went on, in her own unaffected way. told her hers ; that secret-the only "And I should like to have her best one she ever had—of really running after you, of course, Papa thought it off to Miss Templeton's, which had would be nice for Miss Bridges to have as few at home as possible while you're all so much upset." "Please thank him, Margie," said

auntie; "it is very thoughtful of him. If you are contented to leave me nose and take Elsie instead. I she felt quite glad she was having shall get along famously. Rose is her treat, she felt a little comforted my right hand now," she added, with that annuty found to a loving glance at her.

Rose's unselfishness at this trying time was very comforting to her.

she looked ! To go to Margie's home for a week seemed such a delightful the day." thing. And poor Rose listened to her exclamations of pleasure with a pang, and couldn't help thinking how much she would have enjoyed the visit herself. And after the two had tarted off-driven off in the pony arriage that was Margie's owner thoughts would follow them, she puld not help it; and she was imagping at ever turn and twist what ney must be doing now, and gave ague answers to auntie's questions, nd was absent-minded for a long Jme after.

And auntie? In the old days auntie would have have been sharp with her, and would have recalled her wandering mind in her own brusque way, but now all auntie's sharpness seemed to have vanished away. She was wondrously soft with the fatherless girls and boys-the boys and girls who were dependent on her for hearth and home and love.

They did not know of the sleepless nights she spent, worrying over their future. Seven little lives dependent on her alone ! She counted seven still, though one of them was not; then corrected herself with a groan. They had been seven so long she forgot to count them as six,

Poor Guy and Lance ! Guy first, She had been so ambitious for him. Bright, clever Guy, with his prospeets all changed, what would become ot him? A stool in an office in a few years' time-it was all she could do for him. How sober and staid poor Guy had become! Getting manly before his time.

And in his dreams he still carried his colonel off the battle field, and woke with a sigh and a sob.

By-and-by Rose's thoughts came back to the work in hand, and she tried not to envy Elsie any more. They were turned into another channel quite when she came upon a pile of Julie's things-Julie's little shoes and stockings, little pinafores and frocks. Sacred articles they seemed to poor Rose now, as she dropped her tears upon them and gathered them with reverent hands. Ah Rose! Bitter thoughts came always with the sad ones when she remembered Julie now. She hadn't been as nice 10 Julie as she might have beenshe felt that now-not nice in little things; little things like keeping secrets from her, and treating her as a baby, which hurt poor Julie so. "Oh, Julie, Julie 1 It was too late

now. Perhaps, if she had told her some of her secrets, Julie would have

proved so fatal a thing.

Ah. Rose! kind eldest sister as she wanted to be, and was, how had she overlooked poor Julie so ? Elsie's devotion to her often made Rose humble now; and as she thought of Elsie,

that aunty found her such a help. "Good night," said auntie, when bedtime had come round kissing her niece with more affection than usual. And then Elsie came in, and Margie "Thank you, dear Rose, for offering gave the invitation to her. How to stay with me; it was very unsel-Elsie's face flushed, and how pleased fish of you. God bless you pet; you've been a help and comfort all

Rose cried when she went to bedshe was thinking of Julie still; but auatie's words had taken the bitterne-s from her grief. Somehow she felt a little happier now.

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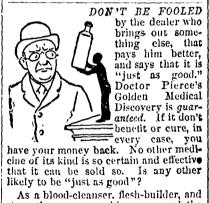
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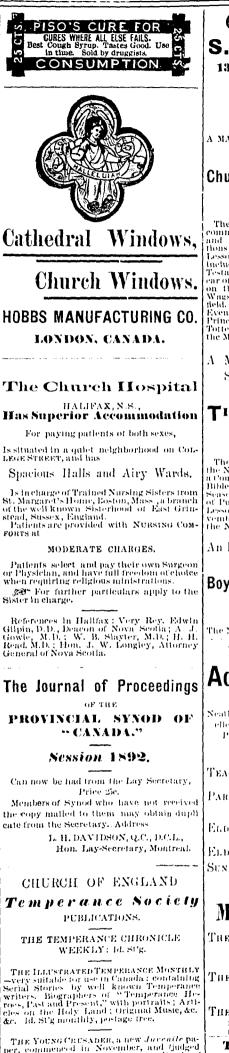
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