

bright hearth, holding Mary's hand and smiling for deep content. But Jonathan's strong, muscular frame responded to his soul's enthusiasm in a more demonstrative manner. He triumphed with the souls that had "found liberty," and wept tears of joy over the sinners who had repented, and been brought with songs of rejoicing into the fold of the Church.

When the three clasped hands that night they parted as if they would never meet again. Very early early in the morning Mary Yeadon was awakened by her brother. His face was so white and terrible that she was afraid. "Mary," he said, "I have been robbed. I am utterly ruined and undone."

"Robbed! How? In the office?"

"What had I in the office? I paid my last sovereign out on Saturday. My desk has been opened, and the chapel money taken—all of them, Mary; class moneys, subscriptions, pew-rents, and collections. It is the quarterly meeting to-day; I have not time even to borrow the amount."

"Is it much?"

"Nearly eighty pounds."

"Eighty pounds! O, who can have done such a wicked, cruel thing?"

I know not who has done me this wrong; I alone must bear the blame. All the village will know me in a few hours for a thief or a defaulter."

"But you must tell them you were robbed."

"Who will believe me? Get up, and call Jane Sykes; I am going to tell Mark."

Mark could give nothing but sympathy. He was almost at his last shilling. Indeed part of the money stolen was his quarter's salary.

There was but one man in the village likely to have such a sum in coin in his house. He went to Crossley, of Crossley's Mills. Nothing could have astonished Samuel Crossley more than Jonathan Yeadon on a borrowing expedition, unless it was that he should come to borrow of him. If Crossley had had the money he would have loaned it. He was honestly sorry that he could not serve him.

"The humiliation has been for nothing," said Jonathan, bitterly, to his sister. Perhaps he was mistaken.

At ten o'clock the leaders, local-preachers, and principal members of the Guiseley Circuit were to meet in the chapel to transact the business of the churches, and to make the next three months' appointments; so then Jonathan must make confession that the money with which he had been intrusted was missing. Proud of