

receiving but a sad legacy of poverty and dishonor!

Madame Perrot, as a near relative of M. Cartier, became naturally interested in his young protégées; she had a kind heart, and ample leisure; and he was glad to place them, in some respects, under the protection of an experienced female friend. She was married in early life, almost in childhood, to the old Marquis Perrot, a cotemporary of her grandfather; but her parents thought nothing wanting to her felicity, since she received with him an ancient title, the influence of wealth and station, and the reversion of his rich estates. And when the Marquis, not many years after, kindly took leave of her, and of the world, it cannot be supposed that she sorrowed hopelessly, since he left her young, rich, and independent, a union of blessings rarely combined in woman's wayward destiny. The Marquise, with some pretensions to beauty, had a cleverness and tact, and extreme bon-homie, which rendered her a universal favorite in society. With these advantages, it may be supposed she had many aspirants for her hand, both lovers and fortune seekers; but with singular wisdom, she declined all solicitations for a second union, satisfied with her present tranquil position, and prudently avoiding a contest with the blind deity, whose random shafts so much oftener disappoint, than realize, the wishes of his votaries.

Fayawana soon became greatly attached to Madame Perrot; she took much pleasure in training the young Indian girl, to the observances of cultivated life, and with judicious care, her unformed mind rapidly expanded, and her quick perceptions, and eager desire of knowledge, rendered the task of instruction easy and delightful. Life, from that time, seemed to her, invested with new charms, and nobler duties; her imagination and her heart were awakened; the spirit of intelligence passed over her, and a new world was awakened by its transforming touch.

Jacques Cartier remarked her progress with inexpressible satisfaction, and he offered every facility which affluence could command, to advance her improvement and education. In rescuing from barbarism a being so gifted by nature, he conceived that ample justice was rendered for the sin of her abduction; and should circumstances still prevent him from restoring her to her people, she would not be unprepared for a more refined and enlarged sphere of enjoyment. The same means of instruction were also offered to Maraquita, but she turned with distaste from all mental effort, and evinced no disposition to extend her knowledge beyond the rude intelligence of her own people; the external enjoy-

ments of life had always satisfied her, and deprived of those to which she had been accustomed, her spirit bowed to necessity, and became tame and apathetic.

M. Cartier still embraced every fitting opportunity, to urge on Francis the expediency of following up his discoveries in the new found country, he had so perseveringly explored, and to which the attention of other European powers had been long directed. His adventurous spirit turned eagerly to the hope of new and more extensive discoveries, which would advance the interest of his country, equally with his own renown, and he chafed impatiently, at the inactivity which he was so long compelled to endure. Royal sanction, and princely wealth it must be remembered, was at that time necessary to prepare an expedition, so expensive and hazardous. A solitary ship, or two or three in company, threading the pathway of the great deep, was a rare and wonderful sight, and in their tedious outfit, and slow progress, they were obliged to contend with ignorance, superstition and prejudice, and to suffer all the inconveniencies arising from an imperfect knowledge of mechanical laws, and especially from nautical inexperience. Such difficulties, which can hardly be comprehended in these days of general utility,—when every art is carried to such perfection, and the navigation of seas and oceans has become a pastime,—at that early period, required the direction of commanding genius, aided by a courage, energy and perseverance, which no dangers could intimidate, no obstacles dismay, and no difficulties discourage. Thanks to the noble spirits, who, so bravely adventured life, and sacrificed life's best blessings, in the generous cause; and who have thus brought remotest regions into contact, and prepared the way for unlimited advancement, and universal fellowship!

The young Sieur de Roberval exerted all his interest with his royal master, to promote the wishes of M. Cartier, for he sympathized warmly with the chivalrous spirit which longed for distinction, and panted for enterprises of peril and adventure. His name stood proudly in the list of Francis' bravest knights, and he had already been associated with Jacques Cartier (with whose name his own is handed down to posterity,) in several gallant enterprises. Though several years his junior, they had long maintained an intimate personal friendship.

It was natural that De Roberval should continue, as he had long been, a frequent guest at M. Cartier's villa. The old chief, Donnacona, loved his frank and manly bearing, and was flattered by the sincere and respectful deference of