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"TO MY DAUGHTER LILY."

The following stanzas by the late P. P. Cook, of Winchester, Va., author of *Florence Vane, the Froissart Ballads, etc.*, we take from the Southern Literary Messenger. They strike us as having a peculiar beauty.—
Exchange.

Six changeful years are gone, Lily,
Since you were born to be
A darling to your mother good,
A happiness to me;
A little shivering, feeble thing
You went to touch and view;
But we could see a promise in
Your baby eyes of blue.

You fastened on our hearts, Lily,
As day by day we lay,
And beauty grew on your cheeks
And deepened in your eye;
A year made dimples in your hands,
And plumped your little feet,
And you had learned some many ways
Which we thought very sweet.

And when the first sweet word, Lily,
Your wee mouth learned to say,
Your mother kiss'd it fifty times,
And marked the famous day;
I know not even now, my dear,
If it was quite a word,
But your proud mother surely knew,
For she the sound had heard.

When you were four years old, Lily,
You were my little friend,
And we had walks and a gaily plays,
And talks without an end.
You little ones are sometimes wise
For you are undefied,
A grave grown man will start to hear
The strange words of a child.

When care pressed on our house, Lily,
Pressed on with an iron hand—
I had mankind for the wrong—
Which festered in the land—
But when I read your young face
Its meanings, sweet and good,
My charities grew clear again,
I felt my brotherhood.

And sometimes it would be, Lily,
My faith in God grew cold,
For I saw virtue go in rags,
And vice in cloth of gold;
But in your innocence, my child,
And in your mother's love,
I learned those lessons of the heart
Which fasten it above.

At last our cares are gone, Lily,
And peace is back again;
As you have seen the sun shine out
After the gloomy rain;
In the good land where we were born
We may be happy still,
A life of love will bless our home—
The house upon the hill.

Thanks to your gentle face, Lily,
In its brightness shines true,
So keep me constant to the right,
When tempted by the wrong,
The little ones were dear to Him
Who died upon the Rock—
I ask His gentle care for you,
And for your mother good.”

REVELATIONS IN HIGH LIFE.

The Middleton Divorce Case.

Something new in the morals of Philadelphia is daily coming to light. The last development, which has thrown the Quaker City into a state of excitement, is a divorce case now before the Legislature of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg. Edward Middleton, a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, and a gentleman of distinguished family, boarded, some time since, in Philadelphia, with his beautiful and accomplished wife, Edda Middleton. He married her, as we understand, in Europe, and not long after he brought her to Philadelphia, he had reason to believe that she was holding criminal intercourse with a resident of that city. Mr. Middleton has therefore applied for a divorce, and we lay before our readers the following most important part of the testimony. It will be observed that the name of the person with whom she is said to have had this improper intimacy, is suppressed in the report. It is understood however, to be a Mr. Henry McCall, who, it is further said, makes no secret of his intrigues with the lady, but rather speaks of them in a tone of boasting.

The evidence commences with the deposition of Mrs. Deighton, Mary Hannah Fanny, servant woman, whose evidence establishes the guilt of Mrs. Middleton. Then follows the deposition of Joshua F. Fisher, who is married to the sister of Edward Middleton. The following is an extract:

After Edward Middleton's departure for the Mediterranean, in July, 1847, wherever we observed Mrs. Middleton's conduct, we found a good deal to object to; by the word we mean my wife and myself; we noticed her disposition to attract the attention of gentlemen to a greater degree than became a married woman. I have in a few instances noticed that she was disposed to single out one gentleman at a party, more than another; Mrs. Fisher and myself both spoke to her frequently on this subject; we said to her that her conduct was unbecoming, and to her husband would probably be very disagreeable, and that it excited a great deal of

observation; we always noticed this conduct but did not a great deal ourselves into society—but generally noticed this propensity for flirtation; I knew of her acquaintance with Mr. ***** during the winter of 1847-8; I had not noticed in society any thing more than her disposition to separate herself from all but one gentleman, until the beginning of 1849; this conduct of Mrs. M. made a very strong impression on my wife, in consequence of which she wrote a letter to her brother Wm. Middleton, in S. Carolina; and in consequence of this conduct of Mrs. Edward Middleton's, my wife formed an opinion adverse to her spending another winter in Philadelphia; wife was desirous that her brother Henry should come here to reside with Mrs. Edward, and go into society with her if she remained in Philadelphia—Henry then resided in New York; or my wife wished that Edward's wife should go to Carolina and reside with the family there;—Mrs. Middleton was afterwards informed of what my wife had done; my wife and I had a knowledge that she returned from parties frequently after midnight, and one as late as two o'clock in the morning; we spoke to her on this subject; we knew that she returned with gentlemen; one of them was Mr. *****; on the occasion when she returned at two o'clock in the morning, she got into the house by Mr. *****'s pass key—my wife and I spoke to her very seriously about returning late, and of her obtaining entrance by his key; I heard my wife say to her that it was exceedingly imprudent, and might give rise to the worst interpretations if known; I may observe that we obtained this knowledge of her getting in in that way, accidentally—but when we spoke to her about it she did not deny it; I have heard my wife speak to her about Mr. *****'s attentions to her, but jocosely, generally; she usually treated these statements and remonstrances very lightly, assuring us there was no foundation for them, and that there was nothing wrong; she said he was attentive to her, but she put in on the ground of cousinship, or other frivolous pretences; there was a very distant relationship between Middleton and Mr. *****; the grandfather of one and the grandmother of the other were cousins; I knew from her during the whole of the winter of 1848-9, that Mr. ***** was in the evening perfectly well—no signs of poison; members of Mr. Middleton's family and myself determined that it was best for her to leave Philadelphia, as it would not be proper for her to remain with old Mrs. Middleton; but we wished her to go to some retired place in America—some village in New England, or New York, to remain until her husband's return, which was shortly expected; two days after this interview, Mrs. Middleton left Philadelphia with Mr. Henry Middleton, for New York; I have a knowledge of Mrs. Middleton having in her possession books of an improper character; she had some of the works of George Sand—among them, one called "Indiana," perhaps one of the most immoral works in the French language—which I have since partly read; it is a most eloquent apology for adultery—the most eloquent ever written; it is in form of a novel; she also had another work of Mr. —, of a very improper character; she was French and was called "The Loves of the Gods and Goddesses;" I forget exactly the title of it; I saw the book and his name in it; I had never read the book "Indiana," until I heard of it being in Mrs. Middleton's possession; a friend gave me its character, and as she had read it, I was curious to know what it was.

We then have a letter from Izard Middleton, the uncle of Edward, which gives some statements of interest:

“Paris, 1st August, 1849.

Dear Harry: I am at a loss to account for the discrepancy between your letters & those of your brother on the subject of Edda—a subject of paramount family interest at this moment—you say she has been guilty of great improprieties? Now, if that is the extent of her guilt, I have been very harsh to her. I welcomed her here, and sped her on her way to one of us. My knowledge of the ways of woman kind, led me to discover that all was not right; but the height of her offending then, I suspected, was that she had made a bold stroke for a residence of some time in Europe by crossing her husband, knowingly, on the Atlantic. Soon after her departure, I received letters from Arthur and John, saying that she had been guilty of Adultery! with the aggravating circumstance of its being promiscuous, and under the roof inhabited by your mother. My mind was made up accordingly, and I left the letter in which she announced her arrival at Naples, unanswered. Not taking the hint, she has written twice since, drawing upon me the first time for 1,000f, and the second time for 2,000f, and requesting me to reimburse myself on the estate! These drafts I have refused to honor, and without the slightest hesitation or compunction; for if she is to run about Europe spending the money of the husband she has dishonored, it shall not be through my instrumentality.

With her passage paid, I presume she had \$700 in gold, provided by you; it would appear that she touched about \$600 additional, from the two unfortunate houses in Naples, so that in three months she will have absorbed three-fourths of her husband's annuity.

Edward, poor fellow, has already been called to this painful duty! It is perhaps right, however, that he should be aware of what is going on in Naples in order that he may provide for or against a continuance of it, as he may have judged proper to condemn or absolve her. In this do as you may think proper, but, at all events, assure him of my sincere participation in this great affliction.

I address my letter to Tom Middleton, as you directed, but it strikes me to be a round-about way to you, who are never in the South.

I am, my dear Harry, with the best wishes

to inquiring friends and relatives,
Your affectionate uncle,

J. I. MIDDLETON.

Some testimony follows, which it is not important to publish, and we then have the following deposition of Mrs. Pauline B. Middleton, sister-in-law of the petitioner, taken in Paris.—It is as follows:

I, Pauline B. Middleton, being duly sworn, do depose and say—I am the wife of Arthur Middleton, who is the brother of Edward Middleton; I was on intimate terms and in habits of constant intercourse with Edda, the wife of Edward Middleton, from the time of her arrival in America which happened soon after her marriage, until I left it in the month of May last; I was with her in Newport in the summer of 1848, and also in Philadel-

phia part of the previous winter.

I went to Philadelphia and lived with her & Mrs. Middleton, my mother-in-law, at the Morris House, in Chestnut street, in 1849; the first that gave me reason to suspect her of any serious impropriety of conduct was a miniature shown to me in great secrecy on the 12th day of April, 1849, by Dora, her maid servant; this miniature was a likeness of E. B., and intended for Mr. *****; on seeing this, which alarmed me very much, I addressed many questions to Dora, who, having much confidence in my discretion, revealed to me the horrible secret, assuring me that she had threatened Edda very often to leave her or tell, if she did not change this way of living, as Edda told her that she met Mr. ***** very often; Dora told me that I could always know when he came, as I would see Edda sitting up very late in the evening, combing her hair very carefully, and putting on clean night clothes, &c.; one evening I observed all this—another, on seeing this, which alarmed me very much, I addressed many questions to Dora, who, having much confidence in my discretion, revealed to me the horrible secret, assuring me that she had threatened Edda very often to leave her or tell, if she did not change this way of living, as Edda told her that she met Mr. ***** very often; Dora told me that I could always know when he came, as I would see Edda sitting up very late in the evening, combing her hair very carefully, and putting on clean night clothes, &c.; 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