

Mr. Brown, Mr. Oswald, & her children? The will had settled it  
in a way to give little satisfaction, & much trouble. Mr. Brown  
(besides £15,000) has it for life - then Raymond for life - a  
much older man & in feeble health, & fear his disappoint-  
ment, which he will hear today - will be very sad - the affair  
has just been reversed - poor Mr. R. might have had it for  
his few years - & then Mr. B. if it had not been better, as it  
would, by far, to have given him more money, but not the es-  
tate. Mr. B. by his faithful attention to their interests, & in  
consideration of a good deal of strict keeping & short allowance  
in former days, might well have had a very handsome share -  
but not quite so well in this annoying form. - After these  
2 lives come Mr. R.'s married daughter's life, & then her child-  
ren - the first male heirs in the right line (after R. himself.)  
But then, poor Mr. Oswald, the most devoted of nurses - & the  
only person for whom Mr. N. P. had expressed the most concen-  
trated affection - gets ~~nothing~~ little or nothing besides clothes &  
jewelry - & her 3 children have £10,000 in trust among  
them, divisible & manageable as the Trustees see fit - this  
seems a very poor recompense for the devotion of great part  
of a life - but then in all probability the Testator thought  
Mr. B. would always keep a home for his sister - for she (Mr. N.  
P.) was fully persuaded - in her simplicity - that he would  
never marry - & now the truth - so long suspected by the  
whole neighbourhood - is officially proclaimed by himself - that he  
is married - & has no doubt long been so, <sup>(no children)</sup> - no reason to suppose  
anything very creditable, as it had been a secret - & now the  
O party - mother & children, are solely disappointed. I have  
made so much longer a story than I had any idea of that I must