

with one accord they gave him and his lady ten thousand welcomes to their home, and prayed God to grant them many years of happiness among them.

Ernest's emotion was very great as he lifted his hat and thanked them all for such a marked display of regard as they had shown him. He told them he had simply tried to do his duty. He was very thankful for the good results that had followed. He wished them all to try and spend a very happy day, but his voice grew husky as he said, "There is but one drawback to our happiness—the absence of my dear sister. It is to her influence we owe any good there is found in us, for she first showed me my responsibilities as a man. My honoured father's health is fast failing and she could not leave him, but the Lord she so early chose and so faithfully served is with her, and whithersoever she goes she carries the light."

After one more cheer for the good and beautiful Daisy and a hearty "God bless her," the throng dispersed to prepare for feasting and merriment.

Mr. Courtney then led his wife into the library where Lady Courtney, Sir Philip and Lady Dalton, Dr. and Mrs. Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Wiseman, the steward and his wife, and several friends were waiting to receive them. Ernest gave a general introduction and then presented his wife to Lady Courtney, saying, "Dear Aunt Eleanor, I have brought you a daughter in place of the one I this morning gave away."

She took the trembling figure in her motherly arms