The Proposal By Proxy.

Probably none of my readers know anything about Oakwood, even where it is sit- I told him so last evening, and I tell you usted; and they will be none the wiser for the same.' my telling; for as they will perhaps, never hear of it except from me, it does not matter to them.

St ffice it, then, that O kwood is the village where I, the humble scribe of this narrative, have spent the greater part of my not over long lite.

Two years ego, Lettie Monson was the brightest, merriest girl in the place. She lived at Squire Bartlett's, on the

hill road, just in sight of the river. The squire's wite was dead and gone, and his three daughters were married, so the old house was lonely enough; but they had taken Lettie when she was a friendless orphan, and she would not leave the old man now.

Squire Bartlett had never been a pleasant man, and the shadows of fi ty years had not improved his disposition; so that, al though just, as the world goes, he was not girl.

He wasted to marry Lettie Monson, but | you. Lettie?" Lettie Monson did not want to marry him. One hot summer afternoon be sat on the to induce her to retract the positive refusal him back. she had given bim the night before.

A shadow tell across the floor of the It was the shadow of Ned Carver, and

Ned said he had come over to talk wih the squire, because he had nothing else to do; but he did not mention the fact that be had been in the parlor with Lettie for a full bour, and that she had told him all other off r. about the old gentleman's courtship.

Ned threw himself on the settee, laid his curly brown head back against the window trame, and tried to talk to the squire; but the nearest he came to it was to talk at bim, for that gentleman seemed strang-ly absent minded; at last, however, his trouble came out.

'Do with her?' Ned spoke as if very

much surprised. 'What do you mean?' 'Why, you see, I want to marry her, and she won't have me; that's the long and the short of the matter.

'Won't she?' asked Ned, very coolly. 'She says so, and I am atraid that nothing I can say will alter his mind; but if someone else would talk to her about it, perhaps it might do some good.'

·Perhaps so ' said Ned. 'Well, then,' resumed the equire, 'why wen't you? I think Lettie likes you, and I heli ve you might have some it fluence with

'Really,' began Ned, 'I shouldn't know what to say, and-

Oh!' interrupted the squire, 'that's easy enough. Tell her it will be better for her.' Ned locked as it he did not believe it. 'Tell her she will have a good home, which, perhaps, will never be offered to her again-that she will feel more indepen :ent it she is married, and so on.'

'Yes,' said N d, slowly; 'but if that makes no impression, what then ?'

'Tell her that people think strange of her living here with me, and that her name will suffer. That will bring her to if anything will, for a weman thinks more of her reputation than anything else in the world.'
'Well,' returned Ned, 'I will do it it you

say to; but, whatever is the result, you must not blame me.'

'Certainly not; and, if you can get her to agree to be married within a month, I will give you a hundred pounds.' 'Agreed,' said Ned. 'I will do my very

Now it happened that Miss Monton had found the parlour too warm very soon after Ned Carver had left it, so she took her sewing at d went into the wide old entry, where the breeze always came, even in the stillest days, and, soon after she was seated, she heard her name mentioned.

Thinking it as much her business as anybody's she sat still, and the said breez: brought the whole conversation to her ears.

Lettie did not like it. and she thought Ned might find better employment for his spare time; for, to tell the truth, she had been building castles in the air for many menties, always inhabited by herself and another individual, with brown eyes and curly hair, very much the color of Ned's; and very good toundation she had for them though he had not exactly proposed.

She now made up her mind to leave the house as soon as she could fied a home som where else.

She had a cousin living about a mile away, and she would go to her that very evening, and tell her all about it; so, after tes, she called Rover for company, and went.

She found Ned Carver there; so, of course, there was no chance to speak of the object of her visit, and soon Squire

He seemed surprised to find Lettie there, but she knew very well he had fol-

Ned was in unusually good spirits, which considering the mean plot be was engaged in. Lettie thought very provoking, and a striking instance of the depravity of the human heart.

She soon rose to go, and the squire rose also, and put on his hat.

Rover, Rover!' called Lettie, but no Rover appeared.

'Sit down, Mr. Bartlett,' said Ned. 'I will go and help Miss Monson find the dog,' and there was a knowing look in his eyes, which the squire read thus: 'It will Lawrencetown. Aug. 25, to the wife of David Late, be a good time to talk to her.'

So he sat quietly down, and Ned went

'Never mind the dog, Lettie,' he said, when he came up to her; 'but please walk with me a few moments, for I have something to say to you.'

'And, as I am fully aware of your purpose. Mr. Carver, it is quite unnecessary,' returned Lettie, baughtily.

me, however,' persisted Ned.

Lettie grew impatient. Bur I do. I heard your conversation with Mr. Bartlett this afternoon. I would not marry him for his weight in diamonds.

'That is right-I knew you wouldn't.' Ned spoke as if it had been settled in

his mind a long time. ·Very well; then it is useless to talk about it; and, though I am sorry to have you lose your hundred pounds, even that

carnot make me alter my determination ' 'Perhaps we can effect a compromise, and take the money together,' he answer-

ed, laughing I do not understand you at all, Mr. Carver I shall find another home, and leave Mr. Bartlett's as soon as possible;

and now let us charge the subject.' 'Certainly 'said Ned, leaning over and looking in her eyes, by the moonlight. .! love me, Letti ?'

Lettie was silent. 'Because,' he continued, as he passed is arm around her 'I have loved you a a very desirable companion for a young long time, and I want you to say 'Yes' now, when I ask you to be my wife. Will

Lettie did not answer-she only drew closer to his side; but, when he bent and back pi zza. trying to think of some way kissed her full red lips, she actually kissed

Very improper, of course, but perfectly natural under the circumstances.

'And now, Lettie, I must tulfil my promise to the equire. He teld me to tell you it would be better for you to marry him.' 'I heard bim,' said Lettie

'He said you would have a good home, and, perhaps, you would never have an-'But you see I have,' and she looked up

archly in his handsome face. 'He s id people might think strange of your living alone with him, and that your

good name might suffer.' Just so, and what do you think of it? 'That you had better come and live with me, and then your reputation will be si fe 'Ned,' said he, 'what shall I do with Miss | and it will save you the trouble of looking

> Squire Bartlett waited as patiently as he could for the return of the young folk.

An hour went by, and he was on the point of going home, when he heard their voices at the door, and, in a moment, they

'D.d you find the dog?' he asked, as Ned opened the door.

'No sir; we have been talking, and forgot all about it. You see, I told Miss Monson what you said this atternoon, and she thought it quite reasonable, and concluded it would be best to be married as soon as possible.

'Good!' said the equire, rubbing his bands; 'a very sensible glrl. I knew it would come out all right.'

'And so,' continued Ned, 'we have taken steps to have the banns published, and ch li be married within the month. Allow me to make you acquainted with my in-

tended wite, Mr. Bartlett. Lettie came forward, and held out her hand; but the old gentleman, taking up his hat quitted the room wi hout a word. Lettie stayed at her cousin's that night. The next morning came a note for her.

It ran hus-'DEAR LETTIE, -A lit'le reflection and night's sleep have convinced me that I Truro, tept. 16, Aubrey Brodie 20. am an old fool, and I am glad that you | Cassilis. Sept. 6, Joseph Chaplin 65 had sense enough to see it. Forgive me, Clifton, Sept. 19, Andrew Barber 76. and come over and see me. I want you Elmsdale, Sept. 11, James Fisher 79. to feel as much at home here as my own Turo, Sept. 15, John A. Rerdey 20. daughters. Give the enclosed to your Turo, Sept. 17 Aubrev Blanchard 52. husband-elect, and tell him to use it as Shubenacadie, Sept. 16, Robert Fish 64. well as he did his time last evening. He earned it fairly.

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Halifax, Sept. 25, to the wife of H. Curtus, a son. South Bay, Sept. 20, to the wife of W. Earle, a son. Yarmouth, Sept. 6, to the wife of T. Kenney, a son. Hants, Aug. 17, to the wife of H. Archibald, a son. Boston, Sept. 11, to the wife of F. Nickerson, a son. Cardwell, Sept. 18, to the wife of W. Hall, a daugh-

Windsor, Sept. 12, to the wife of A. Shaw, a daugh-Windsor, Sept. 16. to the wife of Ha ry Tourlow, a

Hauts, Aug. 26, to the wife of Wm. Beckman, a Rawdon, Sept. 15, to the wife of James Mehan, a

Earltown, Sept. 9, to the wife of Rev. P. McRae, a

St. Martins, Sept. 2. to the wife of Frank Fulmer, a Crowell Town, Sept. 13, to the wife of J. Crowell,

Lockeport, Sept. 12, to the wife of Ingram Locke, Martook, Sept. 17, to the wife of Clarence Redden,

Beverley, Mass. Sept. 12, to the wife of H. Robson Fredericton, Sept. 20, to the wife of Wm McCa thy Port Greville, Sept. 14, to the wife of H. Canning.

Windsor, Sept. 20, to the wife of John Pratt, a daughter. Highfield, Sept. 12. to the wife of John Card, a

daughter. Baccaro, Sept. 15, to the wife of W. Reynolds, a daughter. Amherst, sept. 4, to the wife of Jude White, a

Albert Co., Sept. 14, to the wife of F. Thompson, a daughter. Poulsmand, Sept. 5, to the wife of Capt. Pec us, a

'Perhaps you do not fully understand | Arlington, Aug. 30, to the wife of Norman Grapt, a Middleton. Sept. 19, to the wife of Mr. Stedman,

Louisburg, Sept. 20, to the wife of C. Gray, Louisburg, Pept. 20. to the wife of John Murphy, a

Guy boro, Sert 21, to the wife of Geo. Grant, a Halifax, Sept. 19 to the wife of H. Holloway, s daughter.

Digby, Sept. 12, to the wife of E. Turnbull, s daughter. New York, Sept. 9, to the wife of George Dearborn

Lunenburg, Sept. 14, to the wife of James Wilson, Campbellton, Sept. 17, to the wife of A. McDonaid, a daughter. St, Croix, Aug 26, to the wife of Monson McDon-

ald, a daughter. Round Hill, Sept. 14, to the wife of Hebert Whit-men, a daughter.

want to ask you a question. Don't you Truro, Sept. 13, Christopher Glover to Jessie Mc-Newton Centre, Mass., Sept 20, Geo. R. McCennel to Belle Clarey. Lower Derby, S.pt. 6, James H. Pleadwell to

MARRIED.

Sadie Clouston. Lunenburg, by Rev. E Churchill, Edgar Hartle to Melinda Lleyd. Cape I land, Sept. 15, Mr. Samuel Mood to Mrs Estter McKinnon.

Bathnrst, Sept. 13, ty Rev. W. Harrison, Wm. J. Willisto Ada Branch, Campbellton. Sept. 18, by Rev. A. Carr. Geo. Clark to Isabella Pettigrew. Ya mouth, & pt. 4, by Rev. Mr. Hills, Frank Le-

Cain to Miss H. Scott. Scotsburn, Sept. 12, by Rev. T. Cumming, Daniel El io t to Jessie Grant. Montreal, Sept. 12, by Rev T. J. Mansell, Wesley Earl to Sarah McLean.

Hebron, Sept. 20, by Rev. Mr. Toole. Judson Patten to Annie Mckinpon Tarrsboro, Sept. 6, by Rev. W. Lane, Steele Mc-L lien to Sarah Sproule.

Can pheliton, Sept. 7, by Rev. A. Carr, Wm. F. Yorston to Annie Verge. Amberst, Sept 11, by R. v. Chas. Green, Alfred N Gay to Elizaceth Sickles. Portland Me., Sept. 12, by Rev. L. Freeman. John

Loveitt to B. ssie Borden. Fairville, Sept. 25, by Rev. A. S. Morton, Nelson Atkinson, to Alice Small. Oxford. Sept. 13, by Rev. L. Dawson, Eva G. King to Elisha B. MacDougall.

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St. John, Sept. 21, by Rev W. O. Raymond, Richard Carloss to Mary Britton. Shag Harbor, Sept. 13, by Rev. W. Miller, Chas. Sears to Miss R. Nickers n.

Harvey, A. Co., Sept. 17, by Rev. T. Bishop, Jas Sherwood to Minnie Pearson. Redbank, Sept. 5, by Rev. P. V. Doffy, Mr. Peter Hogan to Miss Lizzie Lawior. Newport, Sept. 7. by Rev. A. L. Fraser, Charles Caldwell to Minnie Cochrane.

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East Chezzetook Sept. 13 by Rev. Fr. La Brecque

Halif x. Sept 19, by Rev. G. Glendenning, Miss L. H. Keating to Mr. Alfred Dowden. Mill Branch, Kent Co. Sept. 20, by Rev D. Fraser Edward H. Lawson to Macy M Cail. Tatamageuche, S. pt. 19, by Rev. T. Sedgewick, Charles MacDen ad to Annie McLeod. Caledonia Mines, C. B., Sept. 5, by Rev. J. Forbes Daniel McLennan, to Margaret McDonald.

DIED.

Renous River, Sept. 14, John Walsh 70. Barnsby River, Sept. 13, Wm Power 34. Amberst, Sept. 18, George T. Armstrong 44. Seal Island. Sept. 14, T. Corning Crowell 53. North Esk. Sept. 13, Mrs. Mary Murphy 66. Newton, Sept. 23, wife of Andrew S. Pearse 55. Nelson, Sept. 12, infant daughter of Peter Louise. Albert County, N. B., Sept. 20, Rufus Trueman 70. Springfield, Chatham, Sept. 17, Helen Chalmers 65 Stony I-1 nd, Sept. 14 Lena, wife of Elijah Ross 37 West &t. John, N. B., Sept. 18, William J. Olive 77. Yarmouth, Sept. 20, Mary, wife of Alfred Syvertsen

Truro, Sept. 16, Harless, son of A. M. Archibald 16 Masstown, Sept. 19, Elmon Vance, son of Chas. Mosler, Oregon, U. S. A., Sept. 12, Mrs Jas. Mc-

Winchester, Mass., Ang, 22, Mary E. wife of Chas. E Kinsley. Six Mill Brook, Pictou. Sept. 17i Mrs. Katherine Carleton, Sept. 22, Mary E. danghter of Henry

Harmony Road, Sept. 21, Augua, son of John Lower Overton, Sept, 20, Lois M., wife of William Somerville, Mass., S pt. 19, Mrs. Margaret Hitchens 71.

Ottawa, Sept. 22, Jane E. widow of the late William C. Treadweil Rockville, Sept 17, May, daughter of Chas. Brennen 4 months. Wolfville, Sept. 18, Lois R. relict of the late James

St. John, Sept. 25, Sarah, widow of the late Middleton, Sept. 15, to the wife of W. Calhoun, a St. Stephen, Sept. 20. Ethel May, daughter of Harry Burpee 6. Amberst, Sept 22, Ada Yvone, daughter of A

Allen 10 months. McColium Settlement, North River, Sept Daniel Lynds 80 St. John, Sept. 22. Annie Gretrude, daughter George Magee 17.

St. John, Sept. 20, Elizabeth Bell, relict of the late Robert Ewing 76. Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 17, Lizzie, daughter of William Alexander. Cardinal, Oatario, S pt. 18, Sydney, youngest son of Rev. Gideon Meizer.

Maiden, Mass., Sept. 16, Ina Isabel daughter of Arthur Boya 11 months. Everett, Mass., Sept. 24 Florence M. wife Fredrick A. Blackburn 22.

Halifax, Sept. 20, Annie Flagdon, daughter of the late Hon. John E. Fairbanks. Halifax, Sept 19. Wignifred Florence, daughter of Thomas and Mary Duggan 2. Amherit, Sept. 9, Emeline Collingwood, daughter of James Anderson 4 months.

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