

*WHAT A DAY MAY BRING FORTH.*

accomplishment. Of these, Katie, however, was not one, her mother being able to give her at home as much instruction in music as she was yet capable of ; and the fees, small as they were, being of some importance in a family where money was not too plentiful.

To-day was, as Katie had said, the monthly revision and examination day ; and since on the results of these examinations depended the appropriation of the prize for general proficiency to be given at Easter, there was more excitement as the girls took their places than usually attended the routine of the daily lessons. Katie took her place with a bright consciousness that she was thoroughly at home in most of the prescribed subjects, the dates being the only thing that troubled her. She was quicker and fonder of study than most of her classmates, and she would have had but little fear for the prize, which she was ambitious to carry off, had it not been for the presence of a girl about her own age, who was not one of Miss Fleming's regular scholars. The Winstanleys, who lived in the handsomest house about Lynford, had usually a daily governess, and they were not allowed to mix much with the Lynford girls ; but as the young lady who discharged the duties of governess had been for some time unavoidably absent, Miss Clara Winstanley was for the present a pupil of Miss Fleming's. She was a lively, clever girl, with a retentive, ready memory, which seldom failed, above all in the matter of dates, especially when they had been recently learned ; so that Katie had begun to consider her a dangerous rival. Katie had been stimulated to unusual exertions on this occasion, and the competition was rather in her favour, till