

a filial confidence in Mary, and an instant and instinctive recourse to Divine assistance in all troubles and temptations, grew up along with the children's developing faculties. Their holy religion was their supreme delight ; and mother came next.

The Hopes lived in a neat but unpretending little house, in a street of one of our larger cities. Besides "upstairs," which consisted of three small sleeping-rooms, it contained a parlor, a dining-room, and a miniature kitchen, all opening into each other. The last named opened on the yard, the descent to which was by three or four rather broad steps. It was clear to the fences on either side, save, at the time of our tale, for the persistent accumulation of dead leaves which the November winds kept sweeping off the trees of the neighborhood.

In the earlier part of the fall, Mrs. Hope's husband had gone to look for work in a town at some distance, which he thought offered better chances for his business. The move proved satisfactory ; and prospects were so encouraging that he resolved to remove the family with as little delay as possible. To this end, he wrote to his wife, desiring her to leave the small establishment in charge of Clara, and come on to him at—— in order that together they might select a suitable dwelling, and make other necessary arrangements. Not being overburdened with the good things of this world, Mr. Hope, to assist his wife's expenses, inclosed, along with what money he could spare, the duplicate of an account already rendered, but not yet paid. It was for a small sum, but very necessary under the circumstances.

Having given, as we said, this bill to her daughter, accompanying it with a tender kiss, as she was leaving the house she said :—

"The bill comes to four dollars. Take the basket and bring home some sugar, and remember to buy a dollar's