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CHAPTER V.

Never had Edward Daton thought of intertering with his wife's religion and in spite of his stepmother's objections he had himself accompanied Ceelia to church when each of the three bright children God had given them were baptized. He would have been better pleased had she been a Protestant, but from the beginning he gave his mother plainly to understand that his wife's religion was never to be interfered with. When she saw the little ones who were to be brought up in the "errors of Popery," her only consolation was that they were really the fruit of her flesh and blood. She frequently rebelled for the first time when she saw a pretty nook near the lake in the garden. Ceelia had a little grotto prepared, in which she placed a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, keeping the flowers fresh before it and teaching the children to bring their little offerings to the shrine as soon as they were able. To the elder lady it seemed like the worshipping of idols, and she told Edward and his wife so; but he said that if "that thing" were not taken down she would break it; but

A thorough search of the house was made, then they went to look for him in the grounds and outbuildings. The archers were about to give up in despair, when the little boat was discovered riding gracefully on the surface of the artificial lake, which for years had been the pride of the place. A terrible fear took possession of the

Several times had little Agnes
for her brother, but his death
kept a secret from her, and she
old that brother could not come
until they were well.

What have I done," moaned the wretched woman, "to merit such a punishment? It was not enough for me to lose all three of my darling girls, but I must be told in the honeyed tones that my sister has a baby to love. Almost seems that God was unjust to them all, when I had plenty of crying them up well, while she sat

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