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CHAPTER I.

A CITY NEST.

Annabel Rutherford was a teacher of music. In the large town where she had come to live she was still a stranger, for her old home was far away in a country village in Wales, and except her pupils, she had almost no acquaintances in the great town. Some of these were young ladies who, when once the lesson was over, thought no more about their patient young teacher; but one or two became her true friends, and for the most part the little children loved her.

So Miss Rutherford lived by herself in lodgings in a quiet street, and notwithstanding her busy life, she was often lonely. And being lonely, certain gloomy thoughts would sometimes come into her mind. At such times she would say to herself, What should I do if I could not get pupils enough to enable me to pay for my lodgings and to buy food and clothes? or what should I do if I were to fall ill, and could no longer teach music? What if I were to get deaf, and could not hear my pupils sing and play?

But when she had been three or four months in the town, one day a lady brought her to a room where a number of poor mothers used to come together on Sunday afternoons to have the Bible read to them, and to talk over what they had read. Some of the poor women who came there were too badly clothed, or had too many children to look after, to be able to go to church; but here they might come with their babies in their arms, and sometimes an old woman would bring a little toddling grandchild who could not be left at home. Every class of ten or twelve poor women had their "lady," who read and explained to them, and who