

fault at my visiting the jail. So at last my master told me if I would not give up reproving sin, I must leave his employment."

H.—"How long have you been at Sansaw?"

B.—"It will be eight years come next March."

H.—"This is indeed a great trial for you. How did you feel your mind when Mr. G. was giving you warning to leave?"

B.—"Perfectly tranquil. I was happy to think that it was not myself, but the Lord, who has done this for me. My master did not lay anything to my charge, and offered to do whatever he could for me; and he promised to give me several books which I had been in the habit of reading. I have selected some, and particularly my old companion, the Bible, which I had long been accustomed to read. Another copy may be as good, but not to me; I have had this many years—unspeakable blessings have I gained while reading it. Its print is good, and the marginal references clear and perfect. Lord, give me my Bible, and give me the blessing it was destined to communicate."

H.—"Amen. I hope that you may yet call it your own. But what do you propose to do?"

B.—"Well, I hardly know. I am again cast upon the wide, wide world. We must now try our religion to know what sort it is. If we sink under this infliction it will be the proof we know not the Saviour. If we are joyful in tribulation we shall prove our faith by our works, and those who see us will take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus."

H.—"I am very much distressed to hear of your trouble, but I have no doubt but that God will guide you, and perhaps He is opening the way by this rough wind for your future enlargement and prosperity. What would you think of taking a farm?"

B.—"I have had some thoughts of going to London to improve myself in botany; but my ambition leads me to something higher than farms and gardens. I see, however, no hope of attaining what I desire."

H.—"What might that be, pray? Is it to become a wealthy merchant?"

B.—"Ah, no; but had I a full conviction of my call to the Christian ministry, how gladly would I give up all and go to preach the Gospel of Christ. I see the difficulties of that work; but what