am afraid,—you are still very weak and trembling; wait a little till I speak to the

At that moment papa entered the room, and, drawing me to his side, he took Miriam on his knee, and listened gravely to her request. He looked at her for several minutes, and held her tiny hand in his; then he said, "Maggie, I think it will be best for her to let her do as she wishes." Miriam looked her thanks, and then utged-" If I might only be permitted to go alone to my

"Dear child," replied my father, "I am afraid for you to be quite alone,—you do not know what you ask; I will take you with me, and I will stay at the other end of the room, and not disturb you."

Obediently she took papa's hand, and walked away with him, and, while she was absent from

away with him, and, while she was absent from the room, mamma told me all the particulars she had been able to glean from the child herself.—
"But I thought the vessel was an East Indianman?" I said, remembering what I had heard the crew of our boat saying the night before.

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