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cussing the matter more fully, but proceed to business.

What do you think of taking a walk down there this after-
noon, and viewing the battlefield?"

"I am quite agreeable," responded Minnie, "and I shall
speak to papa to-night about our other arrangements. I
must be off now, and dispose of some of my lessons so that I
may have time—I shall expect you about four."

"Very well, agreed Mabel. But I shall only have an
hour to spare, remember, I must be back by five."

"All right, we won't put off any time, you may count on
my being ready." And off she went with a light heart.

Mabel turned back and went in with a sigh.

"How bright and gay she is," said she to herself. "To
look at her now, one would think that a serious thought
never entered her head, and yet how full of good and un-
selfish thoughts that little head is, for all its giddiness.

"She spoke just now of giving some of the blessings she
had received to others, to those who were thirsting for one
drop, and did not guess that I who stood so near her was
even one of those. It would only trouble and distress her
to know how dark my mind is about these things which she
thinks I have known all about for years—aye, truly I have
known about them since I knew anything, yet of what use
has the knowledge been to me. It's like the 'learned lum-
ber' Pope speaks about—it's like rummaging in a library
without a light. O, will light such as Minnie speaks about
ever dawn in my heart? Will such a change as has beauti-
fied and softened her life with such a sweet and gracious in-