

higher aspiration for the noble, and the exalted. Turning from that loved face, radiant with affection's light, his mind insunctively dwelt, by association, upon whatever was most excellent in the natural and moral world. And so from the love of woman springs a desire for the beautiful and the good.

An avowal of feeling on the part of Edward met with no impediment to his happiness, and the moment which would unite forever the destinies of two fond hearts was drawing nigh, when the harsh trumpet-call to arms first woke them from their tranquil dream, and brought them suddenly back to the stern demands and realities of life. A blow was about to be struck, and the lovers saw with regret, that a delay would inevitably occur in the completion of their hopes: for both Edward and the father of Clarence were among the number destined to accompany the expedition then about to prepare for active service on the frontier. Captain Forbes would have wished his child to remain behind while he was engaged in the precarious struggle which would inevitably follow, but no persuasion or apprehension of the peril and privation inseparable from the nature of the undertaking, were sufficiently strong to overcome the force of filial solicitude; and—for who can unravel, even in his own breast, the intricate threads that form the web of every fixed purpose—perhaps the desire of being still near the idol of her young heart, was an additional inducement for Clarence to insist upon accompanying her father. Upon the arrival of the troops at Chiegnecto, she was placed within the protecting walls of Fort Lawrence, as a secure asylum during the progress of those hostilities which had terminated so successfully for the honour of the British arms. But poor Clarence was fated to undergo all the terror and disquietude which the danger of those most dear awakens so wildly in the bosom of her sex, which, however, received a terrible increase as soon as she learned that her father had received a wound while employed in the trenches; which, though not attended with fatal consequences, still occasioned great pain and debility, while the advanced years of the sufferer precluded any hope being entertained of other than a protracted recovery. It was then that the old man missed the unwearied attentions, the compassionate tenderness of his child, and upon the capitulation of Beau Séjour it was arranged that Edward should conduct the maiden to her father, with a sufficiently strong escort, enjoined rather from motives of prudence than necessity, as soon as the princ-

pal force of the English, which were about marching to attack the sole remaining post of the enemy upon the Gaspereaux, had taken their departure from the fort. Therefore is it, that the lover leaves his restless couch to welcome the approach of dawn, counting the sluggish hours that intervene ere he can behold the features of his betrothed once more, and vowing in his heart that nothing shall cause a further procrastination of an indissoluble union with one so necessary to his very existence. "O Clarence!" said he fervently, "wert thou mine forever, unalterably linked by the force of human bonds, as thou art already entwined with every feeling of my soul, perchance this vague disquietude, this fearful shadow of some unknown evil, would not haunt me with such melancholy fancies. Away absurd delusion! is the hope that never faltered in the hour of battle to sicken with despondency when there is nought but happiness before me, unclouded as the prospect of glorious beauty upon which I gaze. Let me banish all thought save delightful anticipation of meeting the beloved object of so much solicitude again. Is not the brightest jewel that can reward the ambition of man, the possession of a pure and confiding heart? That boon is mine; and it may be that the priceless value of the treasure is the cause of these groundless apprehensions for its safety, which force themselves so unaccountably upon my mind." Here the foreboding reflections of the lover were interrupted by the quick rattle of a drum, rolling aloud the reveille amid the deep silence of the morn, which speedily aroused the garrison from its slumbers, and caused the soldier to retreat from his lofty station towards his quarters beneath, as the sound of various voices began to issue from the shattered tenements of the fort.

In one of the upper rooms of the dismantled barracks, the windows of which, being knocked into one, afforded rather more fresh air than was at all agreeable to the feelings of the inmates, who, to remedy the work of their friends, had made shift to supply the deficiency by placing a few rough boards across the breach in the front wall, several half-dressed soldiers were busily engaged cleaning their arms and accoutrements, while the rude jest and hearty laugh kept equal pace with their not overburdensome labours.

"Tim," said a robust Emerald with red hair and face to match,—the natural ugliness of the latter, enhanced by a broad patch over the left cheek, who was furishing a bayonet with the rapid friction of a soft leather rag—