

To what extent Mrs. Caldwell was the subject of religious impressions in early life, we have not the means at present of ascertaining; but it is probable her awakenings were both strong and frequent. She was ever noticed as manifesting great attention to, and attachment for the ministers of Christ, and was always ready to perform any little act of kindness in her power to promote their comfort.

When about 20 years of age, she heard the word preached with unusual attention and solemnity, and not unfrequently retired from the house of God in tears, resolving from that moment to lead a new life. It is indeed a subject of deep regret, that good impressions were for a long time like the "morning cloud, and as the early dew" that soon pass away. In fact her natural disposition was pre-eminently unfavourable to the reception or retention of divine influences. Habitually light and trifling in her conversation and manners, her society was courted by the gay for whose company she evinced a most passionate fondness. To this fatal snare of the enemy, and to the indulgence of her natural vanity, she attributed with *unfeigned* sorrow, the loss of many precious years of opportunity which could never be recalled. Let young persons, and especially those who have been brought up under the advantages of a gospel ministry, take warning by her kind admonition, and not suffer the love of vain company and dress, nor the "dread sneer" of their young companions, to prevent them yielding up their *hearts and lives* to that Saviour who suffered and died, to redeem them from present and everlasting misery.

The following circumstances of Mrs. Caldwell's conversion to God, were narrated to me by her aged parents, who still survive her.

In the winter of 1818—19 it pleased the Lord to bless the efforts of the Wesleyan Ministers to the awakening and conversion of several persons in the town of Windsor. Mrs. Caldwell, was among the earliest and most distinguished subjects of this blessed work, which was proved by its results, to have been of God. Her convictions for sin were deep and pungent—but she resolved not to rest until she felt a blessed assurance of the divine favour. Several who were awakened about the same time found peace with God before her, which greatly distressed her mind; and to add to her affliction she was under the necessity of proceeding to Cornwallis to attend a sick relative. This greatly discouraged her as she supposed all these things were against her; but in reality, as the event proved, the Lord was leading her by a way that she knew not, that he might bring her to an everlasting habitation. She was expecting to be set at liberty from the bondage of her guilt and fears, at one of the lively prayer meetings held in Windsor, as several others had been, and thus it is probable, she was placing on *means* some measure of that dependence which must rest *solely* on the blood of Christ. But when