

fear of 'em robbin' him. I couldn't get him to hear of anybody till I thought of you, and that suited him. He's as cunning as an old fox; and I'll be bound he's engaged you to come for next to nothing, but victuals and lodging."

She waited for me to tell her what he was to pay me, but I had not given up my own home for money. I should be paid well enough when Philip came into the old man's property. Yet I felt downcast at the thought of so much cunning and deceit in a man so near the grave as he was. I went back to spend the last night in my house, and made arrangements for a neighbour to keep the key, and give an eye to it. For instead of being paid, I had made it a condition that I should keep on my cottage, and have every Sunday quiet to myself in it. The next morning I quitted it once more, not as when Transome and me were turned out of it, after living there nearly forty years, but still sadly and with a great craving after the peace and quietness I was giving up for the sake of Philip Champion.

(To be continued.)

A SERMON FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." (John xiii. 17.) I. "These things," that is, your duties. You have duties wherever you are: 1. At home, obedience and respect to parents, and kindness to brothers, sisters, and servants. 2. At school, respect to teachers, faithfulness in study, and fairness in play. 3. At church, be quiet, listen, worship, and give your hearts to the Saviour. 4. On the street, good manners, modesty, kindness, minding your own business. II. How should you do your duty? 1. Not for pay. That is a low motive. Some always ask, "What will you give me?" 2. But from love. So the Saviour did when a boy at Nazareth. So the angels do God's will—which is only another name for duty. This will make you do it cheerfully. 3. Better every day. By trying to do your duties you will become more skilful. So you will improve in reading, writing, and music. Peter says, "Grow in grace." III. Doing duty makes you happy. Sin cannot make you happy. Sin did not make Eve happy, nor Cain, nor Judas. Disobedience at home does not make you happy; idleness, unkindness, bad manners, no kind of sin can make you happy. But happiness comes from doing your duty. That is God's reward. This is the promise in the text. Think of this every day for just one week, and see how true it is. Try, then, to know your duty. Be faithful in duty, in doing it for love to God and man; then you will be happy in Heaven.