

or three who had known me in prosperity who were kind to me in adversity. By their assistance and recommendation I obtained several situations as a private governess. I did not remain long in the earlier of these situations, for I had much to learn before I could be fit to teach others. But in course of time I became more competent; and I trust I may say without pride, that I made more than one valuable friendship with those who employed me, and those whom I taught.

I may add also, with thankfulness to my heavenly Father, that the severe trials of this part of my life were made the means of being brought near to Him by faith in his dear Son, and by the blessed teachings of the Holy Spirit. Yes, I think I may say this. And when I now think of those times of sorrow and destitution,—as I often do,—I feel the truth of what the Apostle Paul wrote when he said, ‘Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal