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ire . So Miss Brooke presided in her uncle's
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                         elia, uneasily. "No, dear, no," said Dorothea, stroking her si
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                           r sandal-wood box which I am so fond of--plenty of the
                            is Puritanic toleration, hardly less trying to the
                                    it off. "It would be a little tight for yo
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                             truth--what a work
                                                                   to be in any way present at, to assist in, though only as a lamp-holder! This elevating thought lifted her above her annoyance at being twitted with her ignorance of polit
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e highest purposes of
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                                                                           ts. "But you are fond of riding, Miss Brooke,
                                                                                                                                                               ortunity of saving. "I should have thought you would enter a li
                                                                                                                           Sir James presently took an oppo
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                                                                                      lady. I saw you on Saturday cantering over the hill on a nag not worthy of you. My groom shall bring Corydon for you every day, if
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"No, that is too hard," s
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                            es, in a tone of r
                                                    eproach that showed strong inter
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                                                hing that would not please her sister, and blushing a
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                             ld say somet
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                                               ood reasons for choosing not to do what is very agreeable," said Dor
                                                                                                                                                            othea. Mr. Brooke was
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                             may be g
of it. "Exactly,"
                                                     s. "You give up from some high, generous motive." "No, indeed, not exactly.
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                                                        felt angry with the perverse Sir James. Why did he not pay attention to Celia, and leave
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r anger. At thi
                                       nt she
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by Mr. Brooke
                                                        n informing him that the Reformation either meant something or it did not, that he himself was a Protestant to the core, but th
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                                sight just manifested. "I know someth
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have documents at my
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paper is in A or Z." "I wi
ive." "No, no," said Mr.
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                                Brooke, shaking his head; "I cannot let young ladies meddle with my documents. Young ladies are too flighty." Dorothea felt hurt was all the darwing-room alone, Celia stadio- "How very ugly Mr. Casaubon is!" "Celia! He is on kably like the portrait of Locke. He has the same deep eye-sockets." "Had Locke those two white moles with hairs on them?" "Oh, I dare say! when people of a certain sort looked at him," said Dorothea, walking away a dmire a man with the complexion of a cochon de lait." "Dodo!" exclaimed Celia, looking after her in surprise. "I never heard you make such a com clearly forgetting herself, and Celia thought so. "I wonder you show temper, Dorothea." "It is so painful in you, Celia, that you will look at hum soul?" Celia was not without a touch of naive malice. "Yes, I believe he has," said Dorothea, with the full voice of decision. "Everything I se in him corresponds to his pamphled to be blocked."
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                                       lk to." Celia thought privately, "Dorothea quite despises Sir James Chettam; I believe she would not accept him." Celia felt that this was a
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                                      o would perhaps not make a husband happy who ha
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                                       id of treading, or sitting down, or even eating. W
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                                        him, and manners must be very marked inde
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                achment. He w
                                        as made of excellent human dough, and ha
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                                        at shall we do?" about this or that; who c
                could say, "Wh
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to whom he
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                oke, he had a vei
                                         y indefinite notion of what it consisted
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st Miss Bro
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                                                                                                                 of being masculine, -- as the smallest birch-tree is of a
                                          re is of it--has always the advantage
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               n's mind--what the
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                                            ted this estimate; but a kind Provid
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horse, Mi
              ss Brooke." said th
                                             e persevering admirer. "I assure y
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                                               man." "Excuse me; I have had very
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are such
               a perfect horsewo
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              pany her husband.
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e that you should think horsemanship
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d think it wrong for me." 'Oh, why?" said Sir James, i
sly into motives," he interposed, in his measured w
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                                             o the table, teacup in hand, and was listenin
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Casaubon
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                                        aintanceship? "Certainly," said good Sir James. "Miss Br
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                                        r. Casaubon expressed himself nearly a
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                              complete knowledge with devoted piety; h
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                            ed than the learning, for when Doroth
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                            e seen at Tipton, especially on the
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                            ages, she found in Mr. Casaubon a I
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                           to herself, "or rather, he thinks a whol
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                          erience--what a lake compared with my lit
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                          young ladies of her age. Signs are small m easurable things, but interpretati
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                        e of knowledge. They are not always too gros
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                       ption, and wrong reasoning sometimes lands
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                       ceeding by loops and zigzags, we now and the st, it is not therefore clear that Mr. Casaubon w
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now entered Dorothea's mind that Mr. Casaubon might wish to make her his wife, a nd the idea that he would do so touched her with a sort of reverential gratitude. How good of him--nay, it would be almost as if a winged messenger had suddenly stood beside her path and held out his hand towards her! For a long while she had been oppressed by the indefiniteness which hung in her mind, like a thick summer haze, over all her desire to make her life greatly effective. What could she do, what ought she to do?--she, hardly more than a budding woman, but yet with an active conscience and a great mental nee do, what ought she to do?--she, hardly more than a budding woman, but yet with an active conscience and a great mental nee and one that a christian young lady of fortune should find her ideal of life in village charities, patronage of the humbler clergy, the perusal of "Female Scripture Characters," unfolding the private experience of Sara under the Old Dispensation, and Dorcas under the New, and the care of her soul over her embroidery in her own boudoir--with a background of prospective marriage to a man who, if less strict than herself, as being involved

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have a figure which would sustain the disadvantages of the shortwaisted swallow-tail, and everybody felt it not only natural but necessary to the perfection of womanhood, that a sweet girl should be shortwaisted swallow-tail.

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is exceptional ability, and above all, his perfect sincerity. But perhaps no persons then living--certainly none in the neighborhood of Tipton--would have had a sympathetic understanding for the dreams of a girl whose notions a

enthusiasm about the ends of life, an enthusiasm which was lit chiefly by its own fire, and included neither the niceties of the trousseau, the pattern of plate, nor even the honors and sweet joys of the blooming matron. It had