

## **An introduction into prose**

### **Anna of The Five Towns**

The last point in our previous lecture was that Tellwright gave Anna a letter in order to deliver it to Henry Mynors and the letter contains that they accepted to be his partner. But Anna took the letter to the church and she met Henry Mynors there but she did not give him that letter, maybe she forgot and maybe not because she did not care about this matter and this man, and also she was very shy and maybe this was the reason.

When she returned to her house, her father asked her about the letter saying " have you give the letter to Henry"? She said " no, I forgot". So her father became angry and went out.

After that, Henry came to visit Tellwright and to know what happened with the matter saying to him " would you want to be my partner"? Tellwright said to him" I gave a letter to my daughter, Anna, for you but she forgot to give you this letter". Henry took the letter, read it, and know that they accept to be his partner.

*On the next day, Henry asked Anna to go with him to the company in order to recognize the work because she would be his partner.*

He told her that they may go at any time she want, but she refused to go because she did not care with this matter.

Also she does not love Henry and she noticed that he loves her whereas she loves Willie; Titus Price's son who is the shy and poor man. Anna sympathizes with Willie because she knows the problem with his father; that he has no money to pay the rent. So, she was unable to express her love to him. On the

other hand, Willie was also unable to express his love to her for the same reason.

Now, the door is knocked, Agnes opened it, and the visitor was Willie. This was the first time in which Anna saw Willie who was wet because it was raining outside. He entered the house and apologized from Anna that they had no money to pay the rent. We know that this was the second time in which Price family apologized to Tellwright family . Titus Price apologized to Anna and gave her only ten pounds. But Tellwright sent a letter to Titus Price saying to him " if you do not pay the rent, I will take you to the prison". This is a kind of threat.

So, Willie came to apologize to Anna for the second time saying that they had no money to pay the rent and if they had money, they would pay it. But Anna had no control on her money and Willie knew that she was the owner of all these

properties but she had no control on them. So, he asked her to ask her father to accept his excuse. Anna answered him by saying " I am in the hand of my father". This means that even Anna herself was under the control of her father.

But Tellwright insisted on taking the rent because he worshiped money. He said to Willie " **time is money and if I give you time, it means that I give you money**".

## Comments :

### P.41:

" 'Didst get anything out o' Price?' Tellwright asked.

'Yes; he gave me ten pounds. He wants you to go and look over the works- says they're falling to pieces.'

'Cheque, I reckon?'

She corrected the surmise.



'Better give me them notes, Anna,' he said after tea. ' I'm going to th' Bank i' th' morning, and I'll pay ' em in to your account.

There was no reason why she should not have suggested the propriety of keeping at least one of the notes for her private use. But she dared not."

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Tellwright and the listener is Anna. The occasion is the return of Anna from the meeting of Mr. Lovatt in the bank. Tellwright asked her if she brought the rent from Titus Price. She told her father that he gave her only ten pounds. He got angry and took the money which she brought from Titus Price in order to put them in her account in the bank. The main idea is money and paternal authority.

**P.46:**

**" 'Why has Mr. Mynors come, Anna?'**

**' How should I know? Some business between him and Father, I expect.' "**

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Agnes and the listener is Anna. The occasion is the visit of Mr. Henry to their house because he needs someone to be his partner in his company and he wants Tellwright to be this partner. After they have the dinner, Tellwright asks his daughters to go out and shut the door in order to be alone with Mr. Henry. Agnes wonders about the reason that makes her father be alone with Henry. Anna said that maybe there is a kind of business between them. The main idea is money and paternal authority.

**P.50: Important**

**" 'It's o' this'n,' Tellwright began. ' Young Mynors want a partner wi' a couple o' thousand pounds, and he come to me. Ye understand; '".**

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Tellwright and the listener is Anna. The occasion is the visit of Mr. Henry to their house because he needs someone to be his partner in his company and he wants Tellwright to be this partner. Now, Tellwright is telling his daughter about that in a very harsh and forcing way and he does not ask her if she accepts or not. The main idea is the paternal authority.

### P.61:

**" But she continued to think of Mynors. She envied him for his cheerfulness, his joy, his goodness, his dignity, his tact, his sex. She envied every man. Even in the sphere of religion, men were not fettered like women."**

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is the author and the listener are the readers. The occasion is that the author describes to us how Anna envied Mr.



Henry because he was opposite of her . He is always happy . She envied every man because she, as a woman, dare not to be happy, she dares not to love, and she dares not even to practice her religion like him. She is a sad girl because of her relationship with her father. The main idea is compassion.

**P.66:**

**" 'Did ye see him?'**

**'Yes, Father.'**

**'Did ye give him my message?'**

**'I forget it.' God in heaven! She had forgotten the message!**

**With a devastating grunt Mr. Tellwright walked speechless out of the room. The girls cleared the table, exchanging**

**sympathy with a single mute glance. Anna's one satisfaction was that, even if she had remembered the message, she could not possibly have delivered it."**



This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Tellwright and the listener is Anna. The occasion is that Tellwright gave Anna a letter in order to give it to Mr. Henry when she met him in the church. But when Tellwright asked Anna about this message and if it was delivered to Henry, Anna told him that she forgot that. The author here said that maybe she remembered the message, but she dared not to give it to Henry because she was very shy. The main idea is the paternal authority.

### P.68: Important

" I gave Anna a message for ye yesterday, Mr Mynors, but her forgot to deliver it, wench-like. Ye might ha' been saver th' trouble o' calling. Now as ye're here, I've summat for tell ye. It'll be Anna's money as 'll go into that concern o'yours. I've none by me; "

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Tellwright and the listener is Henry. The occasion is that Tellwright gave Anna a letter to deliver it to Henry Mynors but she forgot to do that or maybe she did not forget; she intended to forget. So, Henry came to visit them and to know what happened in this matter. Tellwright said to Henry: It'll be Anna's money. This means that he is responsible for her money and even she is under his control and authority. She had no right to spend her money although she was 21 years old and she could control her money, but her father did not give her this right. The main idea is the money and paternal authority.

**P.68: Important**

" 'You know all about this business then, Miss Tellwright?'

She blushed.' Father has told me something about it'.

' And are you willing to be my partner?'

'Nay, I did na' say that,' Tellwright interrupted. ' It 'll be Anna's money, but i' my name.' "

This passage is taken from Anna of The Five Towns by Arnold Bennett. The speaker is Henry and the listener is Anna. The occasion is that Tellwright gave Anna a letter to deliver it to Henry Mynors but she forgot doing that or maybe she did not forget; she intended to forget. So, Henry came to visit them and to know if they accept to be his partner or not. When he asked Anna about that, she told him that she did not want to be his partner but her father interrupted her by saying " It'll be Anna's money, but i' my name" . This means that Tellwright told Henry that his daughter would be under his control and she would accept to be his partner. The main idea is the paternal authority and money.

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