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THE HOUR OF COMFORT. He chose this path for thee. No feeble chance, nor hard, relentless fate. But love, his love, hath placed his foot-steps here: He knew the way was rough and desolate. Knew how the heart would often slink with fear. Yet tenderly he whispered, "Child, I see. This path is best for thee."

HE CHOSE THIS PATH FOR THEE. Though well he knew sharp thorns would tear thy feet. Knew how brambles would obstruct the way. Knew how the hidden dangers thou wouldst meet. Knew how thy faith would falter day by day. And still the whisper echoed, "Yes, I see. This path is best for thee."

ALMOST DISTRACTED? DID YOU EVER suffer from real nervousness? When every nerve seemed to quiver with a peculiar, creeping dizziness, first one place, and then another, and at times finally to concentrate in the head, until the brain and you become liable, mental and nervous; to be followed by an insidious, weakened condition of the nervous system, tingling in the ears, and sleepless, miserable nights?

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doved, but the other officer—I thought he must be the general, he was so handsome, just like Sir Wilfred—looked at Aunt Alice as if he were sorry for her. Aunt Alice took me with her to grandmamma's room. I went in the corner and cried very hard when the men came in and the orderlies searched the room. They went out very quickly. Then Aunt Alice went into her room, and throwing herself on the sofa began to cry, oh, so hard. But she had to stop very soon, for Nelson came up to say, "Them gentlemen wants to see the lady."

After a long time we heard that the war was over, and our men, what was left of them, came home, and the big, red faced man had to leave Bel Air. He had drunk nearly all the wine, and I think he was sorry to go or not to take what was left. Then Uncle Moultrie came back, and that was a great joy. But we were all very sad, although we did not show it, for grandmamma was gone, and all the servants nearly, and Uncle Moultrie's wound was so bad that he could not ride, and besides we had no horse left.

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