

would submit to any punishment he might think proper to inflict. "Forgive him," screamed the enraged school master—"never—you are both liars—infamous liars," and he advanced towards me; I attempted to parley, but the Doctor made a furious blow at my head with his heavy walking cane, which I managed to receive on my left shoulder. I could contain my rage no longer, but rushing on him, I wrested the stick from his grasp, and next moment he was senseless at my feet.

I travelled on foot to my father's house, indeed as I had no money, I had not a choice as to the mode of performing the journey. Ere my arrival the news of the fracas had reached them, the Doctor having recovered sufficiently from his drubbing to write an account of it; they proposed sending me back, but I told my father, that nothing would persuade me to this and that rather than go I would enlist; this alarmed him for "the honor of the family," so I was allowed to remain at the Park, idle, for nearly three months, and was then sent to a Military Academy in the vicinity of London, where I got fair play, made great progress in my education, and was happy and comfortable: but here I was not suffered to remain long.

During the short time I was at home "*in disgrace*," I met neither cordiality nor kindness from any one, except Mary, and she was never permitted to be alone with me when it could be prevented; I was consequently as seldom in the house as possible, but wandered about among the woods and hills, lonely and dejected. In one of these rambles, I met Ellen Shand, the daughter of a small farmer on my father's estate, and somehow or other I every day took the same path, and she as regularly met me. Well sir, I had been only a few months at — Academy when I received a letter from my father, informing me that I had ruined the poor girl, and discarding me forever, as a disgrace and stain to his name and family. He directed me to go to a relation of my mother's in town, who would inform me of my future destination. This gentleman came for me the same afternoon; he was a man of the world, and treated the whole affair with a levity that shocked me—for I was grieved to the heart for the disgrace and misery I had brought on the poor girl and her family. He informed me that my father had got a Cadetship in India for me, and that he had been requested to ship me 'off as soon as possible—and had been furnished by "the old gentleman," as he called him, with £500 for that purpose. He shewed me great kindness, took me to Leadenhall Street and got me "passed," ordered my outfit, engaged my passage, and devoted the whole of the week to showing me the Lions of the great city; he appeared much amused with my astonishment, and highly diverted by my remarks. He gave me thirty of the five hundred pounds for pocket money, and fifty more, at my urgent request, to send to Ellen Shand: but he quizzed me