

soul like a book, and on every page, and in every line he will find his own name. and i will tell him too that i have prayed to his good shepherd, and how much good it has done me, and that i will be a christian like his sister marthana and his mother. dorothea will be glad indeed when she hears it, and she at any rate cannot have thought that i was wicked, for she always loved me, and the children the children the bright crowd of merry faces came smiling in upon her fancy, and her thoughts passed insensibly into dreams; kindly sleep touched her heart with its gentle hand, and its breath swept every shadow of trouble from her soul. she slept, smiling and untroubled as a child whose eyes some guardian angel softly kisses, while her strange protector now turned the flickering wood on the damp hearth and with a reddening face blew up the dying charcoal fire, and again walked restlessly up and down, and paused each time he passed the entrance to the cave, to throw a longing glance at the light which shone out from sironas sleeping room. since the moment when he had flung polykarp to the ground, paulus had not succeeded in recovering his self command; not for a moment had he regretted the deed, for the reflection had never occurred to him, that a fall on the stony soil of the sacred mountain, which was as hard as iron, must hurt more than a fall on the sand of the arena. the impudent fellow, thought he, richly deserved what he got. who gave him a better right over sirona than he, paulus himself, had he who had saved her life, and had taken it upon himself to protect her her as marriages and deaths, certainly do call forth the sympathy of our neighbours in a wonderful way, miss joliffe said, with all the seriousness of an innocent belief in the general goodness of mankind. till anstice was engaged, i never knew, i am sure, how many friends i had in cullerne. she showed the presents to successive callers, who examined them with the more interest because they had already seen most of them in the shop windows of cullerne, and so were able to appreciate the exact monetary outlay with which their acquaintances thought it prudent to conciliate the fording interest. every form of useless ugliness was amply represented among them vulgarity masqueraded as taste, niggardliness figured as generosity and if miss joliffe was proud of them as she forwarded them from cullerne, anastasia was heartily ashamed of them when they reached her in london. we must let bygones be bygones, said mrs parkyn to her husband with truly christian forbearance, and if this young mans choice has not fallen exactly where we could have wished, we must remember, after all, that he is lord blandamer, and make the best of the lady for his sake. we must give her a present; in your position as rector you could not afford to be left out. everyone, i hear, is giving something. well, dont let it be anything extravagant, he said, laying down his paper, for his interest was aroused by any question of expense. a too costly gift would be quite out of place under the circumstances. it should be rather an expression of goodwill to lord blandamer than anything of much intrinsic value. of course, of course. you may trust me not to do anything foolish. i have my eye on just the thing. there is a beautiful set of four salt cellars with their spoons at lavericks, in a case lined with puffed satin. they only cost condescended to meet them and converse with them for about five minutes; and with that they were satisfied. other heads of departments civil and military behaved differently, and evidently felt a pleasure in having them with them. the commander of the troops suffered them to sit at the same table with himself and officers, and had the war dance performed in the mess room, which i thought would have brought the house down upon our heads. he likewise permitted them to fall into the ranks with the soldiers, which pleased them beyond everything, inasmuch as they considered it a higher honour in being permitted to stand by our warriors on the martial parade than to take food with our chiefs at their own table the attorney general of the colony took a particular interest in these savages, and gave a large party, to which they were invited. several of the visitors on this occasion came out of curiosity to see how these cannibals would conduct themselves, expecting, no doubt, to witness a display of disgusting gluttony; but in that they were disappointed, for never did any set of men behave with greater decorum than they did. on being apprised of this invitation, they were all most anxious to obtain european dresses, and when we refused to lend them ours, they requested of our servants the