

CHAPTER V.

Extracts * from * Diary.

HER custom of keeping a diary was continued in Abingdon, and an entry here and there is extracted. They are the expression of her heart, intended for her eyes alone. They serve so well to show the difficulties of the Christian teacher's work and her own growth heavenward, that the belief they will prove helpful to others prompts to their insertion here :

1880.

Jan. 1.—“First day passed of 1880. Another decade gone. Where shall I be ten years hence?”

13th.—“My old enemy indigestion has returned, consequently its unfortunate victim will be looking through ‘blue spectacles.’”

16th.—“How many things a person says and does only to be racked with remorse for such saying and doing!”

Feb. 20.—“Have come home this evening better satisfied with my school than ever I was in my life.”

22nd.—“I have found that ‘Resist the devil and he will flee from you,’ is a truthful saying. So much for the blessing of Christian parents.”

27th.—“Another week passed away; a rather successful one in school, too, but it would be well if I did not speak so sharply. ‘Never threaten! never scold!’ I must guard my tongue in more ways than one.”

March 9.—That girl is a living reproach to me. She says that all her salary goes to pay doctor's bills, drugs and board, and that she has just the worst class of boys. Yet she says, ‘I have often compared my blessings with my afflictions, and always found