

THE GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER.

tea that night. It was the day before the commencement emy, in the pleasant town

among the ladies, and they lingered long at no ornaments but a few white buds among their glasses before answering the bell for the dark braids of her hair. The evening passed pleasantly, and finally Walter propo-

When Nettie entered the room most of sed a walk over the beautiful grounds which evening of the 10th:] the students were seated, and she saw the surrounded the house and to which many

our late lamented President which was de- | been abroad. Let us all join in doing the livered in Washington at a celebration in acts necessary to restoring the proper practihonor of the surrender of Gen. Lee, on the cal relations between these States and the

be utterly immaterial whether they had ever Union; and each forever after innocently in-

We meet this evening, not in sorrow, but dulge his own opinion whether, in doing the

er; its very clap-boards are dear to us, powerful to bring back the memories of early days, and all that is sacred in home-love. There is no one fact of our human exis-

tence that has a stronger influence, upon us than the house we dwell in, especie

of G----coming train had disgorged crowds of young ladies and gentlemen, all destined for its classic shades. It was now five o'clock, and in fifteen min-

towards the depot to witness the fresh arrival of students.

They had not waited long before the train came in with its usual screech and clamor black. and another crowd passed out: two young ludies among the new comers I wish particularly to notice.

One was short, with laughing blue eyes, which made her the very personification of fun and mischief. Her companion, though taller, was slight and graceful, every movement denoting by its perfect ease that she was associated with the educated and refined; she was dressed in black, and a thin veil screened her features from observation.

They went directly to the principal's office, and students were required to enter their She did not hear the steps which were apnames before rooms were assigned them in proaching her from behind, nor did she the boarding hall, The Principal bowed respectfully in answer to a similar salutation from them, and placed a large book before her. She screamed and struggled violently them; the first entered her name as Jennie to free herself but the villain held fast, and Allyn, the other as Nettie Moore. The Prin- almost pressed his polluted lips to her cheek, cipal drew the book towards him and glan- when he received a blow that sent him reelced at the names, then looking up to Nettie | ing to the ground. he said,

"Pardon me, but are you not Robert Moore's daughter?"

"I am, sir," she replied.

"Indeed | I formed the acquaintance of your father a short time ago, and he said his daughter would attend the M ---- Academy Miss Moore ?" this term; I heartily welcome you, and trust you will have a pleasant time. The scenery around G----- is very romantic."

"And this," said Nettie, "is the daughterof the Lieutenant-Governor."

"Ah! happy to form your acquaintance."

modious room assigned them, and their bag-appear quite home-like, and here we may as well more fully describe Nettie. Her features were perfect in their outline, a fall high forehead, denoting rare intellectual gifts; her hair was dark and fastened in a band; her eyes were also dark, and no one could look into the liquid depths without feeling a peouliar sensation. Without attempting a furshe was admired by all the young gentlemen and envied by all the young ladies.

The first week passed away in preparation for the regular beginning, which was to take place the following Monday. Nettic's superior education placed her at once in the graduating class.

Saturday came and several of the young ladies were assembled in her room, drawn there partly to listen to Jennie's pleasant and ready wit, and partially because it made them more popular with the gentlemen to appear The weeks of the long term flew away .intimate with Nettie.

when Adele Verson proposed that each as an inferior. There were some who did should tell her father's occupation. There was a simultaneous approval, and as Adele ed her as much deference as a subject would

-; and since early morn every in- handsome stranger but a few chairs above trived in some manner to be his opposite; as Nettic seated herself he glanced at her, and admiration was at once depicted on his coun-

utes the last train for the night would arrive, tenance. Estelle poticed it and bit her lips and many of the early comers were strolling with vexation. After the Principal had invoked the Divine blessing, the hum of conversation began, and Walter inquired the fountain as it threw aloft its waters all spark. ed, and will be duly promulgated. Nor must name of the young lady who was dressed in | ling in the mellow light.

> Estelle's lip turned scornfully as she replied, "It is Nettie Moore; only a shoemaker's daughter."

Walter regarded her for a moment with an expression she could not interpret, and then looked at Nettie. Her face was flushed; she had over-heard Estetle's sneering answer.

That night she walked out alone across the fields, Jennie being otherwise occupied. She seated herself at the foot of a lofty

oak and gave herself up to reflections .-know a person was near until a man rudely seized her by the arm and attempted to kiss

Nettie turned to thank her preserver and saw Walter Percy standing before her .-Her cheeks flushed for she remembered the scene in the drawing room. He appeared not to notice her embarrassment and said. "I believe I have the honor of addressing

"Yes sir, and I thank you very kindly for your timely arrival.

"I was also out walking when I heard you scream and ran to your assistance." During the conversation the wretch had arisen from the ground and slunk away, mut-The young ladies had a pleasant and com- tering threats his cowardly heart would not dare fulfill. They watched him a few mo-

back to the Hall ?"

Taking his offered hand she replied-"Perhaps you do not know I am only a shoemaker's daughter ?"

"Miss Darmount was particular enough to inform me this evening; but she may learn chapel, they were electrified by the announcethat wealth or station is not my standard of ther description, suffice it to say that in a week affection. My father was once a poor boy, arrive that night and remain through the exand has taught me to honor the industrious and good, if they are poor."

Their conversation soon turned on poets. and he found that she, like himself was an admirer of the "Poetic Lyre" when swept by the hand of genius. The walk back to the hall passed pleasant-

ly, and they parted excellent friends. That night he dreamed of shoemakers and their daughters more than he did of his Greek and Latin.

Nettie was reminded every, day by slights ntimate with Nettie. They had been conversing for some time, and other insults, that she was looked upon

regard her so, and there was one who show-

had resort Nettie gladly consented. Wal- in gladness of heart. The evacuation of Peher, conversing with Estelle, who had con- ter tied on her hat, and they stepped out on tersburg and Richmond, and the surrender to the Union, or only gave them proper asthe verandah and entered one of the paths of the principal insurgent army, gave hope which led through the grounds.

It was a beautiful night; the moon, slow- ous expression cannot be restrained. In the ly circling through the heavens, cast a silve- midst of this, however, He from whom all ry radiance over all objects; no sound broke blessings flow must not be forgotten. A call the stillness save the sweet tinkling of the for a national thanksgiving is being prepar-

They wandered for a time along the dif- of rejoicing be overlooked. Their honors ferent paths, feasting upon the scene of beau. must not be parcelled out-with others. I ty, and then he drew her to a seat beside myself was near the front, and had the high him on a rustic bench.

They sat there for a while in silence, she gazing off into the dim distance, he watch- plan or execution, is mine. To Gen. Grant. ing the changes of her lovely features. his skillful officers and brave men, all be-"Nettie !" and his whole heart seemed to longs. The gallant navy stood ready, but go out with the impassioned utterance.

"What, Walter ?" "Nettie, since the first night we met I have

loved you deeply and truly, and now existence would be a blank without your sweet from the first, is pressed much more closely company. Oh, say ! can you-do you love upon our attention. It is fraught with great me?' At the first sentence her eyes sank under

his eager gaze, and a rich crimson suffused her face; but as he finished her eyes sought his, and she said :

"Do you not see, Walter, that I am treatare you willing, with your wealth, and your bright prospects, to take such an one to your

heart ? "Ah, Nettie, I should consider wealth and all its blessings as nothing if your love was denied me, those who despise you are deficient in all that belongs to pure and noble wobeloved ?'

"Yes, I do love you, Walter, with my whole heart," and her head sank on his shoulder.

I will pass over the remainder of the term, which was mostly occupied in preparation for the examination. Nettie, Adele, and Estelle were the only graduates, and they

desired to take the prize. This would also finish Walter's preparatory course, and next term he would enter Yale.

On the morning before the examination. ment that the Governor of the State would amination. The students were all excitement, and when the time drew near, expectation was on the alert. A carriage was seen coming up the road, and they all cried-"the Governor is coming !" The carriage halted,

and a noble, portly looking man alighted; but what was their disappointment, when Nettie rushed out, and throwing herselt into his arms, called him father.

Heads were drawn back, and many said contemptuously, "how absurd to mistake a shoemaker for a Governor."

They watched in vain till ten was announced, when they gave it up, concluding he

of a righteous and speedy peace, whose joy-

those whose harder part gives us the cause

pleasure of transmitting much of the good news to you; but no part of the honor, for was not in reach to take active part.

By these recent successes the reinauguration of the national authority-reconstruction-which has had a large share of thought

lifficulty. Unlike the case of war between independant nations, there is no organized organ for us to treat with. No one man has the authority to give up the rebellion for any other man. We simply must begin with. and mould from, disorganized and discord.

ed as an inferior by my fellow students, and ant elements. Nor is it a small additional embarrassment that we, the loyal people, differ among ourselves as to the mode, manner, and measure of reconstruction.

As a general rule, I abstain from reading the reports of attacks upon myself, wishing not to be provoked by that to which I cannot properly offer an answer. In spite of manhood. Oh say, Nettie, may I hope I am this precaution, however, it comes to my knowl edge that I am much censured for some sup-

posed agency in setting up and seeking to sustain the new State Government of Louisiana. In this 1 have done just so much, and no more than the public knows.

In the funual mossage of December, 1863. and accompaning proclamation, I presented a plan of reconstruction; (as the phrase goes;) which I promised, if adopted by any State, were busy at work on their essays, for each should be acceptable to and sustained by the gathering the spilled and scattered contents, disturb the surface of the ocean. It is the

also distinctly protested that the Executive as the students were all assembled in the claimed no right to say when or whether tical relations with the Union, I have, so far, do look a little dark. The lane will turn and members should be admitted to scats in Congress from such States. This plan was, in advance, submitted to the then Cabinet, and distinctly approved by every member of it. One of them suggested that I should then. and in that connection, apply the Emancipation Proclamation to the theretofore excepted parts of Virginia and Louisiana; that I should drop the suggestion about apprenticeship for freed people, and that I should omit the protest against my own power in regard to the admission of members of Congress; but oven he approved every part and parcel of the plan which has since been employed or touched by the action of Louisia-

The new Constitution of Louisiana, declawould not come that night ring emancipation for the whole State, prac-The students were all steated when the tically applies the proclamation to the part the fowl by hatching the egg than by smash-Principal entered, accompanied by Mr. Moore previously excepted. It does not adopt ap- ing it. [Laughter.] was a simultaneous approval; and as Adele ed her as much deterence as a subject would rincipal edited, accompanied by Mr. Moore providence of all, he gave prenticeship for freed people, and it is silent, Again, if we reject Jouisiana, we also re-take five hundred shares, Duck Creek and the rescue her are the night he had rescue her are that gentleman the head of the table, while as it could not well be otherwise, about the ject our vote in favor of the proposed amend. Cherry Run."

acts, he brought the States from without insistance, they never having been out of it. The amount of constituency, so to speak, on which the new Louisiana government rests. would be more satisfactory to all, if it contained fifty, thirty or even twenty thousand, instead of only obout twelve thousand, as it really does. It is also unsatisfactory to some, that the elective franchise is not given to the colored man. I would myself

ry intelligent, and on those who serve our cause as soldiers. Still the question is not whether the Louisiana government, as it new State government ?"

lections; organized a free government; adopefit of public schools equally to black and white, and empowering the Legislature to confer the elective franchise upon the colored man. Their Legislature has already voted to ratify the constitutional amendment, recently passed by Congress, abolishing sla-

very throughout the nation. These twelve thousand persons are thus fully committed to the very things, and nearly all the things, the nation wants-and they ask the nation's that committal.

Now. if we reject and spurn them, we do heart with warmth. The sky is blue! ten our utmost to disorganize and disperse them. | times_where_it_is_black-once.- You have We in effect say to the white man, "You are | troubles; it may be-so have others, none worthless, or worse; we will neither help you are free from them. Perhaps it is well that nor be helped by you." To the blacks we none should be. They give sinew and tone say. "This cup of liberty which these, your to life-fortitude and courage to man. That old masters, hold to your lips, we will dash | would be a dull sea, and the sailor would from you, and leave you to the chances of never get skill, where there was nothing to Executive Government of the nation. I dis. in some vague and undefined when, where duty of every one to extract all the happiwhich might possibly be acceptable; and I paralyzing both white and black, has any in him, and above all he should look on the tendency to bring Louisiana into proper prac. | bright side of things. What though things been unable to perceive it.

If, on the contrary, we recognize and sustain the new government of Louisiana, the converse of all this is made true. We en- of glory, but we need not expect it without. courage the hearts and nerve the arms of the argue for it, and proselyte for it, and fight life, and we must pick up from the dust of for it, and feed it, and grow it, and ripen it the earth, one by one the grains of gold from to a complete success. The colored man, which we mould our immortal diadem. The too, seeing all united for him, is inspired more abundant the grains, the greater, the the same end. Grant that he desires the elective franchise. Will he not attain it sooner by saving the already advanced steps toward it than by running backward over them? Concode that the new government of Louisiana is only to what it should be as the egg is to the fowl, we shall sooner have place for the silver where they find it "-

in which our earliest and more impressive years are spent. The building and arrangement of a house influence the health, the comfort, the morals, the religion. There have been houses built so devoid of all consideration for the occupants, so rambling and haphazard in the disposal of rooms, so useless and cheerless, and wholly without snugness or privacy, as to make it seem impossible to live a joyous, generous, rational, religious family life in them.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN A. CHRISTIAN .---(Extract of a sermon by Rev. J. E. Carey, of Freeport, Ill.) A gentleman, having returned away and wept. He then turned and Some twelve thousand voters in the here- said "When I left home to take this chair was not a Christian. But when I went to our dead heroes who had fallen in defense of their country, I then and there consecrated myself to Christ. I do love Jesus -Inde pendent,

THE BRIGHT SIDE .- Look on the bright side-it is the right side. The times may go hard, but it will make them no easier by wearing a gloomy countenance. It is the sunshine and not the cloud that make the recognition and its assistance to make good flower. There is always that before or around us which should cheer and fill the If this course, discouraging and | ness and enjoyment he can without and withthe night will end in broad day.

We expect, and hope, and pray for a crown labor. God has scattered Christian duties, twelve thousand to adhere to their work, and like grains of gold. all through the sands of with vigilance, and energy, and daring, to richer will be our crown. He who gathers not these golden grains will never be king.

> A Cool Oil speculator in Huntingdon necently fell asleep while in church, from which he was awakened by the pastor reading :---Surely there is a vein for the gold and a Jumping to his feet and shaking his psalm book at the minister, he oried out : "PIL

tinctly stated that this was not the only plan and how."

prefer that it were now conferred on the ye-

stands, is quite all that is desirable. The cently visited Washington, on business with question is "Will it be wiser to take it as it the President, was, on leaving home, requestis, and help to improve it; or to reject and | ed by a friend to ask Mr. Lincola whether disperse it ?" "Can Louisiana, be brought he loved Jesus. The business being compleinto proper practical relation with the Union ted, the question was kindly asked. The sooner by sustaining, or by discarding her President buried his face in his handkerchief,

tofore shave State of Louisiana have sworn of State, I requested my countrymen to pray allegience to the Union; assumed to be the for me; I was not then a Christian. When rightful political power of the State; held e- | my son died, the severest trial of my life, I ted a free State constitution, giving the ben. Gettysburg, and looked upon the graves of