

Young Manhood

man, held in high repute by his fellow-citizens. He was beloved for his open-handed benevolence and his practical interest in everything that was for the uplifting of humanity. Not only did he fear and love God himself, but he was ever anxious for the salvation of others, especially of those over whom he had any influence and to whom he could speak a word in season. His sympathies did not alone go out to the neglected ones thousands of miles away, but they also included those nearer home. His clerks, apprentices and all in his employ, saw and felt the influence of his consistent life, and were deeply attached to him by his kindly interest in their temporal and spiritual welfare. He felt that, as an employer, it was his duty to exert a kindly influence for the development and strengthening of the moral character, and the spiritual growth of all committed to his care. He therefore aimed at this, giving them many a word of warning and advice; and, when opportunity offered, uniting his prayers with theirs for the blessings of which he believed them to be in need.

James Evans was specially fortunate, as he was one of the few who dwelt in the home of his master; and, in after years, he spoke gratefully of the restraining influences and blessings that had come to him through being always expected to be present at family prayers, where the head of the household not only earnestly prayed for the members of his own family, but for all in his employ.