

that her brother wished to occupy De Lisle, and to escape from being constantly one of a trio. Then, how about Lady Maldon? What was to be done with her? In this extremity the physician's advice was taken, and he thought it best that her ladyship should not dare the excitements of town, but that she should elevate one of the maids to the position of a companion, and keep as quiet as she could at the Priory. She was not very well just now, he thought!

"So you're all going to leave me!" said her ladyship, when they were about to depart. "Well, I shall do the best I can. I shall have some friends to visit me!"

"What friends?" enquired the physician, anxiously.

"Oh, my cousins, of course! They've been waiting to come a long time!"

The physician looked serious, and when Lady Maldon turned aside, he whispered to the baronet:

"Dissuade her ladyship, if you can, from