

given the house to wouldn't let him in. Now, Ben Butler gave a black man in our town a house—a good thing to do—but do you think Ben Butler would come and stay with the black man all the time? (No.) I think the Queen might give you a house, but do you think she would come and live in your house? (No.) No, I don't think she would, and I don't blame her for that. I think it was a wonderful thing for the king to give the man a house, but I think it was much more wonderful that the king was ready to go and stay in the house; but just think, the man wouldn't let him in. Do you think the king would come again? (No.) Well, he did; the king came again, and this is what he did. (Knocked at the door.) And this time the man said: "Not now; not now." Well, now, if you had been the king, and had given the house to the man, and he wouldn't let you in, what would you do to him? (Take it off him.) (Laughter.) I don't know but what I would. Don't you think the man was pretty mean? (Yes.) He said: "Another time." Just think; the king came another time and he knocked again, and the man said: "If you will just wait till I am rich, then I will let you in." Now, do you think the king would wait till he was rich? (No.) Well, he did. He waited till the man was rich, married and had children, and he was rich and comfortable; and then one day the king came, and again he knocked, and he said: "Now you are rich, you have your wife, you have your children, you have a happy home, and now will you let me in?" and this time the man said: "Not now." What kind of a man do you think he was? (Stingy. A mean man.) Why was he a wicked man? (He wouldn't let the king in.) You are sure, are you? (Yes.) Let us have it over again, because I want everybody to remember it; wicked because he wouldn't let the king in. What kind of a man was he? (Wicked man, because he wouldn't let the king in.) Now, look out; he invited the neighbours to come to his house; he was good to his neighbours; he asked them to come to dinner any time, and he was always doing kind things for his neighbors. Now, what kind of a man do you think he was? (Kind man.) Oh! Was he a good man, or a wicked man? (Wicked man. Good man.) What did you tell me a minute ago? (Wicked man.) Why? (Because he wouldn't let the king in.) But being kind to his neighbors didn't make him right with the king, did it? (No.) Then he was a wicked man? (Yes.) The king came another day. He waited, and waited, and waited, and came another day; and what do you say these things are up here? (Windows.) The curtains were more than half-way down over the windows; they were shut down as if things were getting dark, and there wasn't much music on the—(Harp); and there wasn't but a little work going on at the—(Mill); and a great many of these men—(Grinders) were dead, and the—(Keepers) that the king gave to keep the house used to be strong, and now they trembled; and who were these men? (Two strong men.) And the two strong men were not strong men.