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The children clapped their hands, and Mr. Rob said, "Three cheers for Jock!" and then they all cheered me; and of course I felt very much pleased, and swam about all the more. Then they began to throw sticks in the water for me to bring out, and if Mr. Rob had not reminded them that it was time to go home, I do believe they would have stayed there till dark. I felt as clean as a new pin, and I really did not know how tired I was until I lay down on the foot of Helen's bed: I actually dropped asleep while they were telling her all about it.

Mr. Rob had one day more, but he spent most of it with Helen, and I stayed with her nearly all day too. He said a number of things to her which I did not understand. As you have no doubt noticed, I have put a great many things into this book which I do not understand at all, but I could not leave them out: they were parts of the talks and stories which I wished to tell you, and I judged, from what I have seen and heard, that they would be understood by my readers. But I knew quite well what Mr. Rob meant when he said to her, "That doctor from Richmond has not been to see you yet, has he, dear?"

"No," said Helen. "He wrote papa that it would be almost impossible for him to come, but that he would come the very first time he could manage to spare two days: you see it takes so long to get here."

"I am going to see him when I get back to Richmond," said Mr. Rob quietly. "I can talk to him much better than papa can