## MIRAMICHI ADVANCE, CHATHAM, NEW BRUNSWICK, JUNE 26, 1879.



frequent; gradually the almost lifeless limbs became imbued with fresh vigor, the heavy lids relaxed, the gasps for breath became more effectual, and with a mighty effort nature asserted her way. In a short time baby was nestling peacefully in Marian's arms, wrapped in a sweet, life-giving slumber. When he was laid in his cot, his mother turned to me and said, pathetically, "O Harold ! when baby was so near death, and you far away, I could to leave you as I did. Will you forgive me, dear, and take me back, for baby's sake ?" I could only kiss her and press her

to my heart. After a while I said, "It was only those words, ' Will you forgive me?' that I wanted. If you would ver have parted."

not that I was asking you to forgive me, but my folly in leaving you. I am as innocent of taking that wretched money as my own child. Won't you believe me ?

believed you then, if you had said this to me : but you know you never deigned me a word, and what was I to think ?"

I was beginning to wonder, too, how I could have suspected my own Marian. Circumstances and my mother were more to blame than I, however.

about Frank.

ber it. You were always so hard upon him that I didn't like to tell you about it. He really had been trying to keep on steadily at the post your kindness had obtained him, but old debts were constantly coming in, and his limited salary would not meet them, and keep him as well. There was one man who pressed him hard for £10. He had spent his last quarter's salary within a pound or two, and more would not be coming for some time. He wrote and told me this, asking me to help him, but I could not. He wrote again, and said he must draw on his salary, but I begged him not to do so, so soon. I was sure his employers would think it a bad sign. The man threatened to expose his former habits to the firm. which you know might have ruined my diamond brooch, which I scaacely ever bad occasion to wear. I got £10

would be detected in dishonest practices,

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