

face that not ton g as the al-hat ved may see! Not alone in our joys — even in the things that are hard, give unto us also that thankful heart."

But upstairs the long night went on, and the dreams, too, went on and on; until at last there came one quite different from all the others.

It was a dream of a half-open window, of clouds fleeing over the blue sky, of a soft spring wind, of a sound of lambs bleating faintly on the uplands, of the rooks cawing to each other, of the birds on the elm-tree tops, of a world that was new.

And with that, Miss Nancy awoke; and perceiving that her dreams were over, naturally concluded that the long night was also over, and the morning was come; and looking round with a faint, strange interest, she said feebly, but quite clearly, and with excessive politeness, "Good-morning, Trimmer."

"Good-morning, Miss Nancy," replied Trimmer soberly, it being four o'clock in the afternoon; but quite unaware of any discrepancy, Miss Nancy acknowledged the response with a smile of weak affability. On which poor Trimmer the stern, who had hitherto refused to permit herself to give way for one single moment, went quickly out to call Aunt Norreys, and retiring to Mrs. Plummett's room, sat down on the nearest chair, and went into hysterics.

But Miss Nancy presently fell asleep in much tranquillity, and slept very soundly for a long time; and by and by she had the most singular dream of all. For she dreamed that the squire was in the room, and he was kneeling at the foot of the bed, as if he were saying his prayers, which was surely a very curious thing to fancy in her room. In her dream the door was a little open, and there came a footstep falling softly down the passage, and suddenly the rector was standing outside the door. And then dear daddy rose to his feet and looked at the rector, and the rector tried to speak, and could say nothing, and so dear daddy spoke.

"John Throgmorton desires to give thanks for great mercies vouchsafed to him."

And so Miss Nancy's waking dream passed into a sleeping, and she thought she was in church, and the rec-