

neck with an arm that is not employed in nursing baby.

'You never thought I had been in love with you so long, Biddy, did you?'

She kisses me again, and then says, laughingly: 'You dear goose, I was sure of it three months before I knew it yourself.'

For a moment, as I look at her, she seems to me as if she were suddenly become somebody else; but after that she seems to me more than ever like no woman under heaven but my Biddy.

And this is all that I will write, I think.—*From Colman's Magazine.*

DR. BEECHER'S 'TEMPERATE' PARISHONER.

DR. BEECHER'S views upon the use of alcoholic drinks, were, previous to the year 1825, like those of many wise and good men of that day, adverse to excess, but tolerant of moderate drinking. A writer in the *Recorder*, after stating the above fact, gives an interesting account of the occasion of the radical change that made the doctor so bold a champion in the temperance crusade.

'The revolution in Dr. Beecher's views originated in discussion with one of his parishoners, Mr. Hezekiah Murray. This man, who lived in the extreme south-eastern corner of the parish, was remarkable for the depth and clearness of his ideas, and for his far-reaching grasp of truth. Without more than ordinary education, his mind, cultivated by thought and exercised with great themes, ripened in wisdom and judgment. Nor were his convictions speculative. To know duty was, to him, to yield unflinching obedience. In the intervals of his farm-work he carried, for himself and others, produce and merchandize to and from New Haven. Upon the wagon box, slowly threading the long route among the hills, his thoughts were busy with questions of religion and humanity.

'On one of these occasions he reviewed the list of his neighbor's and

acquaintance from childhood up, and was startled to find how many of them had reached a drunkard's grave. His own habit of moderate use, and his example in thus setting temptation before his family, disturbed him. At length, step by step, he came to the point of total abstinence, then to a resolution against furnishing spirit to others, and then against aiding and abetting the manufacture, traffic in, or use of alcoholic drinks.

'He even refused to transport the article with his team. More than this. He had for some years distilled cider-brandy for himself and others. That very year, at the expense of one hundred dollars, a new copper still had been set up on his premises. Now he determined it should never be used for distilling. These conclusions he had reached, not only without hearing a word in behalf of temperance, but even before any public effort had been put forth in that cause.

'The apple-harvest arrived. No persuasion, no price, could shake Mr. Murray's purpose. People called him a fool—said he was insane—tried various intimidations or inducements, all in vain. At length Mr. Beecher came down in hot earnest to cure him of his fanatical delusion. Mr. Murray stated the process by which he had been led to adopt these princi-