

untuned to find the truant husband, but he was never heard of again and his wife, or widow, is a saddened, white-haired woman now, living entirely for her children.

Dr. Selwood undertook to provide for the education of the boys, and he sent them to the High School of the town, which was conducted by a friend of his, a Mr. Ingram.

The arrival of the epidemic proved a great relief to this Mr. Ingram for all his most troublesome pupils became truthful ; and although it thinned out his school very much, owing to the departure of so many families, still he found his work infinitely more congenial than before, particularly as it came just in time to help him out of a great difficulty.

" Now, boys," he began, as he took his place before his pupils on the morning of the first day of the epidemic. " I hope to-day will see an end to this disagreeable state of things. One word from the right boy will set you all free. I am ashamed to think there is any one among you who can see so many others punished for his fault—must I ask you each in turn, or will the boy who knows most about it speak like a man ? "

There was a silence, during which the assistant looked on with a superior smile, as if he would act very differently under the circumstances.

" Do you know anything about the breakage of the window in the lecture room, Dudley ? " the principal asked of a nervous-looking boy, who avoided his glance.

" No, sir."

His suspicions were aroused, and he felt himself compelled to say :—

" Why can't you look me in the face ? "

" Because you look as if you didn't believe me, sir."

The boy looked so unhappy that the master took no more notice of him, but blamed himself for asking the second question.

" Smith, did you break that window ? "