

was encouraged by many, to seek the salvation of my soul. But it was hard to leave my young mates ; yet without religion I knew that I must be miserable and wretched forever. But what to do I did not know, and how to pray I knew not. I wandered up and down in the forest, weeping and mourning on the account of my sins, not knowing that I ever should enjoy happiness either in time or eternity. The enemy now would take the advantage of my youthful mind, and suggest to me that there was no happiness for me, I must spend all the rest of my days in sorrow. The enemy of my soul followed hard after me, and withal tempted me to destroy myself.

I had become now a wanderer alone, as it were, in my native woods ; and one day as I was passing by a large deep brook, the enemy of my soul tempted me to destroy myself in that place, casting myself in. But I strove to raise my little heart to God, that he would have mercy upon my soul and save me. While thus exercised in prayer to God, for his kind protection, I fell to the earth as one dead, under the power of God. And while in this situation, I saw the pit of destruction opened for poor sinners ; it was no imagination either, it was a solemn reality, it was plain before me. My soul was in sore distress, and I expected nothing but hell for my portion forever. I lay in this situation for some time as helpless as an infant, begging for the mercy of God, promising to him that I would be faithful to serve him all the days of my life. The Lord heard my prayer, and sent down his melting grace into my soul ; and before I arose from the ground I was translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son ; for when I came to myself, I was praising God : there was a change in every thing around me, the glory of the Lord shone around, all creation praised God ; my burden and my fears were gone, the tempter had fled, and I was clothed, and in my right mind, sitting at the feet of Jesus.

I now returned home to my friends, and began to exhort my young mates to repentance, and to tell all that came in my way, what the Lord had done for my soul. I then went to the church and told it there, and the dear children of God received me. I then with a servant of God went down to the banks of the river, and was buried with Christ by im-