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CHAPTER XXI.

RETRIBUTION.

MANY of the boys, as we have before mentioned, were sorry for the way in which they had behaved to Frank, and come and told him so with tears. One or two appeared to long to say something more, but stammered, and remained silent. ' We dare not confess,', argued they, among themselves, 'but we may atone.'

Frank was careful to seize the moment when their hearts were softened towards him. to urge upon them the importance of the religion of Christ. Some wept; all listened. The little missionary forgot the prize for which he had been working so hard. He forgot everything in his zeal for the cause of God. Claude Hamilton smiled at his enthusiasm, and wondered at his occasional eloquence.

'you are right, Netherton,' said he, 'in wishing to be a missionary; and I hope to see you one yet, if we both live.'

'I hope so !' exclaimed Frank.

By-and-by, however, the sorrow, or repentance, or whatever the impression was, wore off. The Loys returned to their sports and occupations, and Frank's hearers dwindled gradually away, until none remained but Doyle, Herbert, and Howard, and another boy named Donaldson, who seemed to think that he could never do enough for Frank, and was always following him about, to the evident annoyance of Rushton. Who can tell what good seed may have been sown in those few days?

It may be that some of our readers will feel under his very eyes.

inclined to smile at our little missionary, and of Dr. Chalmers: Little things, and little usher. people, have often brought great things to pass. 4 I wonder that he can think at all, ex-The largest world in which we exist is made claimed Doyle, who was walking along up of little particles, as small as the sands on with a book in his hand, which he had closed the sea-shore. The vast sea is composed of at length in despair. small drops of water. The little busy bees, ' 'That is right,' said Frank' do not read how much honey they gather! Do not be any more; it seems a shame this glorious day. discouraged because you are little. A little How blue the sky is ! And do look at yonder star shines brightly in the sky, in a dark night, cherry-tree, with its scarlet and yellow leaves, and may be the means of saving many a poor and the elder-berries.' sailor from shipwreck; and a little Christian! may do a great deal of good, if he or she will try. There is nothing like trying.

which was eagerly looked forward to through tumn day, notwithstanding its brightness. the week. When weather permitted, they generally took a long country walk, under the superintendence of Mr. Barlow, who, it must be confessed, had enough to do to look after them. Sometimes Mr. Campbell himself accompanied them, and his presence was never felt as a restraint. He never played the schoolmaster out of solool, but was the kind Howard. friend and intelligent companion of his pupils. Mr. Barlow had no influence over them, Hamilton, turning away with a smile. because he had no sympathy with them. He felt this without understanding the cause, and it made him still more harsh and unbending. He had a habit, however, of falling into what the boys called 'a brown study,' in which he the world. At these times they did pretty mined to try.' much as they pleased, buying fruit and pastry, which was contrary to the rules, and eating it said Howard, turning pale.

"I wonder what he can be thinking about," say, What good can a mere school-boy like said Frank, during one of their walks, and Frank Netherton ever hope to do? If there glancing as he spoke from his noisy companions, be any such, we will answer them in the words into the stern, thoughtful countenance of the

· Elder wine is a nice thing,' said Dovle. 'I wish I had some now!' exclaimed a boy who was swinging his arms to and fro in order Every Saturday the boys had a half-holiday, to keep hims 'f warm; for it was a chill au-

> 'I wish I had some of those delicious-looking apples!' said Rushton, directing the attention of his school-fellows to a neighbouring orchard, where a few had been suffered to remain thus late in the season, and shone out temptingly above the high wall.

> 'They do indeed look delicious,' repeated

I dare say they are sour,' observed Claude

'They do not look so, at any rate.'

' Nonsense,' said Howard; Hamilton was only alluding to the fable of the fox and the

As if every dunce did not know that,' reseemed to forget them and everything else in plied Rushton. But, at any rate I am deter-

Why you would not steal them, surely!'

'Pshaw! lord Nelson himself, when he was

a school-boy, did just the same thing. Ask No therten, and he will tell you the story."

But he did not do it for the sake of the apples, or pears I believe they were,' replied Frank. ' He did it because the others were afraid, and at considerable personal risk, in father says, it was neither true courage nor a just action.'

'Nelson was a hero,' said Rushton, 'and worth a dezen milksops. I will be bound, if the truth were known, half of you at the pre- drew him away. Most of the boys followed sent moment are afraid to mount that high wall.

"We are more afraid of doing wrong, said you cannot be serious."

' Indeed I am,' said Rushton, shaking off his hand.

'I declare,' exclaimed Howard, 'it is just as had as stealing the peaches."

What do you mean by that I' asked Rush- say no more about it." ton, turning fiercely towards him.

I mean to say that if you take those apples, you are just as bad as the person who receiver is as bad as the thief.' stole Mr. Campbell's peaches."

Rushton gazed keenly into his flushed countenance, and was not a little autonished to receive no fearless a reply.

Bravo, Howard l'exclaimed he, after a pause; I did not think that you had so much spirit. You will do vet.'

The tears came into Howard's eyes. O Rushton!' said he, ' do not take those apples ; please do not!'

' And way not ?'

' Because it is wrong.'

· Nonsense; old Hickson is as rich as a Jew. and has plenty more. Besides I have set my mind upon them.'

hoarding up. 4 1 saw some almost as hie as we came along.'

* No I have set my heart upon these. Will any one join me in getting them ?'

There was no reply,

Will any one catch them if I climb the wall, and threw them down ?'

Several of the boys drew nearer, and began pale face of the suffering boy. to cast law ing looks towards the tree.

something to Rushion, in a low voice, which to push him away. "Where are the rest; going to do, he is sufficiently punished." made him change colo and hesitate for a mo- where is Howard ? I wish you would not hold!

and be a good boy, and be would give him one of the apples when he got them.

out he drew back, and said no more.

'Lears him alone,' excisimed Dayle; 'it order to show his own courage. But, as my the apples, and break his neck, if he likes. with the pain.

' I said that you were all afraid,' observed

' Afraid !' repeated Philip Doyle.

Hamilton laid his hand upon his arm and to the house. -Howard among the number: but Frank still lingered.

' Come, Rushton,' said he gently, 'it is do not care about the fruit, any more than Nelson did: You only do it out of bravado, You will be sorry for it to-morrow. Come, will you?'

' No,' answered Rushton, ' I will not. So

Remember,' added Frank, to the remaining boys, as he turned away; ' remember that the

Their laughter rang in his ears as be hastened to overtake his companions. When he had gone a little distance. Frank could not help looking back. Rushton was almost balfway up the wall. Owing to some loose bricks, the ascent was not so difficult as it appeared. A few more steps, and he would be able to bend down the the tempting and heavily laded bough, and gather what he pleased. In his eagerness he grew less careful; and one of the on the ground.

His sharp, uncontrollable burst of agony Let us buy some,' whispered Howard, reach him, for the partners of his crime had affair ?' said he. showing a bright shilling which he had been shrunk away the moment he fell, and mingled with the rest, leaving him alone.

> Rushton opened his eyes, and fixed them upon the face of Frank Netherton, who was speak the truth, say nothing. bending tenderly over him, and then closed lhem again with a heavy groon.

Herbert ran and fetched some water in his please.' cap, which Frank sprinkled gently over the

Little Donaldson crept forward, and said you here still I' said he, making a feeble effort ever poor Rushton might have been doing, or

away, feeling somewhat burt by Rushton's evident aversion to his presence. What can Donaldson stamped his feet pashionately; I do for you? I am so sorry. Where are you hurt 1'

' It is my leg,' replied Rushton. ' I believe s no of use speaking to him. Let him steal I have broken it :' and he once more fainted

> Assisted by Mr. Barlow, the boys hastened to make a litter of green boughs, upon which Rushton was carefully laid, and conveyed back.

CHAPTER

THE MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

RUSHTON had not broken his leg, but his Claude Hamilton, gently. Come Rushton, never too late to do right. I know that you ankle was found to be severely sprained; and although the surgeon succeeded in alleviating be intense pain from which be was suffering, he warned Rushton that it would, in all probability, be many weeks before he would be able to move. It was not until the good doctor departed, and Mr. Campbell had himself scen that all his directions were obeyed, and Rushton seemed easier and more composed, although still suffering greatly, that he found time to inquire into the particulars of the accident.

> Mr. Barlow could tell him nothing. He had no idea how it happened. He thought everything was going on right, and was walking along as quietly as possible, when Rushton's piercing cry fell on his ears, and he turned back and found him lying under the high wall by farmer Hickson's orchard. He supposed Rushton must have tried to climb it. He did not know whether there was any fruit there, bricks giving way, he fell suddenly and violently but should imagine not, as it was so late in the season.

> Mr. Campbell turned to Howard, who hapwakened the dreaming usher, and brought the pened to be standing near him. ' Perhaps you boys crowding back. Frank was the first to can tell me something more of this mysterious

> > Howard blushed and besitated; but just then a favourite sentiment of Frank Netherton's darted into his mind: 'If you eannot

> > 'Yes, sir, I could tell you,' answered he, after a pause; but I would rather not, if you

' Very well,' said Mr. Campbell, smiling, and patting him on the shoulder; then I Again Rushton unclosed his eyes. What, must not ask any questions, I suppose. What-

Mr. Campbell said no more; but he made ment, but it was only for a moment; and then my hand; you make it worse; any one but you." up his mind that every day to get a new tutor, he laughed, and bid him mind his own business, ' Here I am,' said Heward, as Frank moved which he succeeded in doing in the course of fort and improvement of his pupils.

The old housekeeper did not like having Go away, send Netherton.' Rushton for a patient as well as she had Frank. Unaccustomed to confinement, he fretted and . Ay ! you are so busy working for the prize, I have made up my mind to tell you everything. grumbled all day long, thereby retarding his I suppose, while I am obliged to he here doing own recovery, and tiring out those who had to nothing. But it serves are right :' and he in my waistcoat pocket, intending to return it wait upon him. Howard frequently went to sit buried his face in the clothes and wept. with him, for he really liked Rushton, and was | Fronk laid aside what he was about, and forgot to do so, and while I was reaching up sorry to see him suffer. Several of the other went as soon as Howard asked him. Rushton boys paid him a brief visit now and then, more was still weeping, and did not notice his enout of pity than from any affection they had for trance until he stood by the bedside, inquiring him. Rushton had no real friends. Those who kindly and gen'ly how he felt. 'I am afraid were the first to laugh with him were also the you are in great pain,' said he. first to laugh at him, and kept away from his Yes. I am in pain, but I do not care so sick chamber as if they had forgotten his very much about that. I can bear my punishment. existence.

comes to see me 1' asked Rushton one day of subject.' Howard. 'He is generally so fond of playing 'Time enough when you are well,' said the good Samaritan. There is no fear of my Frank. I would rather pity and sympathise rnnning away now, let him preach as he will. with you now, if you will let me."

Frank has not forgotton you. He always inquires about you most kindly and would send for you in order to gain your pity,' said have come to you long since, only he did not he, after a pause, but to tell you something like; that is, he did not know whether you that has long lain heavy on my heart. Perwould like it, after what you said. But per- haps you did not think I had a heart.' haps it was the pain that made you speak so crossly.'

him to be if he stays away for a cross word, yourself.' said Rushton.

and I am glad too.'

Why !

' Perhaps I better not tell you.'

' Nonsense; why should you not tell me ? member them.'

' You will be vexed.'

'That is no new thing.'

he will do you good, as he did me. I do not sudden, as his glance rested on the crimson mean that he will make the pain less, but teach you, perhaps, to bear it better. Do you understand ?'

' Yes, I understand well enough.'

'I wish you would try 'nd like Frank Netherton,' continued Howard, encouraged by Rushton's manner.

' We selden like those whom we have injured,' said Rushton, in a low voice, as if he were speaking to himself.

Howard looked surprised, but he did not reply; he did not know what to say.

' Well, go along now,' continued Rushton,

time, much to his own satisfaction and the com- again to do anything as it does other people-

"I will ask him to come when he is able."

Why do you not begin to moralize, Nether-'How is it that Fank Netherton never ton? You cannot possibly have a better

Rushton turned away his head. ' I did not

'Yes I did,' replied Frank, snothingly and a kind one, if you would only follow Frank Netherton is not the boy I imagine its better feelings. But you must not excite

· Very well; I will be calm. You will 'Then he may come? He will be so glad ; judge me differently when I have told you all. You remember the peaches which Mr. Campbell lost 1'

' To be sure I do. I have reason to re-

' Should you like to know who stole them?'

'Yes, I should very much,' exclaimed Frank, Well, then, I am glad because I hope that eagerly; and then checking himself all of a brow of his companion, he added, but it does not signify now; it is all past and gone."

' I stole those peaches,' said Rushton.

'Yon ?'

' Yes. It was a bright moonlight night; gone to rest, and I stood under the wall and gothered them, handing them to my companions. After we had eaten them, we builed the atones in the ground. There were six of us. Of course, I do not mean to betray them, for we presently. promised not to tell of one another; but I may inform against myself. They were all sorry for it afterwards, and wanted to confess everyafter a pause. 'I dare say you have a thou-thing, but I would not consent. It was my you had not sent for me.' sand things to do, and it takes you as long fault that you suffered as long as you did.'

But the pencil-case, said Frank: 1 You are very kind to come to me so often. want to know how the pencil-case came to be found where it was ?'

'That is the worst part of the story; but I had found it on the previous day, and put it to you the first opportunity; but semehow I to gather the peaches it fell out.'

'I understand it all now,' said Frank. 'Of course you did not notice it in the dark.'

' It was a bright moonlight night, I tell you; so bright that one might have seen to pick up a pin. I did notice it."

Then you forgot it again, I suppose, in your hurry.'

'No; I went away and left it there per posely.'

O Rushton! how could you do that I'

Because I disliked and was jealous of you. It gave me pleasure to think that the boy who was always preaching to others, and whom everybody praised, would be suspected at least of a theft which others had committed and enjoyed-although we did not enjoy it very much, for we were obliged to eat them in a hurry. It seemed a capital joke; but I never thought, I never meant that it should and so seriously; and I wanted courage to undo what I had done. I could not rest any longer without telling you this. But I do not want-[do not expect you to forgive me.'

'Rushton,' said Frank in a low voice, ' if I did not forgive you with my whole heart, I could not pray to my heavenly Father to-night. I could not say, ' Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them who trespass against us." Shake hands, Rushton.'

The boys shook bands in silence.

' Frank,' said Rushton, after a pause, during which he had been weeping bitterly, 'it is not the pain in my foot, it is your kindness that makes me cry. You have not said a single harsh word to me.'

And I will not, if I can help it; but I have we crept into the garden after every one bad a great many words that I should like to say to you when you are stronger, and better able to hear them.'

' Say them now, Frank.'

' No, you must rest. I will come up again

'I never came to see you when you were ill,' said Rushton.

' Never mind; neither should I, perhaps, if

Frank returned to the school-room, with his

properly. Donaldson was there, and seemed ! The claim of sickness and misfortune,' re-lits members to be watching for him.

- ' You have been to see Rushton,' said he, Did be tell you anything?"
 - . What should be tell inc?'
- " I do not know; only I thought-I hoped-' the truth, that he was one of the six who stole from the rest, and full of thought. the peaches, and had repented of it afterwards.

CHAPTER

BETTER THAN A PRIZE.

MANY were the hours which Frank and Rushton spent together. The latter, subdued by illness, and grateful for the undeserved kindness of his companion, grew strangely patient; and when it occasionally happened otherwise. Frank remembered how much he suffered, and bore with him as well as he could.

- 'I wonder,' said Philip Doyle, somewhat impatiently to Frank, ' how can you spend so much time with that disagrecable Rushton. especially when every moment is precious and you ought to be working hard for a prize.'
- Rushton is not disagrecable now, replied Frank. 'I am really beginning to like him.'

It is so natural to like those to whom we are kind.

- But the prizes,' continued Doyle:' I thought that you wanted to gain one?'
 - ' So I did; and so I do.'
- ' You never will, if you idle away your time in the way you have been doing of late.'
- I suppose not; but Rushton looks so for my coming.'
- to get a prize.'
- 'Yes, I hope he will,' said Doyle ; ' he deserves it for his industry and perseverance, childhood have been the most faithful to it. But I want to gain one also.'
- try.'
- pleased your father would be.' . .
- will try. I will go and tell Rushton the reason ones, we should say, first of all, let the Church boys, men, women, children, and see what the why I cannot be with him so much, and I am have more prominence, and let there be temper- screen tries to hide." sure that he will let me off.'
 - Let you off! repeated Doyle.

plied Frank, gently.

What did he want with you? along, and join us in the school-room as soon as ment too? Is it well to give the young the you can.'

and instead of going up stairs to visit his sick educated to total abstinence by the example of and Donaldson paused, and looked so confused friend, went, as it was playtime, into the their parents, teachers, and friends. Temperthat Frank at once suspected, what was in fact garden, where he walked up and down, apart ance for children exclusively is regarded by them

> gain a prize. I want to show Helen that I be a book, and then I would leave it in his from. ton is not a selfish boy; and if I were to tell him this, he would be the first to urge my stayfor no one else thinks of going to see him! And perhaps he might give over reading the Bible, just as he has begun to take an interest in it. I should not be afraid if he had gone on for some time, for then he would not be able to do without it. I wish I knew what wa-

> > (Concluded next week.)

IMPORTANCE OF JUVENILE OR-GANIZATION.

(From the Youth's Temperance Vesiter.)

Children are sensitive about keeping their upon you, we will point out some of them. pledge. A father was once telling his family about quenching his thirst with eider, because water could not be obtained. "Father," said Why cannot his friend Howard sit with his little boy, "how far were you from James River when you drank the cider? "-" Rather Because Howard is working hard too imore than fifteen miles, my boy."-" Well, I'd break my pledge." During the last few years,

mind too bewildered to attend to anything what possible claim can be have upon you? Sabbath school should have a branch society for

After all, is there much hope of succeeding 'You are right,' said Doyle. 'Now run with the children, unless the adults join the moreimpression that temperance is good for them only Frank ran a few steps and then hesitated ; until they overgrow it? Let the children be simply as one of the disabilities of childhood. 'It is late, to be sure,' argued he; 'but I The rule for temperance is the same as for all think, I have no doubt, but that, by working moral education, "Train up a child in the way hard, and making up for lost time, I might still the should go [i.c., after he becomes a man]; and when he is old he will not depart from it." Any can win a prize. My dear father, too, how other temperance than such as is adapted to pleased he would be! It is almost certain to all ages, a child, if he live, certainly will depart Nothing could be better adapted to study, where he could see it every day. Rush- teach him that it is manly to drink, than to make total abstinence a duty peculiar to childhood.

We wish to say, then, that jurenile tempering away. But then how lenely he would be, once organizations will be worth but little, unless the adults are also organized, keeping the pledge themselves, and carrying it to the degraded around them, as one means of bringing the world to Christ.

LOOK OUT FOR MASKED BAT-TERIES!

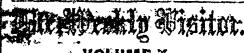
Beware of masked batteries! You know the mischief they work. They have various forms, and are located at various places; but they always work mischief. There are many of them. and for fear that they should be brought to bear

That screen, that you see as you pass the saloon door, is a masked battery. You know this without being told; for why do men or boys go behind that screen for anything that is honest or proper? Did you ever go near enough to read what is written upon it? "Come behind here, harder than any of us. It would do him good have walked there and back again rather than boys," it says, "and do what you are ashamed to be seen doing! Come behind here, and we believe that those who signed the pledge in be cheated, by giving your money for what will do you more hurt than good! Come behind Are our sabbath schools awake on this sub- here, and conceal a bad example! Come behind "Thank you,' answered Frank, ' I should like ject? Of course, no one would be foolish enough here, and see how mean a business we carry on; it very much; and I think I could if I were to to require the pledge, as a condition of admis- see how we mislead boys, and ruin men; how sion to a school; but is the formation of tem- we get our living by doing evil to others; how Then try by all means. Remember how perance societies within the school encouraged we make drunkards and promote poverty; how and aided? If one asks wherein the new move- we ring the hearts of fathers and mothers by en-'And Helen,' continued Frank. 'Yes I ments commencing should differ from the former ticing their boys to ruin! Come behind here,

> ance organizations connected with every relig- Those little dog kennels, in the shop below, "Why, ious congregation. On the same principles, the are masked batteries indeed. What kind of

goods do men sell, whose customers have to go into those dirly holes and shut the doors? Better by far go into the lock-up. These holes are indeed masked battories for men. More drunken men come out of these holes than go into them. Acep watch at the door, boys and sea who are the customers. Mea with red faces and tattered characters enter theremen with "blue ruin" written all over them, They have faced masked batteries before, They think their distrace is a secret, while everybody knows they have born "battered" till there is little left of them. Watch the door boys, for nobody goes into those dog-holes except-to conoval their abame.

These are not the only masked batteries that might be pointed out to the young men and boys in every community. There are others more dangerous, because more deeply masked. Go to the constituted authorities of your city or town, and ask them to protect you from themand tell them that, if they fail to do it, the resprinibility is theirs. Go, young men, and lay your interests before them, and ask them how they dare, in the face of God and their constituents, thus to neglect their duty ! Possibly -possibly they may hear you.



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SOIREE.

Crusado Lodge, B.O.G.T., intend hold ing a Soirce in the Brock Street Hall, on Thursday ovening, March 29. Tickots 25 conts each. A splendid programme is guaranteed. Tea from 7 to 8. We hope there will be a large attendance.

TEMPERANCE REFORMATION SOCIETY.

We beg to remind our city readers of Temperance Hall, Temperance Street, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. E. Caswell, and other gentlemen, will deliver addresses. good choir will be in attendance to en-pleasure of being present at the grand dinner liven the proceedings.

on Thursday evening, March 29.

The following is an extract from an address

on the dinner table, that I have no hope of my in the beautiful lines,being able to induce Mrs. Buckram to give Athem up. When Mrs. Buckram last had the party given by her friend, Madame Starch, Mrs. B. was both astonished and stimulated by the Bor Don't forget Orusade Lodge Soirce variety and rare qualities of the wines that grace led the dinner table; and so Mrs. Buckram

Lag must in her turn, treat her friends not only fo whisky, sherry, and brandy, but must also be delivered by George Roy. Esq., before an is Mr. Buckram has plenty of money, and so audience of 2,500 in Aberdeen, at a New Year the wine merchant must cover his bottles with festival, on Monlay evening, Jany. 21, 1466: - ja mixture of ashes and sawdust, and chargo Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, when double price for them, that Mrs. Buckram may I sat down to think what I should say to you win the sweetest smile from Parson Flunky, on the present occasion, my first thought was, by treating him to the vintage of, we shall say, that I would warn you to beware of ever be- 1823. I have no hope of making much imcoming temperance orators, for if you ever do, pression on those distinguished families, the you may bill adien to many quiet, social en-Buckrams and the Starches-nor yet have I Joyments. For many years now, so soon as the much hope of making a very great impression first of January has dawned, when all good on high official circles. Just fancy a grand public citizens are setting about the enjoyment of their dinner without wine. How could it ever be got annual holiday, it has been mine to wrap my through without the usual loyal and patriotic plaid about me and take my sent in a railway toasts? The Social Science Congress deplore carriage, and have my bones rattled over many four excess in druking, and deal largely in the miles, that I might, to some mass of mankind, social evil, and then wind up their business with denounce our drinking customs. So often have a grand philanthropic vanity fair-public dinner I good on these temperance missions, that I am | nt which they give the full weight of their beginning to have the comic notion that, by- influence to the most stupid of our drinking and-by, I will be pointed at by observing fellow- customs. Now it seems to me that this is not travellers, as a poor man labouring under a so much the fault as it is the failing of our great strange delusion. I can imagine I hear them people; originality amongst such people is very whispering, "Do you see that man with the scarce. For of high position think for themlong beard 7 poor man; he believes that if on selves in matters of social etiquette; all this is the first day of each year he travels to some done for them by Brench, and English flunkies. distant city, and holds forth on the horzors of If over these authorities decide that toast-drinkdrupkenness and the beauty of temporance, that ling is quite out, of course polite circles will at he will convert everybody to his tectotal no-loner assent. But I have no hope that my tions." I can easily fancy the looks of pity counsels will in such quarters be attended to, so which I the poor enthusiast, will receive. I can I console my temperanco friends by reminding imagine some phrenological philosopher setting them that for one great public dinner at which about the examination of my bumps, that he drink is publicly used, we have now many public may find out the strange combination of heights tea-parties conducted entirely on temperance and hollows which produce my foolish fancies. [principles. In the city of Glasgow now, even I am quite sure that the disciple of George the wine and spirit trade have their annual tem-Combe will find himself far at sea as soon as he perance soirce. Not expecting them to influence puts his hand upon my cranium; he will at once highly fashiouable or official circles, it may be discover that mine is not the head of an enthusi-lasked, whom I do expect to impress with my ast; his science will tell him that hope in me is eloquence? My answer is I desire and hope, in small, and that almost every other faculty is some measure, to influence the most intelligent large, so he will be in no way surprised when I portion of the young men and women who are tell him that I have no hope of making all who now listening to me. As I look into your fair hear me sign the pledge. I have for instance, young faces, I feel I can say in sincerity, I love little hope of producing much effect on very you all. I feel to you as to younger brothers fashionable people; no, there is something so and sisters, and I pray to God that he would the meeting on Friday ovening in the charming in the display of the crystal and silver impress on all your hearts the counsel contained

In life's gay morn, when sprightly youth With vital ardour glows, And shines in all the fairest charms, That beauty can disclose Deep on the soul, before its powers Are yet by vice enslaved, Be thy Creator's glorious name, And character engraved."

I know of nothing that will more certainly obli- and crosses, when you will be able to feel that terate the name and character of God in the the lines of Longfellow are true to nature :young heart than the free use of strong drink. Youth is peculiarly the season of temptation. The great German poet, Goethe, draws no fancy picture when he exhibits his hero. Faust, as ever accompanied by the fiend, Mephistophiles. That is a true picture of human life. All men, and women especially, at that period of life, when the " passions are wild and strong," have ever an evil spirit by their side, tempting them to break God's laws, whispering in their ears, that " it is all gammon about the wages of ain being death." Now, my young friends, I would have you remember that strong drink is the most potent and the most arductive weapon that the having always a tempting devil at their elbow? Well, I know that he is there, and although I I can, I think, to the most accute of you, make you feel that such a fiend is near each of you. I have at this moment in my mind's eye three fine young men, each of whom I knew intimately. intolerable breath. They hae all bright prospects and high hopes; but being assailed by the fiend, with the seductire cup, and yielding to his bellish wiles, were landed, the first in the grave of a sot, the second in a lunatic asylum, while the third died a fear [progress. This is a mistake. It progresses notmake their own way in the world, is a greater and curse of drunkenness wiped away from our feel at present perfectly secure. If there be a but the cause has nevertheless made progress. You must remember that life, even to you, will day when public-houses will be noted down as a

" How often, ob ! how often, I have wished that the colling tide, Would bear me away on its bosom, To the ocean wild and wide. For my heart was hot and restless, And my life was full of care . And the burden laid upon me, Was greater than I could bear "

As you pass through this dark valley, your evi spirit is very apt to whisper that you will find relief in stimulants; in such moments even the strong are very apt to full. Take, then, my advice, and arm yourselves for all such Jangerous attacks, by the simple armour of the temperance pledge. To those who may have no such dark Scottish fiend uses. Are there any of my young days in their lives, on whom fortune shall all along friends disposed to smile at the idea of their continue to smile, I would counsel the immediate adoption of the temperance pledge; for if you do not adopt our principles before you get have no power of letting you see his visible form, comfortably settled amongst my fashionable friends-the Buckrams and the Starches-I have really little hope of securing you against the horrors of a huge punch, jolly nose, and an

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

Sometimes we are told our cause makes no ful death by his own hand. I have heard all the withstanding all the opposition it meets, and the three spoak to large meetings, yet such was many cold looks and hard knocks with which it their fearful end. Such then being the result is visited. It has gained a footing in the country. of the work of the drink fiend exhibited to me, it is an institution in the land which no one can I feel in honour bound to counsel all of you to ignore. It has done wonders in the space of follow my example, and let strong drink entirely [30 years, and there is reason to hope that before alone. Life, to be happy, must be a progress, other 30 years pass over us, its aims and ends We must become with each year richer, toiser, will be in a great measure accomplished, the better. Now nothing, to people who have to drink customs abolished, and the stain and stigma barrier to the increase of riches, than the daily character and our land. We have had terrible use of strong drink,-nothing more certainly powers and difficulties to battle with-deeply hinders progress in knowledge than frequent rooted prejudices and habits to unsettle and rejollifications, and nothing more surely stays move-a nation, all wrong in its ideas and our advancement in goodness than our acquiring tendencies to educate-good men and bad men the love of drink. I repeat then, to every one have been opposed to us, and still are to a great who would go onward and upward, let strong extent-and the Church has not stood in the drink entirely alone. I know that many of you breach and come to our help against the mighty; devil at your elbow, he never seeks to tempt you God has blessed it and made it a blessing. We JANES MONICHOL, ESQ...... At present you are happy-fortune is smiling mere utopian dream when we say that the next upon you, and you feel no need of stimulants, generation may witness its triumph; will see the not be all sunshine. Days of darkness, and even auisance; when the working man will go and of storm, will certainly overtake you. Losses come from his employment without seeing it, to

tempt him to forget himself, his family, or his God-when the millions now wasted on strong drink will be employed to feed, and clothe, and educate the toiling masses of our country, secure for them larger and more comfortable bomes, and form, as it were a river of gladness. purity, and peace, that will flow with enriching, fortifying influence over the whole land, converting even its worst places of Egyptian darkness and degradation, and misery, into a very Goshen of light, happiness, plenty, and joy. The Lord speed the cause, incline every one-young men and midens, and old men and children-to join it and help it on .- Rev. Mr. Young.

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A STORY FOR WIVES.

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'Come round to Guy's, to-night, Ned," said a young acquaintance to Edward Nichol's, as they stool exchanging a few words at the corner of a street where they had paused for a moment or two ere taking their different wave homeward.

"What's to be done there!" inquired Nichola "Nothing very particular. But do you come round, and I'l promise you a pleasant evening." 'a

"I believe I'll stay at home with my wife," replied Nichola

"Well, inst as you like," said the other. " Hanny to see you at Guy's; but if you find it more agreeable at home, stay there. Should the time, however, from any cause, hang heavy on your hands, look, "I'm out of all patience with such doings just drup gound and belp us to spend an hour of two. My word for it, you'll find more than one agrecable companing "

The young men parted, and Edward Nichols pursue i his way homeward. The latter had been married about two years. On entering the room where his wife was sitting, Nichols saw with a feeling of disappointment, that there was then a cloud upon her brow. The cloud had appeared so often, that he was getting discouraged.

"Is anything wrong, Margaret," he asked kindly.

"Nc," was the brief reply, uttered in a complaining tone of voice.

Nichols sighed, and turning to the crib in which their babs lay sleeping, bent over it, and looked down upon its pure sweet face.

"Don't wake that obild, Edward," said his wife in a fretful voice, " I've been more than an hour trying to get her asleep."

Nichols stood a moment or two, still gazing upon the tranguli face of the child, and then raised himself from his stooping posture, fixing his eyes as he did so, upon the countenance of his wife. There was not an expression in it that a man could love. A pecylch, unhappy temper, had, for a time, absorbed every attraction. The husband felt repulsed. Leaving the room without a remark, he went down to the parlor, and taking a book, sat and read until ten was announced.

There was no pleasant light in the face of Mrs. Nichols as she joined her husband at the table.

"Don't you feel well, Margaret !" he saked,

"My head achea" was returned

"I'm sorry, what has caused -

"Dish water I" elaculated Mrs. Nichola, interrupt ing what her husband was about to say, and setting down the tea pot she had lifted, with a jar upon the tray. "Such teal" she alded as she took off the lid and looked within the tea-pot. Then she rung the table-bell, and the cook made her appearance.

"flave'nt I told you over and over Jana not to fill up the tea-pot in this way? You've made tea enough for a dozen people, but it's weak as dishwater. Here I pour it out and draw fresh tea and don't fill the pot more than a quarter full."

Jane looked vexed at this sharp rebuke; but removed the tes.

Mrs. Nichols gave vent to a number of angry re- asked, kindly.

marks about the Grouble she had to get anything done right, and very aimably expressed the wish strained volcathat her husband had the trial of housekeeping for a short ting. He would, in that case, it was her saches," resumed Mr. Nichola, still in a very kind opinion, have more sympathy with her.

Nichels was hurt at this gratuitous remark, but said nothing. If e had no wish to make still beavier the clouds that came between him and the bright Nichola supplies and experience told him that such would be the effect of almost anything he might utter.

Five unhappy minutes passed before Jane came in eyes from her work, with the newly-made ton. Not a word had been spoken for nearly the whele of this time. But Mrs. Nichol's nent-up feelings could restrain themselves no longer.

"It's too bad," she exclaimed, addressing the Pray, see that my wishes are better attended to in

The girl muttered something as she retired, and then Nichols and this wife were alone again. Both ate in silence, but very sparingly. On rising from the table the wife went up to her chamber, while the husband took refuge in the paler, and there sought to forget his uncomfortable sensation in the pages of an entertaining book. In this he was not successful. The pressure upon his feelings was too great. He loved his wife, and would have done al most anything to make her happy; but being of cheerful temper himself and fand of social intercourse he could neither comprehend nor be indiffer ent to her tretful, moody, unhappy state. They pained him exceedingly, and, at times, awakened thoughts in his mind, the knowledge of which would have been to his wife a more real cause of pain than any from which she gathered so much unhappi-

While trying to find in the book in which he was reading a pleasant recreation, Mr Nichols remembered the invitation of his coung friend Anderson to meet him and some pleasant companions and pass an hour at Guy's Tavern. His mind no longer took in the meaning of the sentences on the page before him. Soon after he closed the book, and, rising from his chair, walked for a short time about the room. There was a struggle in his mind between duty and inclination. He believed that it was his duty to remain at home with his wife, while inclination drew him strongly towards the friends at Guy'a. Had his wife, been in a pleasant mood; had she made home bright with the smile of affection. both duty and inclination would have been on the same side. But, alse! this was not so. At home there was a repellant sphere; while at a certain and drank it off point away from home there existed a strong at-

At length Nichols went up stairs, with his mind made up to remain at home if he found his wife in a more cheerful and companionable state, or to spend the evening at Guy's, if no change for the better was visible. On entering his wife's chamber, he found not look up, nor speak.

"Doss your hear feel any better, Margaret !" he

" No." was the only response, made in a low con-

"It is not good for you to sow, if your head

But, to this no answer was given.

"I'm roing out for a little while," said Mr.

"Well, was the brief reply to this communication, and still she sewed on without once lifting her

As Mr. Nichol's was altogether in earnest, he now turned away and left the room. The moment he did so, his wife let her work fall upon her lap, and raising her head, listened in an attitude of much intorest. She heard her husband descend the stairs, paper at the het-stand for his coat and hat, and thin more along the hall, and, finally, more out through the street door. The moment the lar of the door was heard, she burst into trare and wept bitterly the did not again resume her work. For a while after her tears coarsed to flow, she ant in a dreamy, reflective attitude.

"Ah mel" she at length signed- "I wish I had more control over myself."

On leaving his house, Edward Nichol proceeded straight to Guy's Hotel. If there had been sunshing at home there would have been no attraction for him abroad. If he could have found companionship in his wife, he would not have felt the least inclina. tion for such a dangerous companionable as he was now seeking.

"Is Mr. Anderson here i" inquired Nichols of the bar-keep at Our's.

"You'll find him at No. 8," was the answer. "Its on the second floor, at the far end of the passage."

To number eight Nichols repaired. As he approached the door, loud and merry voices were heard within. He did not heritate to enter, for the voice of Anderson was distinguished among the

"Nichola!" exclaimed the individual just mentioned, coming forward, and grasping the hand of the new comer, "I thought you'd be le.e. Right glad am I to see you!"

Quite as warm was the welcome extended by three other young men, all of whom were acquaint, ances of Nichols. They were sitting round a table on which were brandy and cigara.

"Help yourself," said Anderson, placing a decanter and tumbler before Nichola

The latter did not hesitate about complying with this request, but poured out a stiff glass of brandy

"Take a cigar," was the next invita ion.

The elgar was accepted and lit. Nichols began to feel himself more and more at home every moment.

"What's the business on hand I" he inquired, after he had commenced smoking.

"To enjoy ourselver," was replied.

At this moment a servant intered with a number her at her work-stand engaged in sawing. She did of dishes on a tray, and commenced laying the table.

> 4 Ah! some eating to be done, I see," remarked Nichole.

"And some drinking into the bargain, said .ne of the company, emiting.

" Hope you've come prepared with a good uppe plaint, but let it still reign over her. tite." This was said by Anderson.

olts in a fair condition, returned Nichols-" Nover fear but what I'll do my part."

Soon the table was covered with opiters, cooked wine, also brandy, and hot whisky punch.

Upon these the five young men "with appetites," went to work, exhibiting an eagerness, not to say greediness, such as may be seen in animals who have been for a considerable time without food. As their appetites began to flag a little they were sharpened by the punch or brandy.

"Good feeding this, Nichola," said Anderson, coarsely, looking across the table at his friend, the

invited guest. " First rate," replied Nuchols, in a tone of voice that evinced the esticaction he felt. "How often do you meet to enjoy yourselves after this fashion?"

" About once a wcek"

" Ah! so often!"

"Yes. Shall we put your name down as one of our number I"

"I don't know. I must think about it."

Say you"

"The temptation is certainly strong. Is the feed ing always as good?"

Always. And so is the drinking. Shall we put your name down!"

"Not now. I'm a deliberate sort of a person-Slow to make my mindsup on any subject."

" Ob, well take your time. But, if the arguments before you do not prove conclusive, I will set you down for an anchorite."

In truth, the arguments were strong. But, Nichols was not prepared to yield at once to their persuasions. He could not help thinking of the wife he had left at home; and, who never her image rose in his mind, he lost, for the moment, all pleasure in what was before him. Even with the gay companions and the choiset things to tempt his appetite, he felt, that for him a smiling happy wife, with books, and a cheerful loving intercourse, were worth them all. In the midst of these sensual joys he sighed for the paper and higher delights of home.

But after repeated draughts of wine and brandy added, the superabundant appropriations of rich food, both the mental and moral perceptions of Nichols became o tuse. It was nearly eleven o'clock when the supper party broke up, and the young men separated.

The lonely hours epent on that evening by Mrs Nichols were hours of self-communion, not unmingled with solf reproaches. She was conscious of not having made the home of her husband attracgone away because she did not appear to be happy. Is stood as it axed to the spot, her cheek blanch-in the morning she had felt nervous, and, instead of forcing down a spirit of complaint, had rather enfound her completely under a cloud. Though glad almost to his shoulder.

at her husband's return, she failed to exercise a due

along the pavement.

"What can keep him so late t" she asked herself horror." with a rising emotion of anxiety.

murmur of voices was hushed, and only now and her hands and wept violently. then was heard the footfall of a solitary passenger.

notice of his intended absence. Where could he solf!"

That's the place for a man to enjoy him-solf!"

In vain she asked herself this question. Eleven "Edward! Edward!" exclaimed the wietched and still on the air, her babe awoke, and its cries you'll kill me !" filled the chamber. Some minutes were spent in hushing it to sleep, and then the troubled wife stood eat. But say, Mag! Have you any brandy in the again at the window, listening for the footsteps of house? I must have one more glass to-night." her busband.

uess and firmness of his step. Nearer to the win-slumber. dow bends the auxious wife; and now she is listening with a breathless carerness. It must be her husband; yet, why should there be a change in his BRITISH ORDER GOOD TEMPLARS walk? He is at the door. He has paused. Mra Nichol's face is pressed against the window pane. Her eyes are striving to pierce the darkness, but she sees nothing. Hark! Yes! It is her husband. He has ascended the steps, and now she distinctly hears the rattling of his night-key in the lock. Why does he not enter? What keeps him so long at the door! It is not locked against him.

At last an entrance is effected? The door swung heavily open, and struck against the wall with a jar. Then a shuflling sound of feet was heard, and then the door closed with a loud bang.

By this time the heart of Mrs. Nichols was throbbing with a new and strange fear. What could this mean? Eagerly she listened as her husband moved along the passage, and came with a kind of lumbering noise up the stairs. A moment or two and the GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OF NEW BRUNSWICK door of her chamber was thrown open and he came in. One glance was sufficient. It revealed the blasting truth that he had come home in a state of intoxication.

"Good evening, Mistress Nichols!" said he, as he staggered in. "I hope to find you in a better humour than I did at teatime," He spoke sarcastically.

tive; and yet, she felt hurt that he should have She stood as if fixed to the spot, her cheek blanch-The poor stricken wife could not utter a word.

"Hope you've enjoyed yourself," he continued as couraged its approaches. This being so, evening be sunk into a chair, his head falling on one side

"I have opjoyed myself first rate. Prime oyster? solf-trol. She did not remand the evil spirit of com and terrapin, wine, brandy, punch, and good fellowship. First-rate! Better than moping at home with The consequence we have seen. Long before the a wife in the dumps! Didn't intend to go, said I hour of ten arrived, Mrs. Michols began to look for would not. Liked home best-that is, home when her husband's return, and to wonder why he staid the good lady is in a good humour. Happened she out so long. Ten o'clock at length came, and still wasn't. So went to Guy's First rate oysters and in various styles, terrapin and chicken solad, with he was away. She now began to hearken for ap terrapin—diln't promise to go again; but guess I all the con timents and accessories of a luxurious, proaching footsteps and to listen for his well known will. Eh, Maggy! what do you say! Got over your supper. To these were added two or three kinds of tread among the many sounding feet that cohoed pet Auy sunshine yet? I like sunshine-always did But clouds and thunder, u. 11 Incy're my especial

Mrs. Nichols could bear this no longer. Tears At length all became still on the street. The gushed from her eyes, and she covered her face with

"That's always the way," said Nichole, fretfully. Mrs. Nichols now began to feel alarmed as well!" Always crying or scolding; or else looking as if as anxions. Nover before had her husband staid you hadn't a friend in the world. I'm getting sick out until so late an hour unless he had given appearal of this. But no matter, no crying, no gloomy looks

o'clock came, and still he was away. As the watch-wife, now approaching her bushand, and laying her man's voice, giving notice of the hour, came loud hand upon his arm, "Don't talk in this way or

And Nichols arose, but in doing so, he recled Hark! Surely that is his tread! And yet in across the room and fell'upon the bed, where he recomething it differs therefrom. It lacks the even mained, and was soon snoring; loud in a drunken (Conclusion next week.)

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