

and we will at last meet, an unbroken family, in that world where parting is unknown."

"Oh, my child!" murmured the stricken parent, "if you were spared to me, your sweet guiding spirit might allure me to that brighter world which is your fitting home; but without you what can I do, or who will lend me a helping hand?"

"There is a Helper mightier than I; a Captain who was never defeated in battle nor foiled in victory. He will be with you in every time of need, and will never suffer those who trust in Him to be dismayed. It will not be long, dearest papa; only a few more days of pain, a few more nights of weakness, and then your wife and child will meet you at Heaven's gate."

By degrees Mr. Eswald grew more reconciled to the thought of losing her, but even yet it caused him intense pain to hear her speak of death. "I am coming home to