

matter how much the perplexed widow wished certain things, if her mother decided against her having them, she could not get them. It must, therefore, be acknowledged that it was not quite fair on the part of the elder lady to place the responsibility of taking charge of a troublesome family on her daughter's shoulders, unless she intended to allow her free scope in the management thereof.

Mrs. Dominion was, however, an obedient daughter, and no doubt hoping that her mother would be more considerate towards her if she gathered her boys around her, she sent words to each of those living at a distance to come home and for the future live under one roof.

The names of the Dominion boys were Willie, Johnny, Bunsy, Sandy and Toby. The two former were twins and the eldest born of the family; the last mentioned one was so young at the time of which we are writing, that his mother finally concluded to allow him to remain with a friend who had been taking care of him, more especially as Mrs. Britannia professed to feel a motherly interest in him. We will have a good deal to say regarding this Toby later in the day, as he proved for a time to be the most troublesome, although the youngest of Mrs. Dominion's children. Willie and Johnny had always remained more with their mother than any of the other children, and were consequently her favorites; they therefore hailed with satisfaction this assembling together of the members of the family, more particularly Willie, who, on account of his being the strongest and most vigorous of the boys, felt that he would be a sort of monitor over the rest.