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DOUBT NOT.

subject.

spare me another party."

The brother looked surprised.

ing shall fast from break fasttime."

had brought their own provisions.

nonths, besides wood and clothing "

something."

party."

the official

BY J. M. KNOWLTON.

When the day of life is dreary. And when gloom thy course enshrouds-When thy steps are faint and weary, And thy spirit dark with clouds. Steadfast still in thy well doing, Let thy soul forget the past-Breadfast still, the right pursuing, J Doubt not! joy shall come at last.

Striving still and onward pressing. Seek not future years to know. But deserve the wished for blessing, It shall come though it he slow. Never tiring-upward gazing-Let thy fears aside be cast. And thy trials tempting, braving-Doubt not ! joy shall come at last !

Keep not thou thy Foul regretting, Seek the good—spurn evil's thrall, Though thy foes thy path besetting, Thou shall triumph o'er them all. Though each year but bring thee sadness. And the youth be fleeting fast. There'll be time enough for gladness-Doubt poi! joy shall come at last!

His fond eve is watching o'er thee-His strong arm shall be thy guard-Duir's path is straight before thee, "It shall lead to the reward. Bet the fils the faith made stronger You i the turne by the past-Hiethin nabule longer! Dou'r no ! v v shall come at last?

> 1 rom Godey's Lady's Book 1

THE DONATION VISIT.

BT T. S. ARTHUR.

The congregation of the Rev. Jason Edwards was made up of very good sort of people, as the saving is. They liked their minister very well only it did seem to them that it took a " power" of money to support his family. They paid him, regularly, the very handsome salary of three hundred dollars a year, besides providing a house for his use, with ground enough for a garden; yet, notwithstanding this, the minister was always poor. It was plain, that he must waste his money in extraragance of some sort or other; but he was a good man, and preached the word faithfully; and so they bore with him, and endeavored to make up the constantly occurring deficiences by forced efforts of one kind or an other. Every fall, he was favored with either a Donation Visit or a Donation Party, which was expected to put him beyond the reach of want for the next six months-if not a whole year.

On the last occasion of this kind, it was the pleasuse of those who had the -ordering of public matters in the congregation, to decide upon a regular Ponation Party, due notice was served upon the muster. The afternoon and evening on which affair was to come off, proved altogether proistions, (unfortunately for the minister!) and there was, of course, a large turn out of men, women. and children Mr. and Mrs. A-----, who coninbuted a pair of varn stockings for Mr. Edwards, and the pounds of home-made sausages, felt entitled, c) course, to bring their three boys along, each of whom, having saved his appetite since morning. toaid devour, in the way of cakes, pies, and more solid articles of food-the contributions of other members-about three times the value of those articles. And Mr. and Mis. B----, who furnished a pair of Judian rubber shoes for Mrs. Edwards. and a worked cap for the baby, also felt privileged to bring their two daughters along, whose appetites were, likewise sharpened for the occasion. And something after this fashion was it with the C-----s, D-s, E-s, F-s. The conclusion of the matter was, that the minister's family, after superintending a layish entertainment, the raw, mate rial for which was furnished by the congregation, and the labor and care by themselves, was in possession of the tragments of a feast that, by natuta course of consumption, would disappear with in a week. Beyond this, a few pair of shoes and sockings, numerous ornamental articles manufac luied by young ladies, a couple of loads of wood. and sundry nicknackeries of no great value, were ready ail that the Donation Party vielded. As i was to be a " party," the majority of those who came brought such things as would best serve the occasion, half torgetting in their anticipations of pleasure, the real objects they proposed to accomplish. Eatables and drinkables, therefore, made up more than two-thirds of all that was donated and these were mostly in articles of present con sumption. One old farmer, more substantial in his ponons than the rest, did bring a "whole beg;" and an other provided a couple of hams-but, of the latter, one disappeared at supper time. In fact, on the morning after the donation party, M: Edwards instead of feeling in a comfortable sale of mind, so far as this world's goods were concerned, feit considerably poorer than before: arged was of but little real benefit, he knew that he moression had gone abroad through the con-"Iten, that he was so over-supplied with every-Using for the natural man, as to be unable to exlass the stork for months. In consequence of has individuals who would otherwise have remembered him, would now omit their loads of wood, bags of potatoes or meal, and sundry other ange of a like nature, under the impression that fach would be entirely superfluous. M: Edwards was hardly a man suited for a conand refinement delicacy, and independence of eeing These donation visits and parties were arrolariy unpleasant to 'him, for they were alended with so much that was patronining; so and that hurt his self-respect, that their occurrence to which he had a right. He received that wife did not, in imagination, see aimply supplied; In the afternoon, three or four of the leading

as the fulfilment of a contract, and therefore, with- and her mind was thus eased of a portion of its members called upon Mr Edwards for an explanaout a sense of humiliation. It was inadequate to weight of care and anxiety.

the supply of his real wants: and the deficit had. Dinner was ready an hour earlier than usual, every year, to be made up by the congregation, and hurried over in order that all might prepare to the subject of their visit, he answered by inviting and this came to him in a half-grudged gratuity, receive the visitors, who were soon expected to arand, therefore, its reception always wounded him. I rive. Mr. Edwands took his place in the parlor After all, the members of the church had to meet about one o'clock, and tried to compose his mind his expenses, and it cost them quite as much to do to read. But his eves wandered over the pages so after the fashion they seemed to prefer, as to spread out before him, without his mind perceivhave naid him is sufficient salary at once, and left ing the sense of oppression on his feelings. Hope [families as large again as mine ; here are citer him to provide, in true independence, for I is fami- struggled with humililation. him to provide, in true independence, for i is fami- i struggled with humililation.

it fretted him whenever his mind recurred to the sturdy old farmer, living a couple of miles from the less things beside, while my wife has to stay away village. He came with his wagon, and brought a from church for u ant of a bonnet and shoes, and Some time during the latter part of the year suc- load of wood, which his man threw out while he my children can not be made decent enough to beeding that in which the donation party just refer- came to shake hands with the minister, and inquire appear in the house of God." red to took place, Mr. Edwards had a hint from after his health.

" I've brought you something with which to drive one of the " officials," that an other affair of the kind was likely to come off before a great while. Jack Frost away in the coming winter," said the "Brother," said the minister, when this nint farmer as he entered the parlor of Mr. Edwards. came bending to the ear of the person he address- "You are very kind," returned the minister, as Edwards, as he opened the door again and passed, ed. and half whispering. "if you have an influence he took the hand of his parishener, and invited with his visitors, into the parlor. "Tell them, if

"Or, at least." added the minister, with a mean- left embarrassed, for he was a man of excellent i nation visits and parties are little less than outrathe star term encast. Boing that set a lower of sit his part, for there was a perception in his mind t place. and eating, and having on the occassion referred, that the minister's independence had been huit.---

Is a feeling of sympathy to hose who came to- lations to each other were reserved

cotton night cap ; another-but," the minister check. brought by the hands of one of the ladies fixed uned humselt "I must not refer to these things. All on by M s. Edward's as the donor of her new bon-I now ask, brother is that, without speaking of my net. Immediately after her arrival. Mr. Jenkins, wishes in the matter, you will use your influence to ' who owned the factory, and to whom had been save me from the infliction of an other donation, mentally assigned the privilege of furnishing satinet for the boy's new suits of clothes, nushed open

"I don't know why you should object so strong. I the door, and entered with a large roll-no-with ly; or why you should grudge-excuse my free. a fine fat goose in his hand ! The sight of the bird, tom-the little your visitors happen to eat," said in spite of the immediate effort to bring into exercise a due portion of Christain philosophy, had a "How much do you think I had left, after near. decided effect upon the minister's feelings. Even all the whole congregration had fed themselves he had permitted himselt to make calculations on o repletion !" inquired the minister, who was spor- Mr. Jenkins, which the appearance of the 200se red into speaking more plauly than was his custom. scattered into airy nothingness. And, poor Mrs. "Enough provisions to last you three or four | Edwards! how heavily sank her disappointed heart, when the smiling, smirking face of the man-

follows -Two loads of wood, a barrel of cader.

three lamp mats, three hams, six loins of veal, a

bashel of hickory nuts, seven geese, five chickens,

hree turkeys, four ducks, a sucking pig, fourteen

vards of sacsage links, (actual measurement,) four

shoulders of mutton, three pairs of stackings, (none

of the right size.) eight pairs of knit gloves for the

Hes family did not come in with him. This was

nunsual; and many, who policed that the minist

There was more than usual gravity in the voic

and air of Mr. Edwards, as he read the service .-

ed by something about the minister that was not

learly understood. When he took his text, which

was in these words : "The laborer is worthy of

erdinary on his mind. The sermon was short, and,

starve him on three hundred dollars, and then in-

solt him on a beggarly donation visit once a year."

There was a buzzing in the hive as may reason-

for the most part, general in its bearing......

"I propose," said the preacher, in conch-

ter's pew was empty, wondered at the cause.

"Not enough provisions to keep the family for ufacturer appeared, and he presented his goose wo weeks ; and as for clothing, I could have with the air of a man who was doing an especial bought with five dollars more that would have act of kindness. To the self satisfied Mr. Jeukins. been really useful in the family, than all that was others succeeded in quick succession ; and so the received. There, you have the plain with. I speak current was kept up until the san went down, when it for your own ears. You now understannd why the minister and his family were left amid their reasures : and those who h . The law

keep back her tears.

tion of his strange conduct. He met them with the utmost composure; and when they opened them to walk with him into an adjoining room,-There they found the entire results, save two loads of wood, of the donation visit. "Here." said he, after he had closed the door.

"are poultry and fresh meats enough for a dozen (that I do not drink) and pickles, and preserves, nuts, apple butter, night-caps, gloves, and fifty use-

The musister named Those whom he address ed looked at each other with a crest fallen air. "Simply take a report of what you have seen to

those who think themselves agricved," said Mr

The Rev Mr Edwards is still in the old parish, the door his space in that he can be had quite in a ural. He knew how it would be with himself, if their re- and is paid, in money, a salary that he finds equal to the comfortable maintenance of his family. His gether for purposes of testivity, particularly as they - Soon after the former retired, one of the ladies of congregation is quite as self-satisfied as in the time

the congregation came. She brought a pair of knit of donotion visits and parties, and the minister a "I see no use in providing a good supper, if peo- gloves for the minister. Her ability wasn't great, great deal more so. The plain speech of an indeple don't bring appetites to the entertainment," said she said, but what she could do was done cheerful- pendent man, though it disturb and wound the self. he. "Besides you know that each one brought 13. Hoped all would do as well, taking their means ; love of many, is usually productive of good. It into consideration. Next came a little bag of dough- | was so in this case, and would be so in a hundred "Yes, I know that. One lady, who came with nuts : next a ham : next a pair of stockings ; and of similar cases, if those who are wrouged as he ier two daughters, brought a pint of cream and a next a cradle-quilt for the baby. The latter was was would speak out as plainly what is in their minds.

> CHARITY. A poor wayfaring man of grief Hath often crossed me on my way, Who sued so humbly for relief

That I could pever answer " nay." I had not power to ask his name, Wither he went, or whence he came; Yet there was something in his eye, That won my love, I know not why.

Once when my scanty meal was spread, He entered-not a word he spake; Just perishing for want of bread; I gave him all; he blessed it, brake And ate .- but gave me part again-

Mine was an Angel's portion then ; For while I sped with eager haste, That crust was manna to my taste.

I spied him where a fountain burst, Clean from a rock-his strength was gone; The beedless water mocked his thirst-He heard it-saw it hurrying on ;

I ran to raise the sufferer up; Thrice from the stream he drained my cup, Dipt, and returned it running o'er;

The follow beautiful and touching sketch we opy from the Journal of Commerce : -I have worshipped blue eyes, and there is no raiance so heavenly as that which gleams from

Beautiful Sketch.

them. But black are more bewildering; aud. when a widow of melancholy falls over the forehead, it soltens their beamy, while it does not dim them

in the highlands, and a willing shaled nook. T will point out to you the very spot where years and yet I have never there, nor do I believe I have ever there stood a raite bench, on which many times I have seen the fair girly now the of, sitting, and by that night to meet no more on earth. which I once saw her kneeting. The conage un-

der the hill is occupied by strangers, and its broad - hall and large rooms now ring to the laughter of those that knew not her whose gentle spirit leagnts their very chambers.

She was beautiful as a dream Niver was ho her torehead shaded by raven tresses ; never were him to sit down. The little talk that succeeded they think the laborer is worthy of his hire, to pay tresses so glorious as those. If I tell you that I was rather constrained on both sides. The farmer him in a direct way, and without grugging. Do- loved Sarah D----, you wil call me an enthosiast, and ascribe my admiration to my passion. I did ing smills, and the humorous twinkle in his eye, leelings, and some knowledge of human nature; ges upon the feeling of the minister and his tamily, love her, but only as a boy wombips a being very "let it be understood that no one who intends com- and Mr. Edwards was equally constrained. As and I, for one, will have nothing more to do with far above him. I used to lie at her feet on the soon as the last log of wood was thrown from the them. If you like me well enough to give me an grass, and gaze into her face, and watch the play it. If you pass first into the other land, wait for It took the obtuse-minded brother nearly a minute wagon, the farmer rose, and halding the minister independant support, I will remain with you. If of her exquisite features. It was there I learned to comprehend the meaning of Mi Edwards. He farewell retired He did at feel altogether pleased not, say so at once, and I will remove to another at first how high, and pure, and worshipful human- will linger on the other shore until you come.ity may be 🗶 🕊 🕊 📽

She was young and beautiful. What need to add that the trac lovel Surely I need not add that she loved, for such as she live on affection. and die for lack of it. Her fa her devoted his tor. ' stonato embrace. Their hos did not separate. but tune and his life to her; and she was hereas to a were pressed close together, until he felt her form large estate. As might be expected, she had num- cold, and her clasp relaxed, and he laid her gently berless suitors of every rank and variety. I can down on the seat, bowed over her a moment in not now remember all of them, atthough I then prayer, and was gone. I heard him say. "Take kept the run of them tolerably well. But, of all care of her, W_____' and so I strove to recall the there were only two that appeared to have any prospect of success : and the village gossips were occupied in discussing their relative chances.

Frank R---- was the gayest, best hearted fellow in the world, and, had you seen him on his horse by the side of Sarah D----, you would have said he was made for t.er, so wild was his laugh and so joyous her response. Yet, had you been behind the closed shutter of the window in front of the broken by a sob; then fell on her knews by the large white house on the hill, as they role by, and had you there watched the compressed lip, the broad, calm forehead, the pale face, and speaking eye of Joseph S-----, as he saw them passing, you would have prayed to God that that tair girl might belong to that noble man, even as I. a boy, then praved.

God has answered my prayers. When the long way was travelled over, and the mgged and dufficult steep surmounted, when her tairy foot was pressed on the rock at the summit of the hill of ife, and her eves gazed into the deep blue sky with ouring gaze, even there, beyond the blae, his outstretched arms received her, and his embrace was Heaveu !

walked out with me, fihen a boy three years de: junior.) and sat down on the bench by the side of the stream. The air was clear, the sky screwe and no sound disturbed as ; but the soft voice of the wind among the lice tops made a pleasant music and we listened and were silent. The stillness was broken by the voice of Jeseph S You will pardon me if I pars over that seene. I lare not attempt a description of it. It was my first lesson in human suffering, and though I have learn-. If you will go will me now to'a glen | eit it over and ever since then, though the iron bay entered my own souly and seared and scarred u

felt, more agony than those two felt as they parted He bowed his has to her torchead, and marmur-

ed the solemn word, "Forever." She woke at that word, and exclaimed, with

startling vehemonce, "No, no; there-is no such word. Jon." "We shall not meet again on earth, my gentie

one. And what is earth ?" Her tall form grew more queenly, and her dork eye flashed divinciy, as she rose and exclaimed, in clear and slivery tones :

" And what is earth? These things must end. I will name a tryst, dear Joe, and you shall keep me on the bank ; and if I go hence before you, I Will you remember ??

"I will live and die in this memory." She lifted her tace to his, and her arms to his neck. and they clung together in a long and paslife that had gone from her lips, and cheeks, and eves. It came slowly, and she woke slowly, and she woke as we wake in the morning after death has entered our charmed circle, with an oppression on the brain, and a swimming, swollen senselessness of soul

At length she remembered all; and raised berself with a half-articulated exclamation of agony, beach, and buried her face in her hands, and remained thus for nearly half an hour,

When the arose, her face was as the face of an angel. It wore that same exalted look notil she di**el**.

I think she took cold that hight ; she was never well afterward, and the next winter she passed at the South, returning in the spring very fragile, but very beautiful.

Joseph S---- was sent abroad by one of the Boards of Missions of the Church, but his bealth failed, and he resigned his commission, while he travelled through the Eastern world.

Three years fled with their usual swiftness. To Sarah D---- they were very stow and painful Go preach to blocks and stones, ye who believe 'years, yet she was happy in her quiet way, and no

prettey much as all the others have been-a great returned to their homes, well satisfied that peace deal more trouble than profit-leaving me with the and plenty were smiling guests at the parsonage, reputation of having received large supplies of all and would not spread their wings for months to things needful, when in reality, I was little, if any | come. The sober reality of this ostentations affair was as better off than before.

The mental vision of the brother was a liule clearer on, at least, one subject, after hearing this declaration. He went away rather more thoughtful than when he came. There was no donation party that year; but in its stead, a donation visit was planned, and Mr. Edwards duly politied the time when it was to take place.

minister, a dozen table mats, three wollen night-On Saturday, the twentieth of October the day caps, one comfortable, a pair of blankets, tour jars appointed for this interesting event, the minister's pickles, three pots apple-butter, two jars preserves. little household was in a state of restless anticipahalf a barrel of salt pork, two sacks of flour, six bartion pleasant or unpleasant, according to the particular temperament of the individual Mrs. Edwards, too, probably, felt the exhaustion of all things temporal more than her husband, could not help letting her imagination nicture at least some things more particular needful than others. There was a new bonnet for herself. No doubt some of the kind sisters had noticed how maty and delaced hers had become, and would supply the need. "I hope they will not bring to bonnets." she said to herself, as she mused on the subject. It was settied in her mind that one would come. The it from spoiling. trouble was, least two of the church members should decide noon the same article-a thing that seemed to her oute naturality, as all must have observed how greatly she stood in need of a new bonnet. Then there were clothes for the children --Her two boys must have each a couple of writer suits So plain a want as this any one could see. " ['m sure," she said, to ber husband, "that Mr. Jenkins, who owns the factory, will bring us some

of his nice satinet, to make packets and trowsers for the boys.31 " Can't tell anyting about it," replied Mr. Ed

wards, to whose mind anticipation brought a feeling of disturbance and humiliation

Well I'm sure be'll do so. Wouldn't it be ua tural for him, above all others, to think of a few " wule the visitation with which he had been sands of satinet! And he wooldn't feel it all; for he's got hundreds of pieres."

Mr. Edwards made no reply ; but it did seem t him, as his wife had suggested it, that it would be his hire;" it was with an emphasis that plainly quite natural for Mr. Jenkins to remember the boys enough showed him to have something more the in a present of cloth for a suit of clothes. The thought acted as a relief to his mind ; for the boys i had looked rather shabby for some time, and the way by which new clothing was to come, had not seemed at all plain before his eyes.

So it was mently settled in the minds of the minis

ter and his good wife, that Harry and Joseph were regained like that at Everton. He had really too to be supplied with new suits of clothes from the factory of Mr Jenkins.

From the bonnet and the satinet, the mind of Mrs. ably inferred, at this; and the people who came in the morning in a most excellent and self-compla-Edwards went farther. Shoes were very much cent state of mind, went bome from church with needed by the children ; and, as for herself abe their feelings down to zero. Words, such as, " outhade't a pair that was fit to go to church in. These ragous," " ungrateful," " ahame," " insulting," that from all o her considerations, was especially would of course, come. In fact, there was scartly His salary was said to him as some- a want existing in the family that the minister's and the like, were beard in all directions.

Stringed, wounded, beaten nigh to death.

I funnd him by the highway side : I roused his pulse-brought back his breath. Revived his spirit, and supplied. Wine, oit, freshment-he was healed-I had myself a wound concealed ; But from that hour forgot the smart, And peace bound up my broken heart. MONTGONERT.

Prsu.-Keep pashing : if you run against a sno ank or a rail tence don't go back, but push forward or to one side, and go on It is of no use to cry and lament; it will not help the matter in the least Tears never, leaped a stream or dug through a mountain. Push ever, and keep pushing, and your fortune is half made, and your immortality secured

reis of apples, a bushel of dough-nuts, twenty pies ftr A clerginan, who reading to his congregaand over a bushel of ginger-cakes, good, had, and ion a chanter in Genesis, found the last sentence indifferent, besides a vanciv of other matters, which, ou the page to be: "And the Lord gave unto adam being of no use to the owners, were of little higher a wife." Turning over two leaves together, he value to the minister, or of any of his family. But bound written, and read in audible voice, "and there were no clothes for the children, no bonnet she was pitched without and within " He had for Mrs. Edwards, no shoes for the feet that scarceunhapily got into the middle of a description of ly had a covering. There were piles of fresh mean Noah's Ark. and poultry, instead, that could not be eaten; and

which it would be a crying offence to sell. Fourfifths of this would have to be given away, to keep Amid all this abundance of good things, the min

ister sat thoughtful, while his good wife looked on so grievously disappointed, that she could not s do one he wished for." The day foll wing was the Sabbath. A more

lowing:

self satisfied congregation had not assembled in the liule church for a long time. There was a smile of pleasure and self-approval on nearly every face. one.' as the minister entered and ascended the rulpit.-

"Recause Mr. E. is too modest to ask me to marwhim; and perhaps if I could fill a blank declartion with the questions, he would sign it,"

I do declare, Sal you dew look pretty enal to Many woodered what it could mean, and feltchill. 14. 14.4 "Wall, Solomen, sin't I cating as fast as I can,"

eplied Sal, with her mouth full. At a recent temperance celebration at Newspan ket, Tennessee, a little lad appeared in the proces sion bearing a flag on which was inscribed the fol-

"All's right when Daddy's sober."

A man very much intoxicated was sent to " do " to make a single, brief, practical application of rance vile." "Why did'nt you bail him out?" my lest. It is this : When you hire a minister asked a bystander. "Bail him out?" exclaimed pay him, out and out, a fair living salary, don't the other : " you could'nt pump him out !"

Never place your all in the hands of a stranger relying solely on his honor; for you may have oc- if it did saist. canion to regret your folly.

"Well, Nimrad, how long were the children Istael in the willdemens !"

" Till they found their way out."

"Van Amburg.".

that love is of the clay ! Go preach to the dead, ve who deny the immortality of the affections .--Go reason with trees, or hills, or images of wood, or with your motionless, lifeless, icy souls, ye who believe that, because there is no marrying yonder, there shall be no embracing, or because we may not use the gentle words "my wife," we may not clasp these sanctified forms in our own boly arms! I tell you, man, that immortality

would be a glorious cheat; if with our claw dial our first affections. I tell you that annihilation would be heaven, if I believed that when my head at length rests on its coffined pillow, and my lips sink to the silence and repose of death, these lowing eves will never look into mine again, this pure clasp never be around my neck, this holy careas never bless me more !

But see how I hasten in advance of my story .-And yet, like Canning's knife-grinder, I rememher now that I have no story to tell, or at best it is simple history.

She loved Joe. His calm and earnest way o loving her, won her whole soul. He did not say much to her in company, nor of her, but when they ware alone, or only some of the children near. his low voice would be musical and the sat enelics, and other curiosities, produced among other traneed with its eloquence. I have seen them thing, a sword, which he assured his visitors was seated on the bench by the side of the stream, and de sword dat Baalem had when he would kill de have heard him lead her gentle soul step by step ass." A specialor remarked that Baalem had no with him from earth to stars, and then from star to sword, but only wished for one. "Ver well-dis star, until she seemed to be in beaven with him,

and listening to the praises of the angula. I am unable to tell you how it happened that Joseph S---- left his profession, (which had been law,) and entered the ministry, nor am I able to

in his own mind. The father of Sarah D---- was ed to live : only for one thing I did not long for not a religions man, and, I am sorry to say, was life, and I dreaded to meet death all alone ! But one of a small class of men, who not only deny now I shall not, W---- will tell you what I mean the truths of our most holy crocd, but take every when I am cone. Yes-cone, dear mother. I opportunity to cast ridicule on us teachers. It was, shall not be here any longer. This chair will staffed therefore, with great pain that his daughter observ- here, and I not be anywhere near it. You will be ed his coldness and rateness to Joseph S---, and here, and father; and you will rise and walk above; she was not surprised, however much she was and visit, and go in and out) and sleep, and wate crieved, when an open rupture rendered the sus- again, and so on day after day, and I shall have

GATE. They had never spoken of love. Each tknew the secret of the other's affection, and what need then of wonds to tell it I twould have been but again. I sat at her feet, watching her matchiers the repetition of backneyed phrasts. And yet features. A smile was fittering across them-now than is no music in the world so sweet as those | there, now gone ; yet each time it spaceared, it finthree words. "I love you." from the line we love | gered longer than before, until it became fixed, to kins. But the father of our gentle friend had and so boly, so very boly, that I grew bewildered feared the existence of some bond between them, as I gazed, and 'a strange tremor pasted through and persuptorily required his daughter to break it

be desired her to reluse thenceforward to see or speak to Joseph.

A month of downer pain than can wall be into gined succeeded this command, during which they distanted its repose ! She slept as as lings micht did not meet.

It was on a mooov night in August that she God

one dreamed of the strange tryst to keep on the other side of that dark river which men so shrink from. She grew feebler daily as the summer and autumn advanced, and in Decemher she was evidently dring.

One day her mother had been out of the house, perhaps making calls. She retarned at evening, and, among other incidents of news which she had learned, she mentioned to Sarah the death of her old triend, Joseph S-

The fair girl was reclining in her large arm chair looking out through the closed windows at the suow on the ground, and the pure moonlight which silvered it. There was no starthing emotion visible as her mother mentioned the fact which to her was the most solemn yet most joyful news the world coald give : for now, how much nearer was their mosting !] saw a smile flash across her face as the joyful news reached her ear. I saw her forehead raise to feel the carers which I know she felt! She was silent for many minutes, and then anoke in feeble yet very musical accents, and I. boyishly, went sloud ! Then she smiled, and looked at me with finger upraised, and said. "Wait a linle while longer, dear W----." And then, after a moment, she said, "Mother is the snow very deep P

Not very dear. Why did you ask ?"

"Because, if it were deep, I thought it would be difficult for old Mr. Smith to find our lot in the grave-yard. Are all the head-stones covered, moth-

"What is the matter, Sarah ? What if they are marind 1"

"" Mother, dear, it is useless to conceal it from purselves, or from one another. You know, and state, though I might guess at the causes operating | I quite as well, that I am dying. I have not wishnension of his visits at the bouse absolutely neces- | no part any longer in your cares and joya-dear mother :" and, as she retered the live two works

she put her arms around her mother's neek, and kissed her fondly, and sank back into her chair my body.

The breath of peace was fanning her glorious She replied to hun, relating the simple trath, and brow! Her head was bound a very little forward and a trees, escaping from its bonds, fall by the side of her pars white temple, and class to her just opened lips. It hang there motionless! No breath sleep, having accomplished the mission of her

"Who was cast into the hon's den "

A Frenchman, who was exhibiting come sacre

"I see," said a young lady, according to one of he funny papers, " that some booksellers advertised blank declaration for sale. I wish I could get "Why ?" asked the mether.