to hear her call: "Mither, mither!" She ran till her, and fund her sittin' up in her bed, and evidently noo quite in her right mind. Owerjoyed she ran to fetch her faither, and when he was comin' he met the doctor gaun to visit her. I cam in at the same time, and we were a' congratulatin' each ither on her restored reason, but the doctor gravely shook his head. She took a little sip o' wine, but could scarcely swallow it.

The doctor took her faither aside in the neist room, and telt him he feared that death was near—that this restorin' o' her reason, was a sure sign o' her near end, and was a mercifu' dispensation o' a kind Providence which he had often had occasion to observe in mony cases like this. And sae it turned out—for that night after speakin' to us a' quite sensible like, she held out her hand to her faither and mither and me, and bade us a' guid nicht, sayin' she wanted to sleep. She soon fell into a sound sleep. She murmured much in her sleep, but we could'na weel understand what she said; but at last we heard her distinctly say—"Yes Willie, I'm comin'! I'm comin'!" after which she was silent, and we were a' silent for nearly an hour. At last her mither started up and gaed to the bedside, and looked earnestly at her. She then took doon a sma' lookin'-glass frae the wa' and held it till her mouth; there was na mark o' breath upon it! A' was ower—puer Peggy was gane!!

Such, dear reader, was the story of the old fish wife, given as near as I can in her own words; but I should fail were I to attempt to convey to the reader the effect of her simple and pathetic manner of giving it.

This story clearly proves, that with all their superstition and ignorance, as compared with their more polished and educated neighbours of the modern Athens, that in many cases, their rough and uncouth manners covers much of the finer sensibilities of genuine love and affection.

I have no doubt, were their character more closely studied, there would be found in many cases, especially where education and religion has had its due influence upon