

'Let us believe that God will answer our prayers.'

'Water, little girl.'

Wistaria gave him a drink.

'Mother has reason to doubt me,' said he, struggling up to a sitting posture; 'but, God helping me, I'm going to be a new man. I guess the hard walk home has been too much for me after my drunk. Too bad that I've been such a father; but you'll help me to be good.'

Wistaria threw her arms around her father's neck and wept, and even the doubting mother shed tears; while her little ones left the hiding-places to which they had flown on the approach of their father, and now came to her side.

After making his peace with his family, James went out to find old man Moxom.

## VI

### 'THE LAMP OF THE WICKED SHALL BE PUT OUT'

'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.'

James had determined not only to tell Moxom of his own change of life, but also of the taunts of the hotel-keeper, hoping that they would rouse his moral nature. He sought for him at his home, and then around the settlement, but in vain. As he was crossing a little gully, he noticed a number of the roving, half-wild pigs that had helped to give