

a child to Mrs. Meredith. The same kindness of heart that had prompted her when a child to give Robbie the candies in Phalen's store was still a marked feature in her character, so that she generally found her way to the hearts of those around her.

A few evenings after his conversation with Mary, they were surprised, while sitting around the fire, to hear a knock at the front door; when farmer Williams or any of their neighbors came in, they did not usually enter by that door.

"It must be our minister coming to see you, Robbie," Mary said as she arose to admit their visitor.

Mrs. Meredith was placidly counting the stitches on a sock she was knitting for Robbie, when an exclamation of surprise from Mary caused her to look up, when she heard Mr. Stuart's voice at the door.

It was her turn then to be surprised, but when Mary had ushered him into the room, and the little mother saw the look of pleasure in her