Choice Fiterature.

Still and Deep.

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OHAPTER XIX.

Taran was complete silence between Bertrand and his companion for a few minutes, then suddenly Laura pulled the pony up short in the middle of the read, and thraing round, fixed her eyes, all filled with changeful flashing light, full on his face, and said to him, frankly, "I will tell you what I have been thinking, Mr. Lisle: here you are coming into a house amongst here you are coming into a none amongst a set of strangers, with only one person of the lot whora you think you know, but in truth do not; and you are really just like a man entering on an unexplored country, where he may find himself surrounded either by savages that will roast him alive. or by gentle islanders that will offer him the pipe of peace; and it seems to me that you are very much to be pitied."

"Especially if you are a specimen of the savages," said Bertrand, laughing.
"Just so; have I not been malignantly tearing to pieces the angelic character of my dear friend? but in spite of that evidence of my ferocious disposition, will you trust me, Mr. Liele, if I do you an essential service, as I think it would be, and tell you all about the inhabitants of Chiverley Rectory before you have to make an outward acquaintance with them?"
"But they are all your nearest relations," said Bertrand, still smiling; "what can you leave the project them?"

do but praise them?"

"Even if they were I should speak out." said Laura, composedly, "or I should play you false, and that I wouldn't do for the world; but as it happens, my father is the only relation I have amongst them, the rest are not more kin to me than to you; and when you come to know me Mr. Lisle you will discover that I have the dreadful fault in this punctilious world of being perfectly unconventional and outspoken; I say whatever I please without foar or favor, and I dont care in the teast who I offend, nor much more who I win;" and she cast one of her gleaming glances at him.
"Plenty of the last I should think," he

said; "but Miss Wyndham, do, by all means give me the fullest description you can of my future acquainfances; I have not the

smallest idea of what the family consists."
"My father, first of all, at fifty-five still a curate, therefore unsuccessful, therefore poor, therefore miserable; his second wife, my stepmother; and your cousin, comes next-your cousin," continued Laura, re-flectively, when she had started the old pony once more on his course; "I wonder f you and she have inherited the same family qualities! Mr. Liele, is it your intention to pass the term of your mortal existence in profound slumber, only diversified by intervals of consciousness for the purpose of nourishment? And do you give no other sign of animation except incessant

"Well no," said Bertrand laughing, "that is not precisely the style of life which com-

mends itself to me."

Then they are not hereditary characteristics; but you have there a brief analysis of Mrs. Wyndham's present history. Next in the actual family comes an individual whom I do not pretend to understand or describe—we are greater mysteries to ourselves than to anyone else, are we not?—Laura Wyndham, whom you will hear called Lureline, and Lorelei, and all sorts of pet names."

"Ah, Lureline! the beautiful syren of the Rhine! I can understand that the title applies well to your outward aspect; but she is dangerous, that levely witch, and

you can hardly be that."

"Dangerous! oh dear, I wonder what danger any one could be in from me !" said Laura, with the most innocent air in the world; "I should not like the name if I thought it implied that—however I really do not care what any one names me, if only they do not call me Miss Wyndham. I do detest that edious formal designation."

"But those who have no right to call you anything else must address you in that

way, like rayself for instance."
"Why must you? have I not told you I care nothing for the world's customs, and I hate conventionalities of all limits. Here you are coming to one of the family for not call me Laura, just as you will call that pony Bob, by which name he has been known over since he has existed on this lower sphere."

"It shall be just as you please, of course," said Bortrand, courteously; thinking, as he looked at her, that he had certainly not seen any one like her in his life before; he smiled when he contrasted her freedom of speech with the courtly manners of the ladies with whom he chiefly associated on the Continent; but he was very much amused by her, so he encouraged his strauge

companion to go on with her account of the inmates of Chiverley.

"Mary Trevelyan comes next," said Laura, "but I shall not repeat what I have told you about her; you think you understand her better than I do, but the day will come when you will find that I am right and you are wrong; we will pass on, however, to John Pemberton: he is a young man who has come to read with my father for the purpose of taking orders, for which he was not originally intended, so he is rather beyond the ordinary age of pupils. How shall I describe him to you? he is so good, so saintly, one of whom the world is not worth; and Lauras voice softened and her expression changed to one of meekness and tender feeling. "You could hardly imagine what a true devoted heart he has; poor dear John, I wish I could have a better hope that he will be happy in the future!

"Why should he not be happy?" asked

Bestrand.

"Ah well," she said, with apparent hesitation, "people's affections are not always to be won, even by those who deserve them; but it is hard'y well for me to speak of John Pemberton, so we will go on to the last on our list. Charle Davenant is another pupil of my father's, a good tempered or mmonplace sort of fellow, of whom, I think, it may be recorded at the close of away.

his career, that he has performed one great foat in inspiring Mary Trevelyan with a cortain amount of life and animation."

"How was that?" said Bertrand turning sharply round upon her. "Because Charlie, being a cober youth has fallen in love with the staid Mary, and

she to him does seriously incline." "Do you mean that they are engaged?" exclaimed Bertrand, involuntarily grasping

Laura by the arm, so that she turned away her head to conceal a smile. "Oh, ae to that I dare say Mary would tall you that there is no formal engagemont, because for the present, marriage is not possible for them; but there is no doubt it will end in that. As yet Charlie is too young, and his father would not make any provision for him till he has proved his constancy to his present choice. He has always been disposed to fall in love with every young lady he moots, as I know to my cost," added Laura, laughing so gaily that the admission did not seem to jar on her hearer's delicacy, as it would otherwise have done; "it was awkward for me, as I couldn't quite quarrel with my father's pupil, so I established myself as

same," said Bertrand, eagerly.
"No, no," answered Laura; "she is far too matter of fact; she told me in the most solemn manner that she did not approve of unreal relationships, and that she preferred more binding ties of another descrip-

his adopted sister, which suits very well."
"Perhaps Mary Trevelyan has done the

Bertrand turned his head away, stung to the quick. Was this the reason why Mary had failed to meet him at the station? Had she shrunk from looking him in the face because she had given away the love to which he almost felt he had a right; yet, after all, he had no definite right, she was perfectly free as he was. He would have been wiser, perhaps, if he had invaded the sanctuary of death, and spoken to her of marriage and happiness while his father's corpse yet lay in the house, but no, if she had loved him so lightly, or not at all, has to have transferred her affections to this young man, it was well he had not compromised himself. Bertrand Lisle had no fancy to be refused-such a tinug had nover happened to him, and nover should: and then suddenly, while these bitter thoughts coursed through his mind, he seemed to hear a sail waiting voice using out of a far off grave, with the echoes of the unforgotten words he first had heard by his father's bed of death, "Bertrand, these were her words: 'He is now and ever will be, my one and only love." Surely it could not be that she had changed so Well he could but wait and judge for himself; and having arrived at this conclusion, he turned back to Laura. She expressions of his face, and her instinct guise. Then there is the view so ably re-enabled her to read his thoughts as plain- presented by Mr. Gladstone and feature is as if they had been written in a beautiful form.

"Mr. Lisle," she said softly, "we are close to the rectory now; let me say how earnest-

"And you will not forget that I was your first friend, among the Wyndhams at If I can ever do anything to conduce to your happiness here you will frankly nake use of me, will you not?

"I shall not forget your kindness most certainly, and I should think you must

always conduce much to the happiness of every one in whose society you are

"I should like to make this dull place brighter for you, at least," she said; and then she turned slowly round, and brought to bear on him all the wonderful sweetness of which her expression could at times be capable, in one brief and earnest look; for the hour she had so deftly won for her purposes had come to an end, and she had already detected that which Bertrand had not yet seen-a dark robed figure standing just within the rectory gate, looking

out anxiously along the road.
"There is Mary Trevelyan waiting for Charlie Davenant, no doubt," she said, as the turn of the road brought them right up to the gate, which Mary had already flung wide open.

But Bertrand's eyes had fallen on the well-known well-beloved figure, and for the moment all the poison that had been only knew that it was Mary, his young pure love that stood there, and in an instant he had bounded from the pony carriage, and had caught both her hands had become essentially Protestant.

We say, then, that the mission of the exclatmed; and she litted up her dark | Church of England is to be thoroughly 'At last!"

You are glad to see me then?" said Bertrand, with a smile half sad half reproachful, as some of Laura s insinuations began to return to his mind.

no time to say more; for the Lorelei's clear sweet voice rang out through the air: 'Good people, do you mean mo to drive over you? I would pass on and leave you to your nurse y recollections, if I could do so without injury to life and himb."

As a matter of fact there was abun-

dant room for her to pass, had she chosen to do so, but Bertrand and Mary were too much absorbed to notice this Mary started, and coloured painfully at her words, while Bertrand laughingly apologised. They both turned and went towards the house, while Lagra walked the pony beside them at a foot pace, and joined merrily in the conversation. In this guise they reached the door, where Mr. Wyndham sto id waiting to welcome his guest, and Mary did not see Bertrand alone again that night.

(To be Continued.)

ONE of the saddest things about human

Sir Walter Scotts Moral Influence.

"In his later days Scott is reported to have asked Laidlaw what he thought the moral influence of his writing had been? Laidiaw remarked on their power over the young, and said that this was surely a good work to have done. Scott was deeply affected, almost to tears, as well he might be. Again, not the young only, but of the old, those who have kept themselves. most childlike, who have carried the boy's heart with them farthest into life, they have loved Scott's poetry even to the end. Something of this no doubt may be attributed to the pleasure of reverting in age to the things that have delighted our boy-hood. But would the best and purest men have cared to do this if the things which delighted their boyhood had not been worthy? It is the great virtue of Scott's poetry, and of his novels also, that, quite forgetting self, they describe man and outward nature broadly, freely, truly, as they are. All contemporary poetry, indeed all contemporary literature, goes to work in the exactly opposite direction, shaping men and things after patterns self-originated from within, describing and probing human feelings and motives an analysis so searching that all maniv impulse withers before it, and single-heart-ed straightforwardness becomes a thing impossible. Against this whole tendency of modern poetry and fiction, so weakening, so morbidly self-conscious, so unhealthily introspective, what more effective antidote than the bracing atmosphere of Homer, and Shakespeare, and Scott?— Good Words.

The Church of England.

The reply to the question, "Is the Church of England worth preserving?" is "Yes, if she is faithful to her mission."
What is her mission? We do not agree with Dean Stanley that it is a National Institution, which ought to tolerate all doctrines that are or may be possessed by her Majesty's subjects. If the Church of England is not a Church, but morely a State Establishment, it is a sham and an offence; and if it is a Church, it must teach and hold certain dogmata. We do not agree with the Ritualists, who hold that the Church of England is Romish except in name, for if it were so the Church ought to be destroyed. Ritualism is worse than Romanism, because it is Romanism masked. The Church of England Ritualists have done so much for Romanism in this country that the Pope and his lieutenants must feel deeply grateful. When Monsigner Capel sneered at the Ritualists, the object was to full the public suspicion presented by Mr. Gladstone, and from that we also differ. We admire Mr. Gladstone as a statesman, and we respect him for his pure and exalted character. We shall never forget the service he has rendered the cause of Protestantism by the brilliant that the discomfiture of the Ultramontanes and thus, and he thanked her warmly. "I have had a wonderfully pleasant welcome at all events," he said. phlets which crushed the Ultramontanist protonsions. Mr. Gladstone holds that the Church of England should be separated from and independent of the Papacy. No Protestant can be more decidedly opposed to the Papacy; but he is tolerant of Ritualism, and he thinks that the Church of England should allow Ritualism, and that the Ritualists and Evangelists should peacefully continue in the same commun-ion. Mr. Gladstone judges other men by himself. He is High Church without being Papistical, and he ignores the fact

by which Protestants are perverted to Romanism. Those who study the history of the Church of England must, we think, he persuaded that the Church is not a protest against Vaticanism, but also a protest against the Romish doctrine of auricular confession and priestly absolution, and against those ecremonies that are idle mummeries or the outward expression of anti-Protestant doctrines. We are aware that at the time of Henry VIII. the change was less doctrinal than it afterwards became, and that there is a degree of truth in the Romish remark that the object of Henry VIII. was to be Pope of the Roman Catholic Church in England. But apidly advanced, and poured into his cars was forgotten; he all the milinery and ceremonies introduced by the Kitualists were not in use for upwards of two centuries. Erom the time of Elizabeth the Church of England

that Ritualism has been, and is, the means

eyes, filled with such a rapture as he Protestant—that is, Protestant in doctrino land never seen in them before, while she broathed, in a scarce audible whisper, Papal claim to authority. If the Church and forms, as well as in rejection of the Papal claim to authority. If the Church of England is true to that mission she is worth preserving, and will be preserved.

There are indications that the Protestant members of the Church perceive the peril, and are determined to make an effort to "Glad! oh, Bertrand!" and Mary's hands involuntarily clung to his, while her head drooped over them, as if bowed down by excessive happiness, but she had not be the first than the first that the first but only a step—in the right direction. The Church of England will fall unless she gets rid of Romanism. We admit that the task is difficult and arduous. It is possible that in the process of getting rid of Romanism the Church of England may be fatally injured. That we say is possible but not probable. We believe that now. if the Protestant members are resolute, if they will press forward and not look back or pauso, that Romanism may be stamped | year or two m order to realize a little ut without danger to the existence of the Church. But even if the attempt was most perilous it should be made, because Romanism is stamped out the downfall of the Church of England is in-

Only as a Protestant Church is the Church of England worth preserving.
Only as a Protestant Church can the
Church of England be preserved.—Weekly

EVERY saint in heaven is as a flower in that garden of God, and hely love is the frag and and weet odor they all send forth, an with which they fill the howers of that paradise above. Jointhan Edwards

Canada.

"The wonderful progress, the ceaseless activity, and the almost obstrusive self-assetion of her great neighbor have atbated men's attention from he slower yet perhaps steadier growth of Canada; and it is a matter of remark, not perhaps unaccompanied with a slight ingredient of bitterness, that ten lines in the most important of the English newspapers are devoted to Canadian affairs, while several columns are alotted to those of the United States. The growth of the oak may be less interesting to watch than that of the pine, but its durability is more permanent; and not to attempt to prophecy, it may be remarked that the teaching of history has shown on more than one occasion that power and strength have come from the north, and that the stern features of nature, whilst impeding the advance to maturity, have strengthened the constitutions of nations that have been born amidst the rigors of a severe climate."—

Blackwood's Magazine.

THE DEATH OF SIR GARDNER WILKIN

son, F.R.S., is announced to have taken place in England. This accomplished scholar and antiquary will doubtless be known by name to many of our readers from the interesting and important illustrations he has given us by a large majority.
of the customs and mode of life of the The accomplished Emperor of Brazil of the customs and mode of life of the inhabitants of Ancient Egypt. He was intends to make the tour of North Ameducated at Harrow and at Exeter crica and Europe. College, Oxford, and afterwards spent a great many years in Egpt, where he Bridgport, Ct., studied Hieroglyphics, and all indeed Loss \$500,000. that the splendid monuments of that most wonderful country could furnish. The first work of any consequence by which | painting of " Danae," by I'ttan he acquired reputation as an author on that subject was published about 1838, entitled "Manners and Customs of the cattle, and fifty horses. Ancient Egyptians, derived from a comparison of the painting, sculpture, and monuments still existing, with the just at the Carson cemetery, Novada. Twenty accounts of ancient authors." years afterwards, he produced a book on "Egypt in the time of the Pharaons," and he furnished a great part of the QN DEMAND of the British Government notes to the Rev. Canon Rawlinson's the Egyptian men of war will be recalledition of Herodotus. He subsequently accepted the honor of knighthood bestowed on account of his literary labours, and afterwards published a description of modern Egypt and Thebes. afterwards he travelled through the Slavonic provinces of Turkey, and wrote a book in 1848 upon Dalmatia and Montenegro, Bosnia, and the Herze-govina. He also exercised his pen been lost, together with many lives. upon art-criticism, the education of taste and landscape gardening. He Magdalen Islands only seventeen men was a valuable member of the Royal were saved out of sixty-two. Society and of other learned institutions.

THE SQUADRON of the British fleet that has been ordered from the East Indies to the Mediterranean was according to provious arrangement to have remained in East Indian waters until next March. The vessels compose the detached squadron, under the command of Rear-Admiral Lambert. The combined crews number over 3000 men. As soon as the new orders are received, the squadron will sail for the Red Sea, and will pass through the Suez Canal. This will be the first time that a fleet belonging to a foreign power has passed through that Canal. The agreement has no doubt been made with the Kbedive, and the arrangement is much commented on. It shows at least that England means to defend the position she has assumed with regard to Egypt; and also that she does not mean tamely to submit to the dictation of the three northern powers on the Turkish question.

It is understood that the Ontario Government intends to establish one or perhaps two Normal Schools in the western part of the Province. The Normal School recently established in Ottawa has proved abundantly successful, far more so indeed than was anticipated. It has appeared on investigation that a very large proportion of those who have availed themselves of the Toronto Institution were from the immediate neighborhood of that city, so that while intended as a provincial be nefit, and for doing provincial work, its direct influence in bringing students together was very local, and therefore more limited than suited the character of the institution. Our school system, although decidedly in advance of former times as an educational institution, has not yet been able to attach enough of permanency to the office of teacher, so that young men are led to take up teaching as the business of their future lives. They enter it as a stepping stone to something else, perhaps as helping to provide them with the elementary education necessary for medicine or law; in some instances it is taken up for a money. Practical experience in teaching is therefore quite out of the question. At present perhaps the only thing the Government can do is to multiply training institutions in different paris of the Province, to secure as much efficiency as possible in the preparation of young men for their arduous and importent duties.

A Scoren elder, on learning from his minister that he proposed a series of lectures on Revelations, cautioned him: "I've nae objection to ye taking a quiet trot through the seven churches, but for ony sake drive canny among the seals and frumpets."

Miscellancons.

Sir Gandner Wilkinson died in No-

vomber, aged 78. Batt. has been refused to John Clements in the Jane Gilmour case.

An expression of Dynamite in Bremen Harbour has killed 200 persons. IT has been proved that oranges can be raised in South Georgia.

A BRANCH Commercial college has been established at Summerside, P.E.i. ONE THOUSAND men are to be employed on the Lachine Canal during the winter.

It is said to be impossible to get "Boss Tweed s property by any process of law.

Trans were crossing on the ice between Milledgeville and Milkish, N. B., Dec. 5th.

HENRY WAINWRIGHT has been sentenced to death for the Whitechapel mur-The Prince of Wales roached Madras

Dec. 18th, and has since gone to Calcutta. THE MANHOOD SUFFRAGE Bill Was thrown out of the Cutar.o Legislature

WHEELER AND WHISON'S factory at Bridgport, Ct., was burned Dec. 14.

The Russian Government has just purchased for \$125,000 the celebrated

A PARTY OF MEXICANS has crossed into

Texas, and stolen eight hundred hord of A MAN named Thomas Burt was hung by a vigilance committee on the 17th

THE GERMAN Reichstag has rejected the new taxes and increased army esti-

mates proposed by the Government. QN DRMAND of the British Government ed from Zanzibar.

During the last nincty mile years, seventy six persons have been executed in Massachusetts.

THE TURKISH ADMIRALTY has had to borrow £40,000 to finish paying for the last iron-clad built in England. Forr vessers bound from Quebec to

the Magdalen Islands with supplies, have Those int on tessels lost on the

UP to Nov. 80th 1875, the number of immigrants to Canada were 17,000, being 8,000 less than the previous year. WM. B. ASTOR'S TAXES amounted to

half a million dollars annually. paid one forty-fifth of the taxes of New York City. IN SOUTH EASTERN MISSOURI deeds

of more than twelve million acres of land have been forged or disposed of at a valuation of over \$30,000,000. A District of Bristol, England, has.

been declared unfit for liabitation till midsummer next, on account of the floods. THE U. S. Direct Cable Company

have offered \$1,000 reward for the discovery of the vessel which broke their cable. AT NEW HAMPSHIRE, the thermometer

was twenty degrees below zero on the 19th inst. On Mount Washington it was thirty-eight degrees below. LAST YEAR Germany with a population

of 40,000,000 graduated 660 physicians, the United States with a population of 40,000,000 graduated 8,000. THE NUMBER OF LUNATICS On Oct. 1st,

1875, in Toronto was 569, in London 628. In Kingston, 362. Of these 1649 there were 1500 absolutely incurable. THE CAPTAIN of the Doutschland thirty-five miles out of his course when

the steamer struck. The vessel had not proper instruments. Mgr. Dupanloup, Bishop of Orleans, and M. Wallen, Minister of Public Instruction, were elected senators by the

French Assembly on the 18th mst. Divers kepoki that the Vanguard has settled down in her bed, having sunk seven feet within the last three weeks. She cannot be moved till next spring, if at all.

THE GALLERIES of the Ontario Assembly Chamber were filled on the 16th inst. with ladies, on the occasion of their presenting a petition for reducing the number of tavern licenses.

From the MONTHLY REPORT of the United States Department of Agriculture, we learn that the corn crop of 1875 has been one of the largest over grown in the country-a general merease on last years crop all over the country of from ten to sixty per cent; the quality however was not so good as in 1874. The potato crop has been extraordinary both in quality and quantity, fully twenty per cent over that of last year. In some cases there have been nearly four hundred bushels to the acre; sellmg in many places at from fifteen to twenty cents a bushel. The cotton crop yielded four million bales. tobacco was seventy-four per cent over last year. The fruits have been generally poor, especially apples. The hav has been a small percentage over last year throughout the country. Generally the returns are considered very satisfac-