

of those, who fourteen months before met there in joy and gladness, slept in death ; but it is the nature of man, by the special appointment of a kind and merciful God, that he should find refuge from past sorrows in present joys, and solace himself for bereavements in the blessings that remain. The grief that cannot be comforted does not deserve to be comforted ; the affliction that time and the application of the stimulants and correctives of favourable events and new connexions cannot remove, is a disease as much as the scrofula, a morbid feeling as much as indigestion.

My sister's first care, after her return, had been to send her father an arm-chair, and in this suitable appendage to honourable old age he now reclined, with an attempt at dignity which certainly was a little misplaced. Pained by the gravity and distance which marked my deportment towards my brother-in-law, who, as yet, stood in ill savour for his supposed wrong to our family, the affectionate wife took an early opportunity to draw me aside, and put matters to rights as far as a narrative, in which he stood—not blameless, but not so very culpable as I had believed him—could do it. His aim was indeed to ruin her ; he prevailed upon her to leave home on the strength of a promise to marry her at Boston, and when there, made her the usual infamous proposals in lieu of marriage. She had strength of principle enough to fly and conceal herself from him, and he art enough to find out her place of concealment, and sufficient honour left, and attachment strong enough, to make a full reparation. He placed her at school, and with the promise that she should not make herself known to her family till he led her there a bride, he left her to resume his place in his ship. He had been but twenty days returned from his cruise when I arrived ; the third day after his arrival he made good his promise. The fourth saw Michael placed at a school in the metropolis, preparatory to his entering the navy. It was never known who the female was over whom I had placed the misleading epitaph at Kingston.

Just one week after, Mary and I were married. Danvers, Munday, and myself, with our partners, continued to reside at the judge's for three months. At the end of