

stroking her hair with a very tender hand. After a time, he said, "Have you any likeness of your father, Minnie?"

"No, Mr. Campbell. But I remember him quite well. He was tall, and very, very nice-looking; he had such a beautiful smile. He was delicate, because once he fell into a river, and was nearly drowned; but he was saved by that friend I told you of. He had a long illness after the accident, and never quite got over the effects of it. I know it, because nurse has told me. I knew he must often feel ill, when I was quite a child."

Mr. Campbell smiled, and held her closer in his arm. "Quite a child!" What was she still!

"I used to notice how pale he was, and how often he put his hand to his side, when he went into the pulpit. But, Mr. Campbell," here Minnie's eyes grew darker, in her earnest feeling, "even when I was so little, I noticed how all the people sat so still, and listened as if they would not lose anything he said; but it wasn't long before he got much weaker, and one Sunday night, after service, mamma and I waited in the porch for him; but he did not come; and we were called into the vestry. Oh, I do remember it, for it was such a beautiful evening, the sun was shining on papa's face; he was so pale, I was frightened; and then they took him home for the last time."

The child stopped; for a few moments she was silent, and covered her face with her two little hands. "After that," she went on presently, "Papa was ill for a long time; I don't know how long; but the roses in the garden had all died, except one. I was so pleased to find it, and I gathered it, and took it to papa. He smiled, and told nurse to lift me on to his bed, and he said, 'Minnie, I am going to a garden where the roses never fade. Will you try to be a white rose, always a very white rose, until God gathers you to bloom in that garden, pure and white for ever?' I wonder what papa meant, for I did not understand him at all; but he kissed me, and put his hand on my head, and blessed me. Mamma was crying so dreadfully that I cried, and then papa said to her, 'Gladys dear, you must not weep so; God will still care for you, and when Douglas comes back you will have a true, good friend. I remember that quite well, Mr. Campbell. Then they put me to bed; indeed, I think I must have gone to sleep in papa's arms, for I don't seem to remember anything after papa spoke, until the next morning, when I awoke and nurse told me I had no papa, for he had gone to heaven. Oh, it was so sad!"

Mr. Campbell did not speak, but pressed his lips on her little head with great tenderness.

It wasn't very long before poor mamma grew very pale, and weak; her eyes seemed to get so big, and her voice was so faint; but she was so sweet, and tried to make me so happy, I never thought she would die. But one day, oh, dear! the child shuddered, "when I went to her room she was lying quite still,

and there were scarlet drops on her dress, and handkerchief, and—and—" Minnie stopped, again covering her face.

Don't tell me more, my darling! said Mr. Campbell, feeling her little frame to be trembling.

She paused, but a little while, in a low whisper, said, Mamma died, and was buried with papa. I walked behind her coffin quite by myself, but the Vicar was very kind; he had liked papa; and nurse, was, oh! so kind, though she had not been with us long; but my heart did so ache—it was quite a pain, Mr. Campbell, a real pain.

The tears started to his eyes; he could not speak.

Poor little mite! he thought, these are the saddest words I ever heard from a wee child's lips; but, God helping me, she shall never feel that pain again!

(To be continued.)

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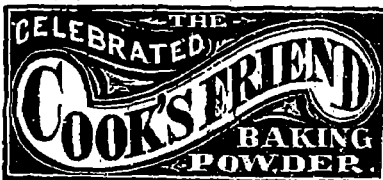


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