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PERSONS OF THE STORY.

IDAH MOORTON.

OSWALD MOORTON.

HELEN } *their Daughter and Son.*  
GEOFFREY }

FRED THORNBY, *Geoffrey's Friend.*

SCENE—*Waldcombe, in Devonshire.*

## INTRODUCTION.



## THE INTRODUCTION.

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HELEN AND GEOFFREY MOORTON lived at Waldcombe, in Devonshire. Fred Thornby was Geoffrey's school-fellow, and twenty years afterwards he remembered, as it were yesterday, going there to spend the summer holidays. What a drive was that from the station! All sunshine within, and sunshine without—flooding down and woodland! The Ten Thousand could not have had intenser feelings than those two, when at the down's crest, the sea opened before them. The sea is now as blue, the sunshine as rich and glorious, yet to him how changed!

These things moved him, but when from out the old house ran the fair white Helen, all his boy's heart was instantly and silently given to one who seemed to him, with his shy unready ways, and who really was, the frank expression of all that was sweetest and brightest in life.

They were the happiest trio on the face of the earth those six bright weeks as they romped in the hayfields, rowed, sailed, or bathed.

When next Fred visited Waldcombe, a shadow had passed over their life. Their parents had died. Geoffrey had been to Oxford, but left there without taking his degree, not caring to leave his sister alone. He had not seen Fred for some time.

The rental of old Mr. Thornby's land, in an unfrequented part of Kent, was not sufficient to enable him to send his son to the University. Fred, therefore,