

A RIVER TRAGEDY. * * * * * 21

imagine that grief-stricken group who had promised such care to the mother. How could they return with tidings so sad, and no way of breaking more gently the blow? No telegram or letter of warning then. The only post was the vessel, that must carry back the beloved form that it had borne away so fresh and fair.

A funeral took the place of a wedding, and a new grave was made beside the river.

SECOND SIGHT. * * * * *

Old traditions and superstitions were not left behind when our Loyalists came to the new country, and strong was the belief in second sight. A child born with a caul or veil over the face was supposed to see visions and to be able to foretell the future.

Mrs. Millar's fourth son was born with this addition to his features, and she named him Samuel because of that Samuel who had revelations in the Temple.

The boy was held in awe not only by his own family but throughout the neighborhood, and this had the effect of making him feel superior to others, and encouraged him in disinclination for work. As he grew to manhood his indolence increased, and his health was not so robust as in those who took more exercise.

"He would enter a house without knocking, sit down, shut his eyes, and see a funeral!" Such an uncanny visitor was never a very welcome guest. On one occasion he entered the kitchen of one of the brightest and most quick-witted women in the place,