

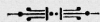
"To see Miss Bruce ride up to the Hall . . . was bliss
to Pearl." (Page 249.)

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CHAPTER I.

THE Bruces were an old North Country family, who for many generations had been prosperous and highly respected—one of those families with whom everything goes well, year after year. The whole parish of Rescar belonged to them, and desolate as was the wild stretch of moorland and cliff beside the sullen tumbling waters of the Northern Sea, it was very dear to its owners, who, though they had another property in Yorkshire, always chose to live in the ancient manor-house, built on a kind of plateau, levelled no doubt for the purpose, with low cliffs rising slightly on either side, and running out right and left into a point of rugged land, far enough to break the