

Circuit was the Rev. A. C. Averd,* by whose earnest and pious ministry several were brought to the Lord, among whom were a brother and cousin of the deceased. By these manifestations of mercy he was encouraged; but was hindered by the influence of unbelief from enjoying the comfort he knew to be his privilege, till attending a prayer meeting, where many were under deep concern for the salvation of their souls, and two persons had obtained "redemption in the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of" their "sins," he received the blessing he had so long sought, and went his way rejoicing. But as is the case with most persons in their early experience of religion, he was assailed by doubts and fears lest he should have been deceived; however these gave place, in answer to prayer, to that calm serenity, that holy peace which result from the Spirit's testimony to our adoption; then, with his two brothers, and his cousin who had also recently found peace, and by whose sympathy and conversation and prayer they were mutually strengthened, he daily sought a greater devotedness to God; and his language, as recorded in his journal, was, "I see more and more the vanity of every thing in the world. Soon, *very soon*, will it all pass away, but my soul must live for ever. I want to know nothing but Jesus and him crucified." May I not be contented to remain a babe in Christ but, receiving the sincere milk of the word, may I grow up into him who is my living head in all things. I know it is my privilege to be sanctified throughout, body, soul, and spirit."

Mr. Shaw's experience was for several years, like that of most others, marked with lights and shades; but it uniformly bore a strong evidence of earnest hungering and thirsting after the Living God. In a state of probation little else, perhaps, is to be expected, and though the servant of God may be in heaviness (*grieved*, or *in sorrow*) through manifold temptations, (*various trials*) yet these, sanctified by the gracious interposition of Him who sympathizes with his creatures, shall ultimately be found to be among the greatest blessings of life. Trials are essential to the development of christian graces; instead therefore of complaining of the portion of affliction meted out unto us, our duty, our privilege, our interest should induce a humble submission to Divine arrangements and thankful acknowledgment of merciful intervention. Our deceased Brother, although he felt that "no affliction is joyous, but grievous," endeavoured to profit by all things. Under date of June 15th, 1820, he writes, "God be thanked that in any measure I enjoy the peace and presence of God. Truly I find Him to be my helper in the time of my distress—I find Him to be my support under every trial. My dear bro-

* This young man had only just began to preach the gospel; but his ministrations exhibited a mind capable of great improvement, and a zeal worthy of the cause in which he was engaged. On every Circuit to which he was afterwards appointed, his labours were graciously owned of God. In March 1821 however he was removed from the Church Militant, giving evidence in his sickness and death of the power of that religion he had recommended to others. His end was eminently peaceful and triumphant.