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Mr. Moore: And that was a message to well, old age pensioners.

A circular letter was read from the National dance League, for the granting of pensions to people, the purport of the communications being that the league was anxious to see that the Government was not short of Guardians of the subject of private aid pensions to old people over 55 years of age.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the object of the league was to obtain a pension of £100 for life for all aged people, provided that they had been in receipt of £100 a year.

Mr. GUTHRIE considered the scheme, when he said to people over 55 years old, would not prove of advantage. He spoke in favour of a system of grants, which would be compensated for by a reduction in the rate of taxation for sick and old-age, and an abolition of poor rates.

The CHAIRMAN, whilst heartily endorsing the

The board was decided to leave the subject open for consideration at next meeting.

SEDGECROFT ARTS AND VICTORY HOME REPAIR COMMITTEE

The Chairman, Rev. P. J. H. Hobson, and Mrs. W. Gray and George Hobson were chosen to go on annual visit to Sedgemoor County Asylum.

The Chairman and Father P. C. Forti were selected to go to Wilton House, in Cornwall, where the Bishop of Exeter is carrying out his work.

THE WORKSHOPS DIST.

It was agreed to revise the dietary tables. Workshops, the matter being left in the hands of the Visiting Committee.

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announcement," said Mr. Quinn. DR. JOE B. ...
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Love her! he repeated. "If I had loved her, she might have been at this moment alive and happy!"

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"I do refuse!"
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 "I do refuse for the advantages I could give
 for her advantages home, raised

"I do refuse. I'd rather she'd die in a gutter
 and be buried to a throne by the hand that killed
 her mother! Go!"

The marquise saw that he might as well appeal to
 one as to this woman, and walked slowly to the
 door.

"Let me tell you, woman," he blustered, halting
 at the threshold, "that I will find her wherever she
 hides—~~and~~ when I find her she will belong to
 me!"

With a staccato smile, he crossed the threshold
 and returned to the stable yard.

"And that is Miss Green's father," ejaculated
 the housekeeper. "That is the man who killed
 my darling! May retribution come to him in
 the hour where he thinks his greatest triumph
 won!"

Did that wild prayer ascend to the throne of

CHAPTER XXXI.
A GHOST!

Lord Darkwood lingered in the stable yard to interrogate the ostlers concerning Miss Winter, disbelieving no source whence might come information upon the question he so much desired to solve. The stableman who had declared to Peter that Miss Winter could not come in beauly to coarse, red-checked, Mrs. made the same statement to the marquess; and, oddly enough, the latter received it as truthful and just, forgetting that a rude ostler's ideas of beauty may differ widely from those of the cultivated, refined, and intelligent.

"Not pretty, eh?" thought Lord Darkwood. "It would be very singular if she were. Ignorant of

He was about to resume his questionings, when a waggontee, drawn by a stout cow, drove into the yard, and Mr. Orkney, the land bailiff, alighted.

"Who is he?" asked the marquise.

"That's the land bailiff," replied the other. "He knows all about Miss Winter. Better speak to him, sir."

Lord Darkwood hastened to act upon this advice. He approached the bailiff, who paused, looking at him sternly.

"I beg pardon, sir," said the marquise, airily. "I am Captain Tollish, of the army. Have I the honour of addressing Mr.—ah—Mr. Orkney, the land bailiff of Squire Markham?"

"You have, sir," said the bailiff, somewhat stiffly.

"I have called here to obtain the address of Miss Winter."

"I cannot," said Mr. Orkney, who from dint of often hearing Owen's name at home from his wife and daughter, and set in approving terms, had grown fond of the young woman he was to marry. She should have been put in a foundling hospital in her infancy, or brought up as a servant. But she has high ideas of herself, has Miss Winter. Wherever she is, she'll soon find her level."

"Has she friends in London?"

"I believe not. Such as she do not have friends," said Mr. Orkney. "Her friends here are three or four Quakers, who brought her up, are attached to her, and glad to be relieved of her support."

"London is scarcely a safe refuge for a friendless girl," observed Lord Darkwood, thoughtfully.

"Have you any ideas what she may be doing in it?"

"No she," she has probably gone to the coast. The marquis started.

"You think so? She is not a favourite of yours, Mr. Ormsby?"

"No, sir. She is a Delilah—a Circe—a siren," cried Mr. Ormsby energetically. "She is lower than the lowest ruffian at Lonsomeor in social position and birth, but she contrives to bewitch men. I have a son now in London whose one thought is to fall in love. The Quilleux very properly refused him her address, but he is desperate, and he has been sending me letters, saying he was dying for her."

"What a wretched fellow," said Mr. Ormsby, shaking his head. "A sportsman, who spent a month or two in the shooting lodge with a party of friends. He has a regular mob. He meant her no good, my wife told me, and the Quilleux sent him away."

"The girl must be attractive."

"That's a matter of opinion," said Mr. Ormsby. "I have no objection to her, but she is a bad girl."

"How comes it that you are inquiring after her?"

"I have never seen her," replied his lordship.

"I am employed by a friend to search for a young woman who ran away from her home some several years ago. Hearing that a young woman had appeared in this vicinity at about that time, I came here to make inquiries."

"Miss Winter?" said the grave old gentleman.

"Miss Winter," but that tells me nothing."

"If I could see Miss Winter, I might trace in her features some resemblance that might put an end to my doubts and inquiries."

"Miss Winter undoubtedly resembles her mother in disposition, if not in features," declared the bailiff grimly. "I regret that I can render you no assistance whatever. If the Quillists will not tell you where the girl is, no one can."

He rose and moved on.

Lord Woodstock climbed into his carriage and

His investigations had wanted in the formation of certain fixed up ideas, the chief of which was that Gwen was awfully—and, likewise, ignorant and rude and unprincipled, yet somehow possessed a certain sort of attractiveness which had won her the admiration of the boys of the school.

Even the homeliest GUY had her Jack, he mused. "Meg under has her admirer, in that stable lot. So the girl has admirers. But it's clear that she's not a proper young person. She will drift into one way and die young if left to herself. I will leave her to herself but that I fear Pietro will get her. No, I must discover her first, and get beyond her reach. Being the girl she is, she'd make a splendid wife. I have not waked to the danger of a moment ago."

He returned through the falling snow over bare bleak roads to Peabody. Threading

Crown. It is a private parish theatre. Here we served with dinner. The day were away all enough, and he was promptly at the railway station the next day for the night express to depose the witness. He was not a witness who knew and as he paced the platform he congratulated himself upon the whole on the manner in which had conducted his investigations.

"Pietro learned no more than I did," he acquiesced. "I'll go back to Shropshire and watch his letters from his brother. I like the idea making Pietro the cat's paw to match my chess from the fire. If he should ever come here," and he heard that Captain Tollish had been here, he began to think that I was cleverer than he given me credit for."

He heaped softly in anticipation of Pietro's probable disclosures.

