

A MEMOIR.

BY REV. A. J. STAN.
One bright memory shines like a star
In the sky of my spirit forever;
And over my pathway it flashes afar
A lightning that portends no evil.

THE STORY
A Sister of Two Brothers.

With some relief, the priest approached the bed, about to suggest some simple promise to be made in a few plain words. To his surprise, James and Gertrude kept down, one on each side of the bed, holding their brother's hands in their own, while the latter, slowly and painfully but with entire calm, repeated after his elder brother a formula which had evidently been arranged beforehand.

my children in such things. I am ready to give him up and to help him to do so. But he says that he will not do so. He says that he will not do so. He says that he will not do so.

Charles answered for himself. 'Have no fear; I am well now—only a little tired. Going to confession will give me a good conscience, and then I shall be able to sleep. Gertrude is right—she is always right' he added with his old smile.

The Sister said: 'I thought you had best see him now, as the sudden impression may be for his good. Only do not go near him until the day passes off.' Gertrude had been somewhat prepared for all this by her brother on the way, but she had never dreamed of anything of such unmitigated horror.

glided in and out, arranging the little white table with its blessed candle. The priest was soon heard in the distance, approaching with the Holy Viaticum, as the last Communion is called—that is, the Heavenly Food of Christ's Body to give strength to the waiting soul for its last day's journey.

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