

pay his lodgings, or buy bread for his two children, he did not know where to look for help. His only hope was, that if I saw him I might pity his condition, and again render him assistance. At night I found him walking to and fro ; he was drenched in the rain, the water was dropping from his hat, and his appearance was miserable in the extreme. On seeing me he pretended to be walking past, lest I might think he was again looking for me.

My heart melted for the poor man, and, in as kind words as possible, I asked him if he had succeeded in getting anything to do.

"No, sir, I have been many miles round, but I have not been able to get one penny, or a promise of employment ; and I do not know whatever I must do. I do not care so much for myself, but the sufferings of my wife and children weigh me down. I am afraid to go to my lodgings, for I expect we shall be turned out this night, dark and wet as it is."

"Well, my man, take this half-crown, pay your lodgings and buy some food ; still do your best to get work, and when your money is done, call on me again."

Before I could prevent him, Johnson had taken off his hat ; he took the half-crown with a convulsive grasp ; the light from the gas lamp shining on his countenance revealed the tears running down his face ; he tried hard to speak his thanks, but his emotion choked his utterance.

"Never mind, Johnson, put on your hat, and thank God for what you have got ; for all the silver and gold is His ; I am only His steward."

The following day Johnson called, quite overjoyed. He had got a promise of work, and told me he had written to Halifax requesting his wife to come as soon as possible. I