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OBJECTIVES: To promote interest in the history of Kogarah Municipality and Australia in general.
To give support to the preservation of historic buildings and other objects considered to be of historic value.

MEMBERSHIP: Any enquiries regarding membership should be directed to the Hon. Secretary. Visitors are especially welcome.

Subscriptions - Ordinary Members: \$1.50 per annum.
Pensioners: \$1.00 " "
Students: \$1.00 " "

MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, commencing at 8 p.m., in the Exhibition Lounge, at the Civic Centre, Belgrave Street, Kogarah. (Take lift to second floor and turn to the right).

PARKING: Cars may be parked in the ground floor parking area, the entrance to which is in Wick's Lane, at the rear of the Civic Centre. Post Office Lane alongside the Civic Centre has one-way traffic and it is necessary to enter at Montgomery Street end. From that Lane you turn left into Wick's Lane and use the first entrance into the parking area. An alternative way is to enter Wick's Lane from Kensington Street. In such case, use the second entrance into parking area.

CARSS PARK MUSEUM: Open Sundays and Public Holidays from Noon to 5 p.m.
Admission 20c Adults, 10c Children. (Maximum 60c for one family).

DONATIONS FOR MUSEUM: Donations of items of historical interest suitable for inclusion in the Society's Museum will be gratefully received by the Museum Convener:

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OCTOBER MEETING. Our next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 10th October in the Exhibition Lounge on the second floor of the Civic Centre, Belgrave Street, Kogarah.

Members will be pleased to hear that our Speaker on this occasion will be Mr. Philip Geeves whose subject is "Marconi and Australia". Members who enjoyed Mr. Geeves talk about wine-making at our Beef & Burgundy Night (and his article about Thomas Saywell in this Newsletter) will look forward to this Address for Mr. Geeves is well versed in the early history of radio in Australia.

The ladies on Supper Roster are Mrs. Weatherall and Mrs. Schweikert.

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NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL SECRETARY. Tickets for our Christmas Hamper are now available for \$1.00 a book of ten tickets and we are hoping that every member will sell at least one book which may be obtained from the Secretary or Social Committee.

Our Christmas Night at Carss Cottage on 12th December will comprise a Bar-B-Q commencing at 6.30 p.m. Catering for an event like this one is a mighty job and it will really help us if you will kindly enter your name on our list at the October meeting. Please particularly note that we are unable to accept cancellations within three days of the 12th December and members will be expected to pay for food which has been ordered. I trust that all will agree that this rule is reasonable.

On November 16th we have twenty tickets for the Illawarra Guild Theatre Rockdale to see "Duet in Two Hands". Tickets are \$1.50 each. These shows are very well presented as I'm sure all who saw Barefoot in the Park will agree. It's not far to travel, so how about having a night out with us?

Sylvia Kelly
(Social Convener).

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MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT.

On Sunday, 1st September, after a pleasant sunny afternoon, and many visitors to Carss' Cottage, the weather changed suddenly and a heavy down-pour of rain set in, accompanied by a rather severe thunderstorm.

Soon after five o'clock, approximately one hundred and twenty people arrived at the cottage for the final inspection on a tour of early buildings in the St. George district.

The itinerary was arranged by the National Trust of Australia (N.S.W.) Junior Group and the organiser, Michael Davis, was assisted by Colleen McDwen, for The Kogarah Historical Society. A brochure produced for the tour provides much interesting information and detailed description of a number of historical buildings in our locality. We have a copy, if you would like to read it.

Many compliments were paid to our society, in regard to the Museum and Art Centre, and Carss' Cottage Jams were quite popular. We sold two dozen in about half an hour. In spite of the weather conditions everyone seemed to enjoy the visit.

Two days later, on Tuesday 3rd September, another special inspection took place by appointment. This visit was arranged for the Liverpool Catholic Ladies' Association. Mr. V. Smith and Mrs. M. Grieve were our voluntary attendants, and they reported keen interest, enthusiasm, and many questions regarding museum exhibits.

The latest additions to our collection are the following:-

A glass rolling pin, hollow, containing a sixpence dated 1906. This was donated by Mrs. G. Glover of Taren Point.

A Concert Programme (for Belgian Relief Fund) World War 1. A donation from Mrs. Mitchell of Arncliffe.

A War Loan Certificate, 1918 given by Mrs. Nethercote of Kogarah.

A Tailor's Iron, from excavations near the Old Tank Stream, Sydney. Donated by Mr. R. Singe of Oatley.

A Glass Beer Mug a gift from Mr. E. G. Upton of Kogarah.

A cane Clothes Basket donated by Mr. D. Taylor of Carlton.

A white enamel candle holder, found in excavation at slab hut site at Colyton, in August, cleaned and restored by Mr. J. Veness.

These articles add interest to our collection, and are acknowledged with many thanks.

A member of the Society, whom we would also like to thank, is Mrs. E. Hurst of Oatley, who kindly donated a framed painting of Carss' Cottage to the Society. This is Mrs. Hurst's own work and we appreciate her generosity. The painting has been hung in the cottage.

The committee members have made a few changes to displays in the museum and as very little is known about some pieces of china, glassware, silver, etc. we would like to hear from any member who has special knowledge, or particular interest in any of these categories and would like to assist the committee to acquire more information about such items donated to the museum collection.

We are still in need of a small chair, suitable for our old style kitchen display, also "goods" for our "General Store", and needlework or other items relating to women's crafts of the nineteenth century, for a special project, still at the planning stage.

The Museum Roster for October and November is as follows, and if date given is inconvenient, please 'phone 57-5940.

October	6th	.....	Mrs. G. Johns and Mrs. G. Taylor
"	7th	.....	Mr. and Mrs. J. Lean
"	13th	.....	Mrs. J. James and Miss C. McLean
"	20th	.....	Mr. and Mrs. R. Holmes
"	27th	.....	Mr. and Mrs. E. Schweikert
November	3rd	.....	Mr. and Mrs. J. Lean
"	10th	.....	Mrs. S. Kelly and Mr. N. Kelly
"	17th	.....	Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard
"	24th	.....	Mrs. D. Hatton and Mrs. M. Grieve

Any member who would like to be rostered for Museum duty, or would like to know more about it, please see me at the next meeting, or ring me (57-5940).

GWEN LEAN (Convener).

LIBRARY REPORT.

The following publications were received during August and September:-

- * "Birds" published by the Hamlyn Publishing Group Ltd., Feltham, England, 1965. This superbly illustrated book contains a collection of studies by well-known ornithologists covering topics of bird behaviour, migration, rare birds, the pleasures and problems of bird watching, birds in zoos and practical hints on keeping birds in the homes. This publication has been kindly donated by Miss A. J. Coxhead.
- * September Newsletter of the Hurstville Historical Society. This issue contains an outline of the life of Major Edmund Lockyer (1784-1860). Lockyer came to Australia in 1825 with a detachment of the 57th Regiment, and perhaps his best known exploit was his proclamation of the west part of Australia as a British colony. Major Lockyer did this on the orders of Governor Darling who feared the French might make moves to colonize the west coast.
- * September Newsletter of the Royal Australian Historical Society. "Bent Street, Sydney" is the topic of an article by Jean Arnot who recalls the street as she knew it during the period from the early 1920's to the 2nd World War. A talk presented by Niall Brennan on the A.B.C. entitled 'The How and Why of Local History' has been presented in the issue. Mr. Brennan discusses the desirability of employing a professional historian for the writing of local history. An article entitled 'The Universal Fluid' by R.A. Littlejohn relates the many uses of kerosene in bygone days. A few examples given by Mr. Littlejohn illustrate the utility of this fluid:-
 - in the laundry - to bleach cloth add $\frac{1}{2}$ a cup to the boiling soapsuds; use to remove iodine stains, grease and chewing gum from clothes.
 - in the house - mixed with hot water gives a lustre to porcelain, windows and glassware; add a little to duster to polish furniture.
 - for medicinal uses - use to cure chilblains; paint to relieve sore throats.
- * September Journal of The Royal Australian Historical Society. Articles presented -- "The Sheep of Norfolk Island" by J.C. Garran; "Shipbuilding in the Nineteenth Century N.S.W." by D. N. Jeans; "A Question of Conscience; Denominational Education in South-East N.S.W. 1865-1885" by Ian T. Matheson; "The Development of Boarding - Out Systems in Australia 1860-1910" by John Ramsland and "Mythology Vs Reality : The Success of Free Selection in N.S.W." by Clarence Karr. Of particular interest to our Society is a table presented by D.N.Jeans in "Shipbuilding in the Nineteenth Century N.S.W." -- it shows that tonnage produced by shipyards in the Georges River was 230 tons between 1865-9; 55 tons 1875-9 and 243 tons 1885-9.
- * Proceedings of the R.A.H.S. Conference with Affiliated Societies held in September 1973. The theme of the Conference was the roll and administration of local historical societies. Papers presented discussed problems which ranged from the attraction and holding of members; relationships with local bodies and finance handling. Mr. T.J. Barker, President of the Bathurst District Historical Society presented a "Report upon the needs, problems and capacities of Historical Societies in N.S.W."

based on information obtained from various societies. Some of the findings illuminated aspects of the local historical movement and are interesting to note.

A Membership tally shows that 82 societies have 8,576 members but 12 of these societies have 46% of this number. Thus a large proportion of societies have a very small membership.

With reference to Museums 54 were surveyed and together these expected a visitor attendance of 203,264 per annum. However, over half of this figure was concentrated on 6 of these 54 Museums. Over 19 Museums expected fewer than 1,000 visitors. The most successful Museum was Port Macquarie who gave an attendance figure of 31,000, but this number is only a conservative estimate for the society does not charge children when they are accompanied by their parents.

The lack of money came through in Mr. Barker's survey as the greatest problem facing historical societies.

Colleen McEwen.

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The Royal Australian Historical Society has been allocated funds by the Government of N.S.W. on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Cultural Grants for distribution amongst local Historical Societies. We have been fortunate to receive \$50.00 which is to be used to reprint the publications - "Kogarah School" by J.J. Fletcher -- Joseph Hector Carruthers and the Incorporation of Kogarah" by P. Orlovich and "The History of Carlton" by R. Rathbone.

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Mr. Philip Geeves, to whom we are also indebted in other ways, has kindly consented to our using this interesting article which he contributed to the September 1973 R.A.H.S. Newsletter.

THOMAS SAYWELL - PIONEER SUBURBAN DEVELOPER

by Philip Geeves.

The populous suburb of Brighton-le-Sands, fronting the western shoreline of Botany Bay, owes its existence, its ground plan and its name to a remarkable man about whom comparatively little has been written.

Thomas Saywell was born at Radford, Nottingham, on 20th February, 1837, the son of a lace-maker, George Saywell, and his wife, Eliza. About that time the industrial revolution was creating difficulties for Nottingham's lacemakers, so the Saywells and other local families moved across the Channel to France, to ply their manual skills without competition from mechanisation. Young Thomas Saywell attended an abbe's School at Lille and soon became fluently bilingual. But the revolution of 1848 and the abdication of Louis Phillipe persuaded the Saywells and other Protestants to quit their adopted country. Because employment opportunities in England appeared unpromising many lacemaking families, including the Saywells, determined to try their luck in New South Wales. Travelling as a group in the sailing ship Agincourt, they reached Sydney on 6th October, 1848 - probably the most specialised migration of artisans up to that time. Of the 264 immigrants aboard the Agincourt, about two-thirds gave their native place as Nottingham or Calais; the adult's trades were predominantly lacemakers, bobbin winders, lacedressers, lacemenders and frame workers.

Even as a mere youth Thomas Saywell demonstrated the business acumen that made him a colonial tycoon. He went to the goldfields but, instead of exhausting himself with hard physical labour, he operated a private lending library for literate miners, who paid him in gold. Saywell also noticed that the affluence of the Golden Fifties increased men's addiction to tobacco, so he opened a tobacconist's shop in Park Street, Sydney, and later established his own tobacco manufactory in Clarence Street. This business was floated into a £110,000 limited company in 1881. With keen promotional sense, Saywell popularised his tobacco products by enclosing numbered coupons offering blocks of the Murrivirie (Bondi) land subdivision as prizes.

Thomas Saywell pioneered the western coalfields, floating the Vale of Clwydd Coal Company in 1871, as well as owning the Zigzag Coal Company Lithgow, and the South Bulli mine. There, in 1887, he erected at a cost of £40,000 the Bellambi jetty, "one of the finest properties on the South Coast". He also founded the Eagle Brick Company and the Standard Brick Company, "two of the largest concerns in the Colony". While the output of these brickworks fed Sydney's suburban building boom another Saywell enterprise provided suburbia's roofing: Thomas Saywell gave financial backing to the clever engineer, Robert Le Neve Scrutton, and later bought out the firm of R. L. Scrutton, which dealt extensively in galvanised iron imported from England.

Yet despite his bouyant commercial success, Thomas Saywell remained a man of simple tastes. He disliked ostentation, shunned personal publicity and was never one to toss gratuitous scraps of information to journalists. These traits, however estimable, are rather frustrating to a biographer and probably explain why so little has been written about this colonial Croesus. Although not a religious man, Saywell believed that wealth created an obligation to help those less fortunate. "Think of others" was his constant advice to his children.

This sense of noblesse oblige was one factor in prompting Saywell's huge capital investment at Lady Robinson's Beach, which eventually grew into the suburb of Brighton-le-Sands. During the early 1880's, as the Government set about constructing a railway line to the South Coast - a line, incidentally, that was to carry countless tons of Saywell's coal to Sydney - he decided to create an English-style watering place on the sandy western littoral of Botany Bay, naming it New Brighton. It seemed an unpromising location, with just a few scattered farmlets and market gardens in the vicinity and accessible only on horseback. But Saywell had considered all those problems. He was not planning an exclusive retreat for the wealthy but, rather, an idyllic spot where men of modest means could bring their families for a day's excursion or a week's holiday, according to their purses.

Purchasing a hundred acres of the isolated Sandridge Park estate adjoining Lady Robinson's Beach, Saywell set his contractors to work on the nucleus of his vision - the New Brighton Hotel, with sixty well-furnished rooms and all manner of complementary facilities. A ballroom and skating rink were attached and the hotel boasted a hot water service and electric lighting years before most of its Sydney rivals. Even the public bar was "so situated that it cannot possibly be an annoyance to visitors staying at the Hotel". William Kenwood, Saywell's architect, thought of everything. Directly in front of the hotel were the baths, enclosing a sizeable area of the then unpolluted waters of Botany Bay. In accordance with Victorian moralism the baths were strictly segregated. The shielding on the ladies' section bore a notice that is still remembered in the district ... BLACKGUARDS PLEP IN - GENTLEMEN PASS ON. Altered beyond recognition by modern "styling", Saywell's New Brighton Hotel still stands at the corner of Grand Parade and Bay Street, dispensing fluid refreshment to wayfarers.

Immediately in rear of the hotel Saywell erected a hugh, ornate pavilion, reminiscent of the Prince Regent's Royal Pavilion at Brighton, Sussex. Nearby was a charming picnic ground, Shady Nook, where excursionists could enjoy al fresco means in a carnival atmosphere. To accommodate holidaying families, Thomas Saywell built and maintained a number of cottages near the beach. Sydney's cynics, the nineteenth century ancestors of our ubiquitous Australian Knockers, were sure that Saywell's entire investment would settle slowly into the sand, leaving him poor but wiser. Pressmen were more sapient: The Sydney Mail commented ... "through the energy and enterprise of Mr. Saywell, whose capital has been invested in the development of this hitherto neglected seaside resort, works are being carried out on a scale surpassing anything before attempted .. in the neighbourhood of Sydney".

With characteristic vision Saywell transported the public to and from Brighton by his private tramway, which connected with the newly-opened railway at Rockdale station. Saywell's Tramway Bill, assented to on 6th March, 1884, gave the entrepreneur of New Brighton a thirty year's franchise to operate the line. The rails, laid along Bay Street, required extensive excavation of the rocky outcrops which had contributed to Rockdale's name. Nevertheless, the track-laying was finished before the arrival of the locomotives which Saywell had ordered from England, so the tram service was inaugurated with a railway engine, No. 29 S class, hired from the Railway Department, together with two suburban carriages.

With this slender equipment Saywell launched his expensive venture at New Brighton. The first real test of his organisation came on the 9th November, 1885, the Prince of Wales's birthday, when... "the bulk of Sydney holiday folk travelled to Rockdale, this being no doubt due to the enterprise of Mr. Saywell in affording facilities for easy transport to Lady Robinson's Beach. But judging from the manner in which the new tramway was patronised, it is quite clear that the number of cars will have to be increased on special occasions and the trips will have to be more frequent".

As a model watering place materialised from the scrubby sand dunes, ss Saywell saw his dream become a reality. New Brighton quickly emerged as the most popular seaside resort about Sydney, winning devotees from longer established holiday centres. The newly-opened Illawarra railway benefited from the influx of bathers and picnickers, many of whom, attracted by the unspoiled charm of the thinly-populated St. George district, decided to make their homes within easy reach of Saywell's pleasant oasis.

The first lessee of the New Brighton baths was a celebrated swimming instructor, Danish-born Lieutenant Fritz von Hammer, who married Miss Mary McClymont, herself a swimming instructress. Notable athletes and swimmers trained at the baths, lending their charisma to the embryonic suburb on the shore of Botany Bay.

In 1893 Thomas Saywell visited the United States, taking in the Columbian International Exhibition at Chicago, where he won an award for "an excellent sample of semibituminous coal" from his Zigzag colliery. He returned to Australia with two ideas which further extended the attractions of New Brighton - an American system of electric traction to replace his steam tram, and a plan for a race-course which was built in rear of the hotel. The Brighton Racing Club held its inaugural meeting on 16th December, 1895.

Following a request from Rockdale Council, Lady Robinson's Beach became officially Brighton-le-Sands in February, 1903. It was a name of Saywell's own choosing and reflected his bilingual upbringing. Postal authorities accepted the name as it was unlikely to be confused with Brighton, Melbourne.

Thomas Saywell continued to reside at Brighton-le-Sands until a few years before his death. He lived simply in one of his own terrace houses. "The Dardle", on Grand Parade. He liked nothing

better than to walk along the beach and paddle. When family reasons persuaded him to move to Mosman, he sorely missed the happy informality of his beloved Brighton. He complained to his daughter, "nobody passes by at Mosman: there's no one to raise my hat to". Saywell died at his Mosman residence, "Nottingham", on 23 November, 1928, in his ninety-second year and was buried in the family vault at Waverley cemetery.

It is a curious fact that although lesser men are commemorated in the street names of Brighton-le-Sands, there is no such memorial to the creator of this suburb, Thomas Saywell.

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"THE ST. GEORGE CALL".

The present year, 1974, marks the Seventieth Anniversary of the appearance of Number 1, Volume 1 of The St. George Call on 9th January 1904. This newspaper, circulating in the St. George and Woronora Electorates, was, at first, published by David Christian and Robert R. Reid, whose address was the corner of Gray Street and Queens Avenue, Kogarah and whose Phoenix Printing works were on Railway Parade on the site later occupied by Moran and Cato.

Robert R. Reid originally came from Scotland to Kogarah about 1894. In 1899 he married Miss Isobella Christian, sister of David. David Christian was married to Miss Florence Stroud, daughter of the proprietor of Strouds Kogarah Hotel on Railway Parade. All were prominent workers in the Kogarah Presbyterian Church and Mrs. Florence Christian had the honour of setting the foundation stone of the main hall in which many of our Society's meetings were held.

In July 1904, the partnership between Christian and Reid was dissolved and Mr. Reid sailed for San Francisco. A business notice then intimated that the publishing business hitherto conducted by Christian & Reid will in future be controlled by David Christian, Robert Bruce and Clement J. Kelly (father of our late friend, Tom Kelly) under the firm name of David Christian & Company.

I wonder whether Mr. David Christian, the Editor, could have foreseen that "The Call" would exist seventy years later when in January 1904 he wrote:- "Friendly reader, your appreciation of our humble efforts to provide the district with a journal that may safely find a place in the home or the business establishment, will be by becoming a subscriber. In this hope The Call" presents itself -- its fate is in your hands".

David Christian, the son of a printer, was a perfectionist, and the general appearance of "The Call" was a great improvement on other papers of the period and its printing was of a high standard and compares favourably with present-day newspapers. What about its news? What did it cover? Well, perhaps this could best be indicated by mentioning the series of bold permanent headings under which the news was presented. Here are some of them:

Arncliffe Affairs	Peakhurst Proceedings	Progress Paragraphs
Bexley By-words	Mortdale Matters	Departmental Doings
Brighton Breezes	Sandringham Snapshots	Municipal Memoranda
Rockdale Reports	Sutherland Siftings	Sans Souci Summary
Kogarah Kernels	Church Chronicles	Bowling Bits
Hurstville Happenings	Current Cricket	Football Flashes
Cronulla Concerns	Fishing Facts	Garden Gleanings

Each week there was an article concerning some prominent person, with a portrait and the first of these related to Alderman J. H. Trewarthen, the then Mayor of Rockdale.

Each of eight pages was divided into four columns, usually comprising three of news and one of advertisements. Some advertisements are still of interest because the subjects they covered are now part of St. George's history. For example: The Blue Post Hotel (then forty years old); the Prince of Wales Hotel, Sandringham (fishing, boating, cricket, billiards, pavilion to seat 500); Trip to Kurnell by the S.S. Erina (leaves Sans Souci, Sandringham, Lady Robinson's Beach, Botany Pier); The Moorefield Hotel (open-air concert each Saturday night); Brighton Baths (open from daylight to 10 p.m.)

Then there were advertisements for items and events which hold our interest because they relate to a time so different from today. For example: W. Burgess, Kogarah Coach and Livery Stables. All kinds of vehicles for hire day or night. Mail coach leaves Kogarah Station every morning at 8.35 for Tom Ungly's Point and Sylvania. Shoeing and Blacksmithing done on premises. Montgomery Street, Kogarah. -- Tallis' Store and Recreation Ground, Salt Pan Creek, Peakhurst. Boats for hire from 3/- which includes bait and water. Parties met at Hurstville and Penshurst Stations by appointment.--- Grazing "The Meadows". The finest grazing paddocks within many miles of Sydney. Consisting of about 400 acres of indulating well-grassed lands, plenty of good water and shelter, securely fenced. Terms: horses 1/6d per week, Cows 1/-. W.P. Judd, Canary's Road, Hurstville. -- £1/-/- starts the foundation of a happy family. Why not please the wife and secure one of these magnificent blocks on the Dominey Estate, Bexley. £1/-/- deposit, balance 5/- monthly. -- Flower Seeds, 12 packets, distinct sorts, for 1/-, 100 packets, choicest sorts, for 7/6. -- For winter evenings. Ludo, Snakes and Ladders, Race Game, Draughts, 3d, 6d, 9d at Kogarah Newsagency. Quarterly number of Girls' Own Annual 1/6d. -- About 200 feet of 12 x 12 ironbark girders. -- To let "Iona" beautifully furnished home opposite Church of England, Kogarah. 8 rooms and kitchen. Electric and alarm bells. All mod. cons. Large brick coach house and stables. Rent 22/6d.

In subsequent issues of our Newsletter we will again mention "the Call" and no doubt quote from its many interesting items. But we cannot close without referring to the serial which appeared each week. It was called "Fair Lillias" and was by the author of "The Poor Girl". We had considered printing an instalment in each Newsletter, but then thought that if we did so, members might become so completely absorbed that they may neglect to read our historical items. So, for your enjoyment, we will print but one extract from Chapter 2, and can assure you that other portions are equally good. Here it is -

"She fastened her gaze upon the turf silvered with frost, and she moved her tiny foot to and fro.

"Do you not", she whispered, "think it discreet to wait - Providence?"

"Yes", he replied, while his teeth chattered, "but - it might never come off, you know, and --- and ---"

She laid her hand upon his shoulder, and brought her fascinatingly beautiful face nearer to his. She turned her weird-like eyes upon him, and said, very softly --

"But it might happen. Ravenscroft -- they might perish --" She checked herself. I mean, they might both die. Lillias is very delicate, and Arden would risk his life -- for a butterfly."

He set his teeth together, his nostrils were widely inflated, he breathed heavily, and felt cold and faint.

She laid both hands upon his shoulder, and rested her soft cheek upon her hands.

"You know", she continued, in a tone, and with a look that made his blood leap and bubble in his veins, "if these enormous estates, and all the great wealth of Sir Dudley Ellingham, become mine, I shall be my own mistress, Ravenscraft -- I can give my hand with my heart - I can reward faithful service and patient faith."

Cold drops of perspiration clustered thickly on his brow. He panted for breath. He was unable to articulate a word.

"What would you counsel?" she whispered, with a silvery hiss.

He bent his face down to hers, and forcing out his words into an undertone, he said -- "Helena, I would barter my soul to Satan for you; but - but - I cannot advise you now -- I cannot think. I will send Dr. Vargas to you.

"Who is Dr. Vargas?" she inquired, in seemingly innocent surprise.

"You may trust your heart's dearest secret with him, although the gibbet for you were to be the penalty of his treachery!" he replied, hoarsely. "You will find him at your elbow when no one else is near. He will convey my thoughts to you, and will tender his own counsel --"

A bell from one of the turrets of Rothbury Towers rang suddenly and sharply in the frosty air.

She started.

"The first dinner-bell!" she exclaimed, hastily; "I must hurry to my chamber to dress. Be careful that you are not seen, Ravenscraft. We shall meet again by some contrivance, I have no doubt. Farewell!"

"One kiss, Helena!"

She flung her arms about his neck, and imprinted a passionate kiss upon his cheek.

She broke from him, and darted away.

He gazed after her, and muttered, rapidly and excitedly --

"She is heiress to the whole place, only two lives after Sir Dudley intervening. She must be mine, and all the estates too. It is a dark and desperate scheme she hints at; but I am a hounded beggar, and it must be done. If I sell my soul to the devil for her, oh, but I will be lord of Rothbury Towers!"

He plunged into a thicker part of the wood by a narrow path, and disappeared.

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