

SIDE FOR MR. PERRY

#1

MR. PERRY

If you will accept the passage of time, I have been to see Miss Fairfax who recently arrived and is still not feeling well. The Bates' reside in a moderate home where they have been since the Reverend Bates went to his glory. Miss Fairfax is an orphan, the child of the late Miss Jane Bates who was taken by grief when her husband, Lieutenant Fairfax was lost in battle. All of Highbury is careful that their reduced circumstances are not felt.

#2

MR. PERRY

Such a sad time when the first Mrs. Weston died. Mr. Weston was left to care for a three-year-old with no mama. Then her brother, who had no children, decided to adopt the lad so he could inherit, and Frank was removed from Highbury. We have not seen him since.

MISS BATES

He belongs to Highbury. Mr. Weston does hear from him and sees him on occasion, but we quite miss the boy. He belongs in Highbury.

MR PERRY

I expect we will see Frank Churchill soon. He will want to pay his respects to his new mama.
While MR PERRY leads the guests to the house with MISS BATES they pass various characters who look like towns people. MISS BATES sees HARRIET SMITH and JOHN MARTIN talking.

MISS BATES

Look! Is that Miss Harriet Smith with Mr. John Martin?

MR. PERRY

There is nothing to it. Miss Smith spent six weeks at Abbey-Mill Farm with the Martins this past summer. They are friends, and are likely speaking of walnuts, apples, or cows. Do come along!
They walk a little further to see a well-dressed man approaching the house. MISS BATES excitedly points him out to the GUESTS.

MISS BATES

Mr. George Knightley! Such a dear friend to us all, a sensible man. He is the elder brother of Isabella Woodhouse's husband, Mr. John Knightley.

MR. PERRY

He is a frequent visitor at Hartfield, and lives only a mile from Highbury,