

Mrs. Lee's petition was earnest, touching, and to the point. Words could not have been more simple and eloquent. When she rose from her knees, the rum-seller, with his wife in his arms, was sobbing like a child.

"God has heard! God has heard! Edward has promised! Oh, Mrs. Lee, he has promised to do the right. You know what Christ said, 'When two or three are gathered together, I will be there!' You see I have had to pray alone all these years. Oh, my love! husband! I shall be well now, and strong enough to help you."

"Yes, wife; I believe you will," was the solemn answer. "And now, Mrs. Lee, I want you to hear me promise before God to do in this matter now, and in the future, just as my wife directs, even if the doing makes me a beggar."

"As much as my husband loves me, I should never have succeeded alone," the wife continued, after he had left the room. "A coarse or a threatening word would have settled the question forever. You came pitying and loving both of us, and the work was accomplished. Oh, Mrs. Lee, how many are suffering and dying for the right word."

"I hear," said Mrs. Harrison, a week afterwards, "that Ed. Lothrop has left the liquor business altogether. Somebody said he gave two thousand dollars to the temperance missionaries yesterday. Do you believe it?"

"I think it is true," was Mrs. Lee's quiet answer.

"Well; wonders never will cease. Let's go and call on his wife sometime."

## JUVENILE SMOKING.

"SMOKING is the first step on the wrong road."—*C. Garrett.*

"I never see a young man smoking a cigar but I say to myself, that young man is taking the first step to ruin."—*J. A. James.*

The Master of the Edinburgh Reformatory lately said: "We have eighty boys here—scarcely one who has not been a smoker or a chewer, and most of them both."

"I believe that no one who smokes tobacco before the bodily powers are developed ever makes a strong, vigorous man."—*Dr. Ferguson.*

"Shun smoking as you would self-destruction."—*Lancet.*

Dear youth, do not spurn these cautions against an evil habit. Parents, insist upon your boys not smoking.