

for once with genuine tenderness. "It moves you, does it, that I am thankful to sacrifice of his prospects. How little do you know me, girl ! yet l am glad to move anyway. Rose, be a kind wife to him. I will not blame you for what has happened, although | have much cause I must blame him rather. Who can wonder that you yielded when he said: 'Be mine.' So yielded when he said: 'Be mine.' So gentle and so loving as he can be. Now, too, I see it all. When you refused Sir Richard in the library, you were actually his brother's wife. Ah, Heaven, you must not remain here longer--not a day. I shall write to Welter " shall write to Walter "-----

BOB.

Rose beseebingly, "I pray you let me write. I have broken my plighted word, and dis-obeyed my husband's bidding in revealing this. "To please him, I had resolved to defend myself this morning as I best might, by returning thrust for thrust, without using this shield-my innocence-at all. But your bitter words-a shower of barbed drats-drove me behind it. He will be very wrath with me indeed, madam; but far worse if the news comes from you. He has much just now to make him anxious too?"

of it? But I forgot; it is you who have his secrets now. Yes, you shall write, not I. Tell him that I am sorry-sorry that he should have deceived me above all; but that I forgive him freely. He knows that, however, right well. He must not come back to Mirk until he hears from me; and you, Rose, you must join him without de-lay. Every member of this household

wife ; but not till you have gone-for Richard's sake.'

again sent down Mistress Forest for the letter-bag, and was once more disappointed at receiving no news from Arthur Haldane; not only did the interval of twenty-four hours make this additionally serious and increase ber former apprehensions that he had not received her telegram, and might find some means of forwarding Derrick's letter to himself-since it had certainly not come back to the Lisgard Arms; but there was a still graver cause for anxiety in the fact that Mary Forest also received no reply from Ralph to that rejection so decidedly yet courteously composed by her mistress, with the view of taking away all hope, and