

CHAPTER XX.

SIX years have passed since the events recorded in the last chapter, and it is now only necessary to draw together the various threads that have gone to the weaving of this simple story.

The city has grown and developed during that time beyond the wildest dreams of the pioneers, but the burning of the Vaughn mansion still stands out as an important event in its annals. As there was an adequate amount of insurance on the edifice, the conflagration occasioned but a temporary inconvenience to Mr. Vaughn. He and his daughter went to live at the principal hotel while the rebuilding operations were going on. It was a year and a half before they were completed, and the refurnishing and decoration finished. A double wedding celebrated the event, the grandest ever known in the province. The contracting parties were Mr. Vaughn and Mdlle. Solferino, and Vernon and Lily Vaughn. Both marriages turned out happily. While the new Mrs. Vaughn spends her husband's money with a lavish hand, she does not forget the poor and unfortunate, for she remembers the pinching days