

GOING HOME.

them into useful citizens, instead of roughs, to disturb tranquillity and order, and to become at last inmates of so-called reformatories and penitentiaries. Perhaps every reader of this tale might be able to do something towards reclaiming one such ; and were every one to try who could, it would more advance the prosperity of Canada than any development of merely material resources.

Jim had, however, a great sorrow soon after this. The little brother, so clever and thoughtful, who had been Katie's favourite pupil, died of an inflammatory disease, brought on, she feared, by his mother's neglect. She saw him often during his illness, and tried to lead his mind to the Saviour of whom she had so often told him ; and she had the satisfaction of knowing that he died with His name on his lips, as he breathed a simple childish prayer which she had taught him. His sisters are fast growing into nice, useful girls, able to make their father's home comfortable, and likely to become good servants. Their father himself continues steady and industrious, though his wife still indulges in her old drinking ways whenever she has an opportunity. But, through the care that has been exercised over them, it may be hoped that the evil effects of her conduct will not extend beyond herself.

But Katie's work was nearly finished now. In the beginning of the second winter after Helen's marriage, Mr Grey and she went to be present at the baptism of Helen's baby, and in returning home she caught a severe cold from exposure to rain, which ultimately settled on her lungs. She had always had a predisposition to her mother's constitutional malady, and, once seated, it made rapid progress