

if you will only reform and be to me what you once were."

Under the influence of the excitement, and the harassing thoughts of the great evils he had brought upon his family, he solemnly pledged himself to her that he would never taste again of the intoxicating bowl.

"Olivia," said he, after he made the pledge, "I wish the Maine law would pass; then there could be no danger in my case. But now I must be constantly on my guard, or I shall be tempted, overcome, and brought down again into the ditch."

"The only way for you, my dear husband, is to keep entirely away from the places where it is sold. If you will stay at home with me, and not go where it is, and not see any of your associates, you will be in no danger," said his wife, betraying much anxiety in the tones of her voice and expression of her countenance.

"I clearly see *that* is my only way of safety; and I will remain here with you and the children, and make one more effort to reform and be a man."

He undoubtedly thought he would make one more effort, and probably thought it would be a successful one; and without doubt his injured wife was again inspired with hope that she should once more be blessed with an affectionate and temperate husband. But how little they understood his weakness, the strength of his appetite, the power of the temptation by which he was surrounded, and the influence of his wicked associates to allure and destroy him.

For several months he continued sober, and ap-