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### The Old Order Changes

By DAVID LYALL

(Continued)

There would be the light in her eyes he had seen there as her face rested on his breast.

A very complete and ardent lover was Geoffrey Manning already, although new to the role. His letter safely disposed of, he felt reluctant to return to the empty house, and it seemed natural to him to proceed onwards to the vicarage. The Disneys were his best friends in Mardocks undoubtedly, and they loved Mary. Therefore the news he had to impart would please them greatly.

As he neared the vicarage gate he heard yells proceeding from the garden, and quickening his step came upon a fight going on between Betty and Dumps.

They were thumping one another quite industriously, and apparently nobody from within was taking the smallest notice.

"Now then, now then, play fair! What's happened, and why, and shall I hold the gloves?"

"They stopped with one accord, not afraid at all, only rather shy of being seen.

"She called me a liar, and I'm not. I won't be called a liar, 'cos that's a wicked thing. Daddy says liars go to the lake of fire and brimstone. I won't go there though Betty says I shall."

Manning gathered up the wailing Dumps in his arms and held out a hand to unrepentant Betty.

"Well, he was a liar. He said you was goin' to be our new teacher, and hit us with a thing called a jam-bock, what you beat the black people out in Africa with."

"So that's my character and reputation, is it. What have I done to you, Dumps, eh?"

"I saw pictures of it in the children's newspaper, and it wasn't me said you was goin' to be the new teacher. Somebody else said it to mummy; I 'eard 'em," said Dumps, subdued and sobbing quietly.

"I've better news for you than that, Dumps. Your old teacher is coming back."

"No, she isn't," said Betty calmly. "Mummy says she's gone for ever 'n' ever."

"She's changed her mind, and is coming back to take pity on you and me, Betty, Betty," observed Manning quietly. "Is your mummy in the house?"

"No; gone with baby in the pram to see Mrs. Oliver's twins. Why don't we have twins at our house? I asked mummy and she said they was too expensive."

At that moment Disney, hearing the voices, thrust his head through the casement window of the study, and beholding Manning, made haste to join them.

"I'm sorry these quarrelsome rascals have got you, Major. I generally let them fight it out. Betty is becoming a regular Amazon, and is rather too many for Dumps sometimes. What happened?"

The tale of woe was once more related, Betty duly reprimanded and made to apologize and withdraw the appropos epithet, then Manning presented them each with a new penny, and sent them off to the sweet stuff shop.

Hand in hand, smiles chasing away gloom, they toddled off and Manning smiled, watching them disappear.

"If only that divine shortness of memory regarding slights, etcetera, could be carried into mature counsels, we might make an end of world strife."

Disney shook an unbelieving head. "Fighting always has been, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. I missed you out of church on Sunday, and hope you are well. What happened?"

"I was away for the week-end." "You surprise me; a hurried journey surely? You didn't say anything about it Friday night when we sat here till eleven-thirty."

"No; but it was in my mind all the while."

"Hope is out. Come in and have a smoke. We shall have a spell of unexampled quiet, thanks to your dose to the kids."

The bare little vicarage study had become quite a familiar place to Manning, and already he had several plans for metamorphosing it into greater comfort. But he had to go slowly with the Disneys. Disney himself had welcomed the information that his stipend would be immediately raised, because he knew that he was worth it, but personal gifts were another thing.

Like most of the well-born poor he had both pride and sensitiveness. He could go without, tighten the belt, wear shabby clothes; but take charity, No!

Manning observed him for it, but his own way somehow. They assented themselves in the shabby basket chairs on either side of the hearth. Disney put a fresh log on the fire, and both were well content. Manning's coming and his quality had descended like dew from heaven on the Disneys, transforming the intolerable into the tolerable, and, in a sense, making the desert blossom like the rose. Work became a joy because of one appreciative soul, and for the first time in his, Mardocks, incumbency, Disney had found a real comrade. Because of it he had withdrawn an application sent to the Bishop just before Manning's arrival, imploring him to find him another charge.

"I suppose you've no idea where I've been?" said Manning. Disney said he had not.

"Mrs. Manning left Mardocks today, didn't she? Hope said she saw the motor piled high with luggage, going west, presumably to Chalford Junction."

"Yes, she left on the one-forty. She was gone when I came in from Basingfold this evening. I had not seen her to-day at all, and she did not tell me she was leaving."

Disney did not ask a question, but he was intensely interested.

"Can't you guess what has happened?" repeated Manning.

"How can I, it is that you have disagreed over some of your plans. They would not, of course, appeal to your aunt, but you were prepared for that."

"She disapproved of nearly everything I have in my mind, but we did not disagree over them. The matter which she cannot overlook nor condone, is my forth-coming marriage. I have asked Miss Freeland to be my wife, and she has consented."

Disney bounded to his feet in the extremity of his surprise. Once or twice Hope had made a joke on the subject, saying what an ideal arrangement it would be from their point of view, and also insisting that they were made for one another. But Disney had not been able to see it. He considered the social gulf too wide.

"I congratulate you, Major, but, of course, I'm surprised—bowed over in fact. This has just happened?"

"On Sunday I followed her to Fley where, I dare say you know, she is in camp with her club girls. She has not written to Mrs. Disney, then?"

"No, no; not a line. Well, you do surprise me! That explains Mrs. Manning's hasty departure. She was very angry of course? She has never liked Miss Freeland, nor yet done her justice."

"I am aware of that. Yes, she is very much upset, and I expect has left Mardocks for good."

"But the Linacres are packing up. She will come back to Normanton, forgive my saying it, but it will be very difficult for Miss Freeland after she comes to Mardocks."

"It may be, but I think she will be equal to it. Anyway, we needn't meet troubles half-way. I'm sorry my aunt has taken it like that, but I don't understand the depth and virulence of her passion against Miss Freeland."

### MALPEQUE

Princetown United Church records another successful year in its history. At the annual meeting January 19 Mr. John Simpson was appointed Chairman and the Rev. Mr. Aitken led the devotional exercises. After the reading of the minutes by the secretary Mr. Thomas MacNutt, Mr. Howard Ramsay Financial Secretary reported as follows:—For Local Church 2171.26. For Missions \$1003.00 an increase of \$125.00 over last year. Mr. J. R. Lockerby, on behalf of the Managing board, reported as follows:—Receipts 2592.40—Expenditure 2590.97 Rev. Mr. Aitken presenting the Session gave the following statistics. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper had been three times observed. Sixteen new names had been added to the Communion roll and one marriage had been solemnized.

Reports from the Sabbath School. The Young Peoples Society and the Choir were submitted by Mr. James Donald, Misses Constance MacNutt and Hazel Ramsay respectively. During the year the Auxiliaries and Mission Eands of the congregation raised the total amount of \$507.61.

Mrs. John Simpson, on behalf of the Ladies Aid reported that the receipts during the year amounted \$677.53 a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Howard Ramsay and Miss Hazel Ramsay for the efficient manner in which the financial report of the church is kept; Thanks were also extended to the Managing board and the Ladies Aid, and that he was worth it, but personal gifts were another thing.

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of their son Earl, and all the other boys from this congregation who also gave their lives in the Great War, in the form of a bequest sufficient to completely remodel the gallery of this church into rooms especially fitted and furnished for young people's work and other church activities; and Whereas, the donors have given of their interest and services unstintingly that no detail that would add to its usefulness should be overlooked, and have now passed it over as a trust to the office-bearers of this church;

BE IT RESOLVED that we place on record our highest appreciation of the splendid Christian spirit that prompted this service, our deepest gratitude for so large a contribution to the efficiency of our church organization and life and our pledge to do our part that this sacred trust shall by us be used to the utmost of our ability, to accomplish the noble purpose for which it has been given, and to which it has been dedicated.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Lockerby.

On behalf of the Congregational Meeting.

John Simpson Chairman. Thomas McNutt Secretary.

In acknowledgment of the resolution Mr. Lockerby on behalf of Mrs. Lockerby and himself spoke very feelingly.

The grand total receipts for all purposes during the year amounted to 5,004.99—a most creditable showing and one that calls for gratitude on the part of every member and adherent of Princetown United. In addition to this when one considers the beneficent gift from Mr. and Mrs. Lockerby to our church and the improvements to the Manse including the installation of the water system, there is surely every reason for encouragement and the outcome is an incentive to meet the New Year with renewed energy and hopefulness.

The work of the Young Peoples Society—the training of the young life of our church along Spiritual, intellectual and moral lines—promises much for the future of our church and good results are anticipated during the present year under the leadership of Rev. E. Aitken.—M

The funeral of the late Mrs. R. T. Donald was held at the residence of her son Mr. James F. Donald at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, January 26, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by her pastor the Rev. E. M. Aitken who took as his text, "And the world passeth away and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" 1st John 2:17. The hymns, "Take Comfort Christians," "Nearer My God To Thee" and Abide with Me, were sung and the beautiful hymn "Some day we will understand" was sung by Mr. Roy Phillips, with Mrs. Chester Simpson as accompanist.

The flowers, which were beautiful, were tokens of love from the members of the family and of high regard from intimate friends. Pillow from the Family Sproy—Mr. and Mrs. Mark Calder and son Ralph, Wreath Mr. and Mrs. Morley Belle and Mr. and Mrs. Brewer Robinson.

Interment took place in Princetown Cemetery. The pall-bearers were as follows:—Messrs Herbert Donald, Edwin Donald, James Woodside, Robert Crafer, William Donald and Ralph Ramsay. Among those who were in attendance from Summerside and other parts may be mentioned the following:—Mrs. Percy Tanton, Messrs Morley Bell and Brewer Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davison Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davison, Mr. Henry Crozier, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Cousins.

The following delegation were in attendance at the Presbyterian, which convened in Charlottetown, on Wednesday and Thursday the 2th and 29th January:—Mrs. E. M. Aitken, Mrs. John Simpson, Mrs. James A. Campbell, Mrs. Herbert Donald.

On Tuesday Jan. 20 Rev. E. M. Aitken delivered a lecture in Princetown United Church on the life a travels of David Livingstone which was much appreciated by all present. He sketched the early life his story of the Livingstone family and emphasized what David Livingstone owed to the stock from which he came, his parents "poor and honest," beginning with his work in the cotton factory as a boy of ten he described the difficulties he encountered and obstacles he overcame until the day he graduated from the University with his face turned toward Africa.

The three journeys were described in detail the movements followed by means of a map. He portrayed the closing scene but for him ended the third journey the carrying of the body to the Coast. And the burial in Westminster Abbey, ending with the words carved on the plain stone slab that marks his resting place.

A vote of thanks was expressed by those present and conveyed by Mrs. John Simpson, the Ladies' Meeting and Mrs. F. J. Lockerby, in memory who expressed the wish that before

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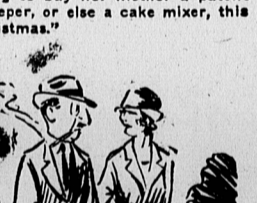


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Waiter: Oh, I see, it's just eccentricity.



"Ruth has a good heart." "Has she?" "Yes. If her new fall hat doesn't cost too much and her candy and matinee bills are not too big she's going to buy her mother a patent sweeper, or else a cake mixer, this Christmas."



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