day may be seen the fashion and elite who there congregate, to bemoan their weekly short-comings and conless themselves "miserable sinners," there has terminated within a few months one of those solemn tragedies which we sometimes call life; and which might possibly find its counterpart even in our own goodly city. I much touch lightly the tragic events, and give but a passing glauce, for it will not do to introduce to eyes and ears polite, the darkest shades of the great limner, sin.

Christian fathers and high toned brothers must preserve their wives, daughters and sisters from even a suspicion of the frailty and crime which has engulfed so many of the sisterhood. Let them devoutly thank God that these same cherished ones have not, from who have like passions with themselves; who might not be any more noble or generous than they have been to others. Am I moralizing too long? Will you skip this part, eager for the story ?

one, in meeting a friend or acquaintance, said instinctively : "Isn't this a fine day?" Men and women saunter along leisurely, as though to prolong the enjoyment of the hour; but there comes one who in her haste rather rulely jostles against the fairer and better dressed women on the street.

Her story of sin and shame is written indelibly upon her face, and you would the gate, ascends the steps and rings the bell; all with such a defiant manner, one wonders what her errand can be.—She asks for Mrs. Maynard and says her business is urgent.

There comes in answer one who is

with a dving girl." and this is the fifth place I've been to, trusted him so much. I don't remember daughter, who exclaimed:

with you immediately.

between herself and the one whom in foolish he should not commencer me "Was it any one we know mother? I minutes walk took them to their distina to me my heart would break soon. passed in and upstairs without any

earthly comfort could remove.

She said: "Poor child, I have come to and I didn't care what I did. I have mother, you will believe him. Oh, he help you if you will let me." Such a been so awful wicked. I don't think seems so strong and good." wistful, agonized look as met the motherly gaze. The girl said, "I am but there has been no comfort in it. I called Kate Ray, 'tis not my real name, no one here knows that, for 'twas buried Ever so many times I've thought I long ago. Will you hold my hands, do would poison myself, and I would if I at the face that looked upon him. you mind. I have been dreadful wicked and I am afraid to die. I had a mother and mouraed for me. For I loved him once and she used to tell me of God; through it all; and I love him now .- suck quickly into a chair, and said, as

and tearful eyes she commenced, but good to me and let me stay, though she thought her, would you desire to marry often had to pause to have her poor knew she would never get any pay. I her?" parched lips and throat moistened by heard one time that he is going to be She paused and looked full at him. some drink which had been prepared married to a beautiful lady. If she is He had arisen, and for a moment was

country, I shall not tell where, for I do him as well as I do, and will he love her not wish any of them ever to know what has become of me. Our folks were poor, and I could not dress as well as most of the girls did; besides I was not wanted at home after father married again.—
When I came to the city I had no friends, and did not know where to go.
I liked to sow, and was a neat hond with my needle, so I went to a clothing store and asked for work. The owner said he "would employ me and he would take me to a boarding place." He seemed so me to finish her poor story. Clara came in, making this to test me. What do you mean? I cannot possibly associate any hought of imparity with Alice."

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The eyes of the dying girl seemed to watch her anxiously, but she was program and asked for work. The owner said he would take to finish her poor story. Clara came in, Maynard, I am perhaps undecessarily to finish her poor story. Clara came in, Maynard, I am perhaps undecessarily to finish her poor story. Clara came in,

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kind and gentlemanly that I felt to trust and they administered a cordial, but she | fastidious about such things; but I could | him, and Mrs. —, I didn't know then could only swallow a little. Her mind there was any need of my being careful wandered and she talked of her child-dark spot which my thoughts could turn who I spoke to. He took me to a place, bood and mother. Then she slept for a back upon. But oh, I have loved Alice and made his own terms with the wo- few moments, but roused suddenly, and so much; she seemed almost an angel. "Tis true it is a pity!

And pity 'tis, 'tis true."

Not many minutes walk from the churches, where upon any pleasant Sur
And pity 'tis, 'tis true."

I could not hear what they said.—

At last he told me the arrangents around her neck. "I must have one to me with such dreadful words. I wish were all made. I could have my work to me with such dreadful words. I wish and that he would come in and show me about my work and see how I got along. I was so pleased, everything seemed she sank upon her knees, burying her the face that looked at him.

At last she spoke. "Alice is pure, and by God's help I will keep her so." made easy for me, and my hopes were so face in the bed. bright. I met at the table several richly Clara held up the looket; he poor dressed girls, who were pleasant to me. lips tried to kiss it, then she motioned O, how I longed to be able to dress like for it to be replaced, and in a whisper them, and how poorly looked my shabby said: country dress, and I thought as soon as "Pray; quick!" I had earned some money, I would purchase jeweiry and ribbons, and make then she touched Mis. Maynard's shoul-

myself look as fine as they did. "In the evening Mr. — came and brought me a bundle of work and offered ing." to advance a part of my pay, as he supposed I would wish to make some addi- ascend from this earth of ours than tions to my wardrobe. He drew from went up in that miserable room from brings, been placed at the mercy of men me my story. All my past was given that stricken heart, which had to hold to him without reserve. Then he spoke back her own misery, while she com. hopefully for the future ; said he knew mended to the Infinite Father, the dying I should get along nicely, and promised child, to whom life had seemed but a Alice and me, for this indiscretion that to be my friend always. He asked curse. ought to fix up and not look so country fied, Mr.—will be ashamed of you." We can go no further with h

the selections and paid for them." "I had no idea of money or its value, once had been so beautiful; with her dence again, and in our happiness you and I thought I could soon pay her." "I didn't get on much with my work from the brow which death had seemed day. I wish, indeed I do, that 'twas in for I was anxious to make up my own new things. When Mr.—came, he that cherished picture, then hesitated a that poor girl. I tell you, I will send naturally shrink from so much as her said I needn't mind for they were not moment, and with a look, such as we money to the house and have her hurried and I could take my own time. sometimes see in a rare picture of some handsomely buried." many who turn to stare at her, never I enjoyed arraying myself in my new saintly face, she bent and pressed a long once looking at the blue sky which bends so cloudless over all. Suddenly before except what was made over from some one's cast off clothes. Madam said all, but when she saw that last crownthe gate, ascends the steps and rings the I was the handsomest girl she had ing act she burst into tears. .

somewhat accustomed to strange calls at was green and didn't understand city eternity. unreasonable bours, and from her noble manners. Mr. — took me out to ride The christiau woman went home like unreasonable is ars, and from her none and made me beautiful presents. Can one bowed by years; several times she her at once, as a large hearted, christian you see how I soon came to worship would have fallen if she had not stopped woman. She is greeted with, "I came him? It seemed to me I only lived and rested against something, until she woman. She is greeted with, "I came to you, because I was told you would not be afraid to go with me and pray than I, and so wise and good I thought. In comforting others she had gained a knows her soul, sin-stained and crushed, when he was with me. He was older than I, and so wise and good I thought. In comforting others she had gained a knows her soul, sin-stained and crushed, and the stable of the composition of the young life could steady herself to pass on again. In comforting others she had gained a knows her soul, sin-stained and crushed, and the stable of the young life could steady herself to pass on again. In comforting others she had gained a knows her soul, sin-stained and crushed, and the stable of the young life could steady herself to pass on again.

and all have had some excuse and sont as I even thought about the wickedness, me to another. I might go for a minis until I said something to a girl one day ter, but somehow I thought a woman that provoked her and she called me a ly." ter, but somehow I thought a woman would understand better. I guess one of them would have gone, but when she cannot be thought And one of them, who envied came to know who I am, she looked frightened and said, it wouldn't do for me my beauty, went over with all the would kill her unless she gave it vent,

heard of it. Tis a bad place enough; the love and happiness I had known but you can go there and see nobody since my mother's death, and leaving but you can go there and see nobody since my mother's death, and leaving mother who must wound so cruelly. but the poor girl; she's got to die to- just the hard bare facts, as they looked God help us both." day or to-morrow at the furthest; at things. I told her I would tell And then in hurried words the sad though she thinks she will live a week Mr. and he would take me some story was told. Alice shivered in every past." where else. She advised me to, and limb and wept; but evidently could not

with rapid steps she put quite a distance He told me if I was going to be so that." The girl asked wonderingly:

passed in and upstatis without any owed her a great deal of money; and I face of Robert Ainsworth." could not go away until it was paid." On a low couch with but little to make her comfortable there was a young down to this, without a struggle? I tell nord could not question. A terrible "Do you think girls like me come man she loved; but somehow, Mrs. May- Robert Ainsworth with a crowning act BLES, and the EPISCOPAL PRAYER BOOK, girl, wasted by sickness, her large black you (and she tried to raise herself up) conviction had settled down upon her eyes preternaturally bright, and a fixed there is no other way when they once heve heart. look of grief and sorrow upon her death sinned. I tried to get work but couldn't. There was no food taken there that stricken face that you felt at once no I could not leave Madam's for she kept day, and as night came, the two women some one watching me all the time, had looked as though they had watched for

"I have brought some one who will she threatened to give me up to the days beside the dying and the dead. pray with you," said the woman who law. I was sick with all the worry and The servent announced, "Mr. Robert pray with you, said the woman who had called herself Clara. "Do you feel any easier now?"

As Mrs. Maynard advanced the law, I was sick with all the worry and begun to look poor and pale. The girls to see Miss Alice.

Mrs. Mynard said, "You have no father ov brother, and it is not fitting." bedside, she placed her hand upon the down to his store; and that was the for you to move in this matter. I shall brow so broad and white, and thought, bitterest of all, for I begun see he had go down to him, and may God give me surely sometime it must have been never loved me. When I had to be- wisdom and strength." baptized with a mother's love and kisses. lieve that I got desperate and reckless, "If he can prove himself innocent

but she died years ago, and no one has You wonder, I know, but I do, and I though she did not dare trust herself to tried to make me good since. The one have his picture here upon my heart, I wait,-I loved best and trusted most, has made want it buried thers. I have not seen "Mr. Ainsworth, I have a strange me what I am. It it a long story, but him for a long time. Did I tell you, question to ask you. Be seated and me what I am. It it a long story, but may I tell you? I think it would lighten my heart some."

Madam drove me away from her house give me your attention. If Alice had done something dreadful in the past and the p

She continued, "I lived off in the will never know. I wonder if she loves "If you did no

Clara waited but no sound came; der, and asked : "Will you pray? I think she's go-

Never will a more touching prayer

Madam - to go shopping with me. And while she yet prayed the curtain We went, and I soon spent all my mo- of the room that held her soul was lift- things are; why, I could point out to It was a bright, glad summer mornney without getting half I wanted. She ing; the air clear and sweet, and every said: "Oh, I'll let you have some, you Farewell troubled spirit. It is not for of the best men in our society. I shall can soon make enough to pay; you us to judge thee. He who is without be true to Alice in every sense of the

"She suggested what I needed, made he selections and paid for them."

our story deals now with the living.

Mrs. Maynard closed the eyes which devotion of a son shall win your confiown handkerchief wiped the death dew will soon forget the scens and talk of to-

was frightened, you walked so strange- your crime. I. hold you, Robert

her to go, her husband would be dis-pleased. I'm called Clara Guin and ping off the coloring and sentiment with my home is on -street, No. - which I had endowed the few brief in heart-broken accents: "Oh, my child, It is notorious, but you may never have weeks into which had been crowded all my darling, it will kill you; but you

There was no hesitancy about Mrs. Said, sharply, 'You'll soon cut your eye comprehend why they should be so Maynard; she simply said; "I will go teeth, I reckon.' Oh how much I much affected by it. At last the mother suffered until he came, but 'twas nothing to the agony I endured afterwards. who it was? Must I tell you even

"If it kills you my ehild, 'tis better so minutes walk took them to their distina tion. She entered with her latch-key.

To line my near would break soon.

"I told Madam I was going away; than to see you the wife of an adulterer and murderer. I saw in that locket the

At first she doubted, loyal still to the

"If you did not look so terribly is

earnest I should think you was just asking this to test me. What do you

was listening. Was it for his sin, or because sin had brought its own retribution? God knoweth.

The story ended, she asked, "What

have you to say now.

He acknowledged it, for he could not well do otherwise, but he asked, 'Sorely, Mrs. Maynard, you will not separate has happened to end so disastrously. You do not know how common such word. I do not need to tell you that, I We can go no further with her, and am sure. Let this unfortunate occur-

She heard him through. Then said, "By what right do you demand purity in Alice that so far exceeds your own. "It is different altogether. Is it possible, Mrs. "Maynerd, that a woman of your age doesn't understand something

of the ways of the world?" "I have had a lesson in them to-day 'the mother of your children must be pure.' Do you think you will be held guiltless? Is there no danger of the sins of the father being visited upon

the children? "She mouned all night for some one, was so ignorant, and oh, I loved and her door, she was met by her beautiful time when the wrongs of this world Wonderful Escapes, revised from the French "Why mother, I saw you coming, and Alice's purity can never be mated with Youth's Histo y of the Great Civil War in Ainsworth, just as surely a murderer as

> tell her you are guilty, and by your own words do I condem you." "Have you no hope for me in the future? You forget that you are wreckfess to serve. My life shall redeem the

"I hope it may, if it is possible. I forgive you, though I thought when I wiped that forehead, and closed those eyes which had once looked so eagerly for your coming, that it would be impossible. Had she lived, would you have deemed her a fitting companion her heart she thought almost a saint. again, and he was angry with me for hope not, 'twas so wicked." Mrs. May. for Alice? I know of no law that At a crossing or turn she paused that she might be in sight, and some fifteen would go home and die, for it seemed pulled Alice with her. strength is born of suffering; she will learn wisdom of its silent lessons, she will yet be thankful that she was saved

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