DLALY OF A POOR YOUNG LADY

## (Fiom the German of Marie Nathusius.)

['Translated for the Church Guardian.]
a pate for young girls.

## (Continued.)

My luggage was put up and tho coach man pointed mo to a place on the back seat. Au old grey cloak lay beside me, aud a similar one only lined with plaid lay beside the coachman. I asked the man whose it was. He replied that it belonged to Count von Schallim, the brother of Trau von Schlichten, and the one by me to Yollberger, the servant, and that we were to fetch both at the poxt village. It was very humiliating to me to be obliged to sit heside the servant, I felt indignant, hut in secret I was glad that aunt was not obliged to see all this. In about half an hour wo entered a sort of valley; a large villago, Graubergen, strotched aloug the base of bare, satudy hills, whose sides are torn here and thore by quarries. At the end of the village stands the castle. Here we stopped and waited fer about a quarter of nn hour, when sereral gentleman appeared in the arched gateway, amongst them an old and a young one in a travelling dress. I was surprised that the young one was Herr ron Schaflan. He is tall and slendor, and looks very refined, -otherwise be certainly did not impress me pleasantly. He was accompanied by- two gentlemen to the carriage, they bowed to mo. The two strangers said something to me about the bad roads and weather. Count von Schaflau scemed anno, ed about something, he did not address me, but took the reins from the coachman, and scarcely waited for his servant to take his place beside me. I had to bear it, and who knows what will follow? Many of the nobility are said to be very proud and arrogint to their governesses.
We had scarcely left the village when a fine rain began to fall, which soon grew heavier and hearier. Count yor Schaffau pulled his collar up about his oars. I was afraid about my bo nnet. I took it off and put it under the cover, and tied a handkerchief over my head. While doing so I noticed my neighbour more particularly, and how pleased I was to see an old friendly face, which remindsed me of Jacob. He protected me from the fain, and, indeed, he was the first person who showed me any sympathy ; it did me good.
The road became worse and worse, the wheels almost sank to the axles, and we only got on step by step. Once when the carriage nearly upsot I cried out. Count von Schaffau looked round surprised. I took myself to task, and really became quite resigned. I was cold through and through, weary and hungry, so it would not make matters much worse to be thrown into the mud. When it was twilight Vollberger showed me Braunsdorf. It lies under the same ridge of hills, but here the slopes are planted with orchards. The castle in an ancient building with two small round towers, and surrounded by tall trees. Vollberger said that they stood in a park equal to the most benutiful wood. Meantime the rain had ceased, the clouds divided, and the moon rose golden ovor the dark trees; it seemed like a good omen.
We dreve into the court. One wing of the castle was brilliantly illuminated, it looked magnificent, and my courage rose. I had put my bonnet on again when I got out ; I saw plainly that Herr Van Schaffau's oyes rested on it with disfavour. I must certainly take the fea ther off. He said a fow civil, indifferent words, which I answered briefly. In the lofty Hall, Vollberger left us to fetch some one for me. Herr von Schaffau accompanied me up a flight of stairs. Sorvants were hurrying about, and dancemusic sounded from the inner apartmonts. Herr Van Schaffau said, as I thought, iroxically, "those are doubtless agrceable sounds to you." I did not know what to say, the sounds are not especially agree-
ablo to me. "You are fond of dancing? he continued. "I have never danced," I roplied; and then it struck me that I had spoken inconsiderately, so I adedel"at least only by myself, or with Adelaide." How absurd that must have somuded. Herr von Schaflan looked at mo with a peculiar expression. A rather pert-looking, fair haired girl came luurying up, and took mo to my room, saying hat she would see at once to light and fire. She did not come, however, and I had imo to look about me. I found that I was in ono of the two towers; two windows were quite overgrown wilh ipy, tho bright moonlight fell through the two others. If hunger and cold had not disressed me, the solitude and guiet in this peculiar and yet cosy room would have done me good. liut my position was insufferable ; yonder from the brightly illuminated windows camo the sound of the joyous music, and I saw the shadows of the daters Hying past; everything was bright and social, only I was forgotoun and quite alone. Just then there was a light knock at the doer. I said, Cowe in. A gentleman stood on ve Schallau's tall figure in the moonlight. Lucie?" he asked, and then he added, surprised,-_" have you no light?" "Not yet," I answered, and the tone of my voice must have exprossed my diseomfort. Ho went away hurriedly, and a little while after 1 heard loud voices on the corridor, the door was opened noisily, and lady in a heary silk dress rustled in, a ervant carrying a chandelier following her. "There is a frightful coufusion in this house," she said in a scolding voice "neither light nor tea nor anything else to be had !" She sent the servant away and still further expressed her nnnoyance at the uncomfortable condition in which he found me.

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