

CHAPTER XIX

THE END

THE children in the house and the men outside saw what had happened at the same time. The children clung to each other in fear under their very insecure barricade, whilst the "fire wave" shot up with a lurid glare into the dark, wintry sky.

Mr. Seymour and Mr. Emerson rushed forward to the side of the school where the drift was least, hoping to remove the fallen timbers in time ; but had it not been for Mark's obedience to Mr. Emerson's directions it is doubtful whether they would have succeeded. As it happened that secured the safety of the whole party.

Some men from the Sherborne Fair were passing along the turnpike ; ordinarily they would