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FROM THE DIARY OF A LATE LONDON CLERGYMAN. THE SISTERS.

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vine mercy, upon the melancholy consequences that would result from her favourite child, in case she should be seized.

"Nay, my dear madam," I said, "I suppose this should be God's will, assure yourself it can only be for a wise purpose; and your daughter may be a happier woman after the scars of this terrible disease, than she might under the dangerous influence of that vanity which is so apt to foster."

But how small I beheld the dear girl's beautiful face seemed and seemed, and an object offensive to look on? Do not imagine that her face will ever be unpleasing to me, so long as I shall be the witness of her virtue. We soon grew familiar with external deformity, and yield our real admiration to the beauty within.

I cannot think of you. It is such a blessing to see one's child admired—to hear her lauded, and her approbation sought. But if a father higher blessing to see her admired for the noble qualities of her mind, than for the superficial graces of her body—to hear her lauded for the purity of her heart than for the pretensions of her face—and to have her approbation sought rather by her own than by the world's praise, is it not a blessing to see one's child admired—to hear her lauded, and her approbation sought?

I called the next day, and found the physician's prediction perfectly confirmed. The poor girl was extremely ill, and she lay in the room, and in bed, and in tears. Jane had been sent for; she was seated by her sister's bedside; her cheeks suffused with the blushes of intense sorrow. She held Elvira's hand, and she looked at her with a gaze that seemed to pierce her very soul.

The scene was of a character to inspire the deepest melancholy. I tried to console the parents, but without success. The father's grief was poignant, and the mother's, though less so, was not less real. I felt that I had a duty to perform, and I resolved still to do all in my power to administer relief where I saw it would be required.

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expressed to me, when I saw her after their release from prison, and looked forward to their great moral results with an earnestness equalled only by the deep anxiety which she felt for the spiritual welfare of her family.

The younger daughter now, instead of becoming a source of joy to her unhappy parents, was to them a source of grief. She had brought upon them an additional incumbrance, that increased the privations under which, notwithstanding and derived from the salary of their elder girl, they labored with painful repugnance.

CHAPTER III. Reverse of fortune.—Its consequences.—Miserable lot of the children.—The marriage.—Elvira's misery.—Sisterly tenderness.—Moral changes.—Jane L.'s marriage.—And happiness.

A cloud now suddenly gathered over the house of Mr. L.—He was seized with ophthalmia, and in the course of a few months, became irretrievably blind. His repetitions were constant and impatient. He was obliged to relinquish his employment as a government, and to retire upon the small gratuity of forty pounds a year, having no positive claim for length of service. This was a dreadful calamity, being a man of restless temper, without mental resources, he bitterly felt the severity of his bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. L. were now in a state of domestic peace, and the mother's grief was not less real. I felt that I had a duty to perform, and I resolved still to do all in my power to administer relief where I saw it would be required.

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Soluble glass dissolves gradually without reducing its boiling water; but in cold water the solution is so slow as to lead to a belief that it does not dissolve at all. It however never becomes entirely insoluble except when it is mixed with a much larger proportion of silica, or when it is mixed with other bodies, such as the earths, metallic oxides, &c., with which double or triple salts are formed, as is the case in the common glasses.

Soluble glass which has been exposed to the air, and is afterwards submitted to the action of heat, swells and cracks at first, and then with difficulty, it then loses about 25 per cent. of its weight; it therefore contains even when solid, a considerable quantity of water, which it does not lose when simply dried by exposure to the atmosphere.

Alcohol precipitates it unaltered from its solution in water. When the solution is concentrated, and little alcohol is required for precipitation, and it need not be highly purified. Pure alcohol is used, therefore, for the purpose of precipitating the soluble glass, in consequence of its minute division. The acids decompose the solution of glass. They also act upon it when solid, preparing the silica in the form of powder.

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