

gating the waters of the contending parties ; that he had just purchased a palatial residence in New York for their father, whose declining years should be relieved of the shame and want resulting from former misfortunes, and that now he was ready to settle a munificent annuity upon his brothers and sisters who were willing to spend the remainder of their lives together in the metropolis. To corroborate his statement, he exhibited deeds of the property recently purchased ; and his pocket-book revealed that he was not a stranger to gold and its equivalents in large amounts.

Nora looked on him for a few moments in mute astonishment. Then straightening herself up into a majestic attitude, and gazing upon him with her deep blue eyes, which, especially when she was greatly moved, would remind one of the azure sky when the clouds have just been reft, she said :—

“Brother”—and there was such a pathos in her tone that it seemed to pierce his heart—“you compel me to look upon your gold as a bribe to draw me away from Jesus, and to bring me back to the yoke and heavy burden of former years, a burden which neither our fathers nor we were able to endure. But, my dear brother,” and tears gushed from her eyes and dripped down her long lashes as she re-