

true kindness to them all made an impression on me I never forgot. He got Adelaide's money so far settled upon herself that her husband could not touch the principal, though he did his best to set the provisions aside.

Her home was at Newmarket for many years, her house the resort of those who made their living on the turf. She was the mother of three little children, and her husband was proud of her in his way, and never actively unkind. Once a year she paid a visit to Bargrave Towers; and her mother told me that she was a disappointed and miserable woman, who had lived to see the awful folly of the step she had taken, but had accepted the consequences with a fortitude for which few would have given her credit.

While comparatively a young woman the death of her husband set her free from an existence absolutely uncongenial, and she returned to the market town nearest to the Towers, and there set herself to rear her children. I saw her once there, and the hardness of life had set its mark on Adelaide Brand. Yet was she incomparably more lovable than of yore. All the good in her had come to the surface, and her one desire, expressed