

boys had hastily swallowed their scanty meal, the factory bell had rung, and they departed to their toilsome drudgery.

"All that I see and hear," said Mr. Temple, "convince me that religion and morality are at a very low ebb in this large town, and the consequences are dreadful to contemplate."

"They are indeed, Sir," said Lee; "for there are not places of worship for a tithe of the people; and as for schools, the needy parents are so bent on making all they can of their children, that they don't care to send them, and so this kind of charity is in a manner lost. And the Sabbath day!—O sir, it would shock you to hear how it is kept by thousands who neither seem to fear God nor Satan; but thanks be to her that is gone, we kept that day holy, and went to church as long as we could decently appear there; and my lads were kept from the beer shops and such like places, and made to read their Bible, though they were sully bantered about it at the factory."

Mr. Temple had heard and seen enough to interest his feelings, and increase his desire to snatch this poor family from perdition; and giving Susan the means to provide some comforts for her father, he took his leave, promising to arrange some plan for their good as soon as possible.

"Surely," said Susan to her father, "Providence put it into your head to send us to walk into the country (though Mary was dying) the very day that good gentleman had been at Ledston, for all the quality in the town would have passed by without notice."

"I hope not, I hope not; but the rich people of this town are so used to see objects of distress, that their hearts are hardened, like Pharaoh's: but, 'peradventure ten be found,'—there is Mr. Selwyn, Susan, and his rector."

"But they are not rich, father, and do not employ factory people, and they are God's ministers, and mother said that a shilling from them was as much as a hundred pounds would be from some of our employers, who make all they have by our toil."

"Very true, Susan, and the Scripture says, 'As well may a camel go through the eye of a needle, as a rich man enter into the kingdom of heaven.'"

That night a bright gleam of hope sat upon the faces of Lee's family, and they talked of future days and better prospects till sleep overtook them, and rose in the morning with an alacrity, very different from their usual feelings, which had bordered on a sullen despair.

Mr. Temple followed up his charitable plans; he raised a subscription amongst the farmers, and prevailed with a widow woman to lodge

Lee's family for a few weeks; and the day after the funeral of Mary, they were brought in a cart to Bonfield, where in a few days the pure country air, and the happy faces of his children, so revived the poor invalid, that he was able to sit up, and never ceased praising God for his mercies. The suffering infant was now released, and Susan was enabled to take in needle-work, which Mrs. Temple provided for her, and farmer Jones employed both the lads, who soon gained health and strength on good wholesome diet, and gave satisfaction to their master. Susan was flattered that her father would soon be able to go to church, and gain some easy work suited to his strength; but Lee felt that within which bade him prepare for the awful change so soon to take place, and his greatest pleasure was in the visits of Mr. Temple, who spoke comfort to the dying man, whose repentance was so sincere, and faith in Christ so firm, that his death-bed was one of peace; and he gave such advice to his children, on contentment with their lot in life, and spoke so strongly on the love of gain which had been his ruin, that their young hearts were deeply impressed, and we will hope the remembrance will not be forgotten. Mrs. Temple promised to take Susan into her service, when her duties to her father were over, and one month after his return to Bonfield, William Lee was laid in the grave. Mrs. Temple took the grateful Susan into her house as an under nursery-maid, and her good conduct and obliging behaviour won the esteem of all the family. She had, though so young, seen so much sorrow, and utter wretchedness, that her new situation appeared to her a heaven upon earth, and her gratitude to the family knew no bounds, and in a few months she had an opportunity of showing it by deeds as well as words. An epidemic disease attacked the whole family of children, and Susan rested not from the labors of attendance in the sick room night or day, till it pleased God to restore the invalids to health; and when Mrs. Temple thanked her with tears in her eyes for her exertions, she would say, "O ma'am! can I ever do enough for you and yours, who have dragged me and those I loved from destitution? To serve you is my greatest happiness, and I have no wish to change my situation at any time."

"Make no rash resolves, Susan," said Mrs. Temple; "the hand of God directs aright, and trust all to him."

Susan's eldest brother had a wish to follow a trade, and the village carpenter took him as apprentice for a small sum, which Susan promised to help to pay off yearly out of her wages, as she was too prudent to lay it all out on dress, as many young women do; neither would she save it,