

have his money. Said he, "You are not of age, and I can make your father pay every penny," but in this he was mistaken and found it was best to come to terms. I promised to pay him if he would wait until I could get a situation, when I would send so much per month. I lost no time in advertising, and very soon secured a situation once more in Edgbaston.

About a week before leaving home my sister and I attended a gospel temperance meeting, and at the close signed the pledge and donned the blue ribbon. On the 7th May, 1883, my parents stood at the door to say good-bye to me, still their dearly and best-loved child. With their blessing I moved away, and they turned indoors to wonder and hope that their child might yet be a blessing to them. Alas for those hopes !

The lady who engaged me was anxious to secure a pledged abstainer, possibly because the cook (who but for that was an excellent