

made secretary of the Trust Board, and that he had subscribed ten pounds to the new edifice. This somewhat surprised Rebecca, who asked him where he expected to get the ten pounds.

His answer showed his faith in God and the future, as he replied: "Rebecca, I thought this matter out thoughtfully and prayerfully, and I felt sure that the 'King's table' has in it a cash drawer somewhere, and that we would put ten per cent. of our earnings away for this purpose; and as this amount has to be paid in four instalments, one every three months, I made the venture in God's name, for I had the will to do it, and surely a good Providence will make the way."

And a way was made under what seemed the most difficult circumstances, for the winter was unusually severe and tried the delicate constitution of the teacher, who for three months was laid up with rheumatic fever.

During this time Rebecca looked after the school, as well as attending to the needs of

her husband. Her powers of physical endurance were remarkable, while her mental resources were a discovery even to herself, for the number of children increased during the winter, and the school-mistress drew from her mental and heart resources very helpful teaching, for the fountains of her heart were opened, and such a torrent of affection was displayed to the children that their young natures were refreshed and strengthened. She seemed to be able to use the filter of love to clear away every mental mist, and ease every strain. Power of assimilation was also given the scholars, for the teacher's love produced the same quality in the mind and heart of the student. And then the community about them, and the parents of the scholars, were so well pleased at the progress of their children, and there was so much sympathy with the sick schoolmaster, that many a bottle of home-made wine and big currant loaf of their own baking found their way to the schoolmaster's pantry, while braces of wild duck, haunches of venison and bear steak (for they all