which was odious in my ears.

tive airy castle and I was so much delighted with it that I never paused people a children in such a fashion, in order to make my own home more them." bright and pleasant. Neither did I pause to consider for a moment that Maudie and Guy would not always

cent. The road was wide-it had that advantage—and the houses, though small and dull and poor, had an air of respectablity about them. There were no shops in the street, garden in front of each house. I scanned the numbers on the door, and drew up before the one I was in search of.

"Take the pony into the shade and drive him slowly up and down," I said to the boy as I alighted; "I may be a little time here."

did not think the children would be at home. They always seemed to spend the afternoon upon the shore. This house was perhaps one of the best looking in the row. The garden was neat, some flowers were blooming in the narrow borders, and there was a box of geraniums in the parlor window. The window was open, and I saw a few children's things lying about. But the room was clean and tidy, though but poorly furnished.

I made these observations whilst waiting to be let in. The door was opened by a respectable woman whom I took, and rightly, to be Mrs.

It was well for me that she had a pleasant face and ready smile, or I should have felt disposed to turn tail and bolt. I really had a very imperfect notion of what I had come to say, and a scowl or short answer would soon have sent me flying. As it was, the woman's cheery face and respectful manner put me at my ease, and I assumed the most grown-up air that I could, and gained confidence as I went on.

"You are Mrs. Marks, I think?"
"Yes, ma'am," with a slight

curtsy.

"I have heard of you, and I came to ask you a little about poor Mrs. dren. I live at the great house across the bay, and I heard something about the sad story. It made me anxious to know more. It all seemed so very sad."

"And indeed it was, ma'am; and sa-s

that I should have the utmost in- if you'll come in I'll tell you all I dependence without the boredom of know, and be glad to do it. Maybe a "companion," the very name of you know something of the poor dear lady and her family. I'd be It only took me a few seconds to glad indeed for the poor lambs to build this fanciful and highly decora- have to have friends to look after thom."

"No, I did not know Mrs. Dougto consider what an absurdity it was las; I only heard the story—or part to think I could settle the whole busi of it—by chance. But I have seen ness, and run away with other the children at play on the shore, and I was struck and pleased by

"And so you might well be, ma'am, for a sweeter pair of bonny bairns I have never seen; and as good as be little children, and that there was they are pretty—bless their little a very heavy responsibility resting hearts! It grieves me more than I on all who had the care of young can say to think of parting with on an who had the care of young can say to think of parting with lives. I was pleased with my plan them. But there, there it will be as a child is pleased by a new toy. all for their good. But I wish they had when I looked up and saw in big had somebody to look to besides the clergy House of Rest letters on the wall the name "Graham this step-brother of theirs. I never CACOUNA. P.O. street," I turned the pony's head could abide step-folks, having had without further hesitation and pulled up before the door of No. 13. It was a poor little street of small I was thirteen. It do seem hard, houses, much smaller and much less that it do But there don't seem pretentious than those in the Crest to be a soul else."

(To be Continued.)

I THINK in times of overwhelming joy or sorrow, when no words could and there were little patches of fathom the depths of the heart, when almost every human voice would fall outside it altogether, or jar rudely if it reached within, there is a wonderful comfort in the calm of those ancient, immutable liturgies. They are a channel worn deep by the joys and sorrows of ages. Their change-lessness links them with eternity, ed as I came through the garden. I and seems thus to make room for the measures of thought and time.-

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