

CHAPTER XXXII.

THE END OF IT ALL.



HE Carlingfords and the Freres came back from the fancy ball; and then and not till then, the real alarm with regard to Rosaleen and Nina was given. Great and terrible was the excitement, and a party was immediately formed to search for both girls in the snow.

Nurse told all she could with regard to Nina's visit.

'I told her that Miss Rosaleen was asleep in her bed,' said nurse. 'It seems I was wrong.'

No one listened much to poor distracted nurse; but soon after twelve o'clock that night a search-party, well equipped with lanterns, brandy, and restoratives of every kind, started to look for the missing girls. They did not find them for a couple of hours; but Nina's lantern proved a beacon, and soon after two o'clock on that wintry morning the