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(From the Christian World.) MARGARET TORRINGTON : OR, THE VOYAGE OF LIFE. By the Author of "Violet Vaughan," "Sir Julian's Wife," "St. Beetha's," &c.

He bringeth them unto their desired haven."-PBALM CVII. 30.

(Uontinued.)

AN OPPORTUNE MEETING. I looked up in wonder, as well I might.

"Why, continued Cecilia, " she was always routing about committees, and this society and that society. She cared a thousand times more about the unknown aborigines of the Hullabaloo Islands-about their souls, and about their bodies. -than about any wretched creature who might be perishing down there in Bristol streets. In order to secure Mrs. Churchman's sympathics, it was necessary to be black, or at least copper-coloured. She would have liked me a great deal better, and she would have laboured night and day for my conversion, if I had only been a dingy mulatto, hideously tattooed, and attired solely in a blanket I What she will do up there I cannot think ; for there can be no Ladies' Committees to be held, no official correspondence to carry on, no one to patronize ! You look shocked, Margaret.

"I am," I replied gravely ; "I cannot think such levity right, Cecilia."

I expected a haughty rejoinder, but she came flying up to me from the wardrobe where she was stowing away her bonnet, exclaiming, " Now, that is a darling to tell me of my faults ! to tell me, too, straight out, and not talk at me. 1 can bear anything but that ; it make me savage as a bearess, and irreligious as the cannibal Queen of the Hullabaloo Islands herself. But, Margaret, you are altered very very much-strangely alter-ed. Of course, you have grown up, and all that, but still, you are more changed than I should have expected.

"I am changed," I replied sadly. "I have had much to sober me, Cecilia ; there have been more thorns than roses in my path since we parted. Some of my trials you know; I am ashamed now to think how fully I wrote to you about them. I have had others since, and my future is very uncertain."

After supper, when we were again alone, she reverted to what I had said about my future, and besought me to tell her my plans and " all about it." But I felt instinctively that Cecilia Churchman would not be a safe or a discreet confidante. I told her only that I was very unhappy in my uncle's family ; that circumstances had shown me that the time was come for me to exert myself, to enter upon a life of work and honest independence: that I could scarcely say as yet what I proposed doing, but that I meant to labour with head and with hands for daily bread, and shelter, and decent raiment.

we were in bed, and I was hoping that she would fall asleep and leave me to pursue my own sad train of thought. " Tell me, Margaret, are you engaged ?" "I am not," I replied shortly.

"Bat there is something of the kind? I am sure of it. Tell me all about it, there's a darling. If I can do anything-"

But you cannot, thank you. And, please, Cecilia, do not let us talk on this subject ; there has been 'something' as you say, and my heart re-so sore that I wish it would break

and I cultivated together. I would fain have paid a visit to the Norths, but such an indulgence was manifestly impracticable, if I meant to get away by the evening train, and yet transact all the business that remained to me at Cotswoldbury .--Besides, I did not wish to implicate them in the matter of my flight ; if it came to good, all well, -if not, the blame and odium of my proceedings attached only to myself.

But there was one person whom it was necessary that I should speak with, - one person whose good offices I must claim, in order to ensure the slightest measure of success in the new adventurous path before me; and that person was my kind friend and music-master, Mr. Scott.

My packages being all ready, I drove away from Crofton Lawn, and, going straight to the train, bestowed my luggage in the cloak-room; and then I turned my steps in the direction of Lineover-terrace, where Mr. Scott lived, and where I hoped to find him at that hour of the day, -- for I knew his engagements and his habits pretty well. With some trepidation I rang the bell of No. 7. What if he were absent from home ! what if I had to go away without an interview! I could scarcely command breath to ask the servant who answered the door if Mr. Scott were at home, and disengaged.

"At home," she said, hesitatingly, "but engaged at present,"-it was the master's dinnerhours I told her I could wait, and sent in my name; and she showed me into the little drawingroom, which seemed, to be nearly filled up with a grand pianoforte, a couple of bass viols, a viooncello, a canterbury, several music-stands, heaps f music-books, and any quantity of loose music, which, for lack of better accommodation, was piled up in all the corners of the room. I had not ong to wait ; indeed, I had scarcely seated myself, and untied my bonnet that I might breathe more freely, when Mr. Scott came in, his dinnernapkin still in his hand, and his moustache bearing witness to the "engagement" in which I had disturbed him.

" Miss Torrington, have you dined ?" was the first question, when ordinary greetings were disposed of.

Dined, indeed ! I had tried to eat some breadand-butter at Crofton Lawn, in order to please Rebecca, who was aghast at the idea of my going away on a journey fasting,-and I had literally choked in the attempt.

" No. I should not dine till late," I answered hastily : " and I had just left the luncheon-tray. wanted to speak to Mr. Scott on very particular business, but I would rather wait till he had finished bis dinner."

"I have quite finished," he replied ; " but cannot I tempt you to take something ? A cutlet now, or a little bit of damson tart, with custard? Mrs. Scott will be honoured. Do, Miss Torington."

"No; I thank yon, Mr. Scott: I cannot eatam too much excited, too sorrowful."

" My dear young lady, I am very sorry. Can serve you in any way? If I can, pray command me."

" Do you say so sincerely, Mr. Scott ?"

" Of course I do. You are my favourite pupil, you know. I never had one who did me such decided credit ; I never had one who gave me so much satisfaction, so much unmingled pleasure. I may say Miss Augusta Crofton promises fairly, but she will never rival her cousin, I should imagine,-she will never have your voice."

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and end the weary pain. But I cannot speak. upon it."

" Poor Margaret," she said feelingly, passing her arm caressingly around my neck; "I ain so sorry for you, dear. I wish you could confide in me ; you cannot think how many love affairs I have helped in. And I have an affair of my own, too; and we are going to be married some day, when pape consents, or perhaps, if he is tire-some, without his consenting. He doesn't like my Eustace, because he plays at cards, and goes to theatres, and is dreadfully High-Church ; and yet Eastace says-"

But what Eustace said I was never privileged to learn ; for here Miss Churchman fell asleep.and I, notwithstanding my load of sorrow, followed her example speedily. And only last night I was sleeping, or, rather, waking, by my darling Gassie's side. It cost me no slight pang to part with her; only the great misery of leaving Gilbert without one adieu overpowered every other sense of wretchedness.

I consulted a Bradshaw while I was taking my breakfast, and found a train I thought would suit me ; and by eleven o'clock I had bidden Cecilia and her father farewell, and was on my way to Cotswoldbury. But before we parted Cecilia said to me-bluntly, of course-" Margaret, have you

plenty of money ?' I coloured, and replied that I had what was requisite for the present, and I meant to earn

"But suppose you can't earn more? suppose you can't find a place, or -- what is it -- a situation ? Here, now, let me lend you five younds ; I have lots of money-more than I know what to do with ; you can pay me back again, you know."

" No, thank you, dear : it is very, very kind of

you; but I must not begin life with a debt." "A debt! What nonsense! It is only a debt if you will make it so. Take it, Margaret, and keep it for ever,—that is, count it as your own. My prophetic soul tells me you will want it." "I would rather not, Cccilia ; but, believe me,

I feel your kindness quite as much as if I took.

She reasoned on, and coaxed and scolded, but I would not be persuaded ; and, finally, the train started, without her having, as I thought, carried her point. But the last thing she produced from her own reticule was a flask of sherry and a paper of sandwiches, as if I were going on a journey of two hundred miles there and then ; also a bag of biscuits, and a box of her favourite chocolate bon-bons, which a Bristol confectioner, she informed me, imported from Paris solely on her account. She chattered about the bonbons volubly, even when the train was moving, and I went on my way, thinking what a strange compound of real goodness and levity this girl was. I thought more, however, of her real goodness and kindness of heart when, that evening taking out my undimin-ished flask of sherry, I found tied round the neck of the bottle a little bag, containing the five soverigns I had refused.

urely, God was watching over me ; surely He had sent the Churchmans to cheer me on my way, and help me in my hour of loneliness and

ANOTHER " FRIEND IN NEED."

When I reached Cotswoldbury, and saw the dreary station, with which I was so familiar, and the well-known crescents and terraces of the Lansdowne and Montpelier quarters, I could hard-by believe but that I had dreamed a wretched, miserable dream, and should presently awake, and find myself at Mendip House, with Gussie by

commed real enough, however, when I Irofton Lawn, and was received by the ervante, who, with little idea of an in-rom Cleeve-super-Mare, were evidently

Was that veritable truth, or a compliment ?" " The simple, veritable truth, Miss Torrington. I only wish I were going to ' produce you ;' I should do so with unfeigned pride, and should be

certain of success." " Well, Mr. Scott, you cannot ' produce' mewhich, I suppose, means introduce me-because your work and your connection is altogether in this neighbourhood, and I am going to London. Let me be explicit. I am going to work for my living. Can I do it? Can I become a teacher of music ? and can I engage myself as a professional singer ?"

"You can teach music as well as I can myself; and I would give anything to have your gift of improvisation. You could scarcely engage yourself as a professional singer immediately, because a certain training would be required : to sing in a drawing-room and to sing in an orchestra or on the stage are different matters. Still, you would catch the aplomb and style very readily; you have a prima donna's voice, if you manage it discreetly. But, my dear young lady, have, you considered how painful it will be to one brought up as you have been ? have you counted the cost ? Above all, what will your relations say ?"

" I place entire confidence in you, Mr. Scott ; therefore I tell you at once what you will surely, hear from others presently. I have left my rela-tions. I have severed myself entirely from them. return no more to Crofton Lawn. When I leave your house, I take the next train to Lon-

Mr. Scott looked distressed, and uncertain what o say; but presently he asked earnestly :-- " Is this wise, Miss Torrington ? Had yon not better bear little harassments and slights ? Such a home as you have, or had, is of infinite importance to you at your age. There is a crook in every lot, you know, and every one has to bear the yoke some time or other ; better in youth, Miss Maigaret .- better in youth ! Forgive me for intruding my advice ; but I am old' enough to be your father, and I know the world and its dangers, and you are young, and inexperienced, and hasty in your judgments; I have noted it a score of times. would not have one of my girls go unbefriended and upprotected to London ; no, not if she were to come out as the star of the opera in three years' time ! Oh, my dear young lady, do consi-

"I have considered, Mr. Scott. Believe me, this resolve, though hastily carried out, is the result of long and grave reflection. I cannot tell you why it is so, but I can say sincerely that no petty annovances, no slight crosses, are driving me from my uncle's house. It is an absolute necessity that I go away, and that no one should know the place of my abode. I have done noth-ing wrong, I assure you, --- nothing that my fath-er's daughter need blash to own; and yet circumstances have arisen-oh, Mr. Scott, such circumstances! But I cannot explain. I go to escape doing a great wrong. I go as a duty,-a painful one, believe me. As you would wish your own daughter to find help in her extremity, should it ever arrive, help me now, and God will reward vou.

"My poor child," he said kindly, "you have suffered cruelly—I see it in your face. May I be pardoned if I ask whether this trouble has arisen in any way through your cousin, Mr. Tom ? Before you went away all Cotswoldbury said you were engaged to him ; indeed, Mrs. Crofton told me so herself, — not in so many words, indeed, but she said, speaking of Miss Gussie's lessons, — ' when Tom and Margaret are married, Mr. Scott.' I am afraid Mr. Tom is to blame."

"I never was engaged to Tom-not for one hour; I refused him emphatically the moment he proposed. There has been a scheme, a snare laid for me; but, thank God, I have escaped it." (To be Continued.)

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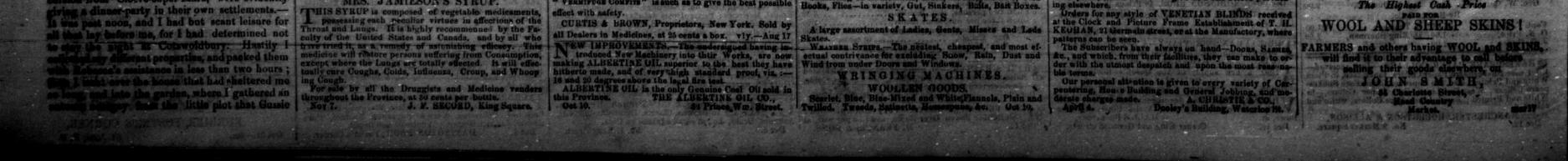
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