

Appendix

SYNOPSIS

Adam Bede, an energetic young carpenter, had risen through his own efforts to become of Jonathan Burge's lumberyard, in the village of Hayslope, country of loamshire. There was a talk of his marrying his employer's daughter, but he was in love with Hetty Sorrel, the beautiful but shallow niece of Martin Poyser, tenant farmer at the Hall Farm. His brother Seth hopelessly Dinah Morris, a selfless Methodist minister from the neighbouring country of Stonyshire, who spread the gospel to the villagers during a visit to her aunt and who spoke kindly and wisely to Hetty. But Hetty Sorrel thought only of the charming, popular Arthur Donnithorne, captain in the Poyser leased their land. Ignorant of Adam's interest in Hetty, Arthur was drawn to her and he gives way to his feelings, became increasingly embroiled meeting Hetty frequently in secret in the woods of Donnithorne Chase. Believing that Arthur would marry her and made her into a fine lady, Hetty succumbed to him utterly.

At one of their meeting they were surprised in an

embrace by Adam Bede, who fight with Arthur Donnithorne and knocked him out. In the conversation which took place when he revives, Arthur misleads Adam Bede about how far matters had gone. describing his relation with Hetty as a 'flirtation'.

Adam Bede reproaches Arthur Donnithorne for leading her on, and makes promise to write a letter breaking his ties with her. Arthur Donnithorne writes the letter, which is delivered by Adam Bede. Arthur having left to join his regiment in Windsor. Hetty Sorrel is very sad at the end of her day-dreaming, but ultimately she falls back on Adam Bede, and accepts his proposal of marriage. As the wedding day approaches, however, Hetty realises her condition, and, after first contemplating suicide, she sets off for Windsor to find Arthur Donnithorne.

The folk at the Hall Farm had been told that she was going to visit Dinah Morris in Snowfield, so at first they were not disturbed by her absence. Arriving at Windsor, Hetty found that Arthur had gone with his regiment to Ireland. She turn back, attempting to go to Dinah, but on the way her child was born in a house where she has been given lodging. Adam Bede, was now concerned that Hetty had been so long away, went to Snowfield and learned that she had never visited Dinah. After trying to find her whereabouts he returned to the

Poysers. Visiting thr reverend Mr. Irwine, the local clergyman, he learned that Hetty was in Stoniton prison, being charged with child murder. He stood by her in the trial, but the evidence was very damaging, and her case has not helped by her sullen refusal speak. She was sentenced to death by hanging.

Dinah Morris visited her in prison, and her influence brought Hetty Sorrel out of her isolation to confession and religious solace. As she was led to the place execution, Arthur, who has returned from Ireland on his grandfather's death and he learned of her situation, leaving Hayslope for another district, but through a remorse Arthur was persuaded to stay. Arthur Donni-thorne exiled himself on the Continent in an army career. Adam gradually recognised a love through Dinah, and though she returned his feelings, she had to first come to terms with abandoning her vocation as minister-before she finally accepted his proposal and they got married.