

"O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself, but in Me is thine help." So full was he of the subject, that he had time to open up only the first part of the text; but he promised to return and finish the sermon. The opportunity did not immediately present itself, as he soon afterwards removed to Leicester, and subsequently crossed the Atlantic; but on a visit to his boyhood's home, after he had become eminent as a preacher, he kept his promise and completed the discourse! In his later years, he often told the incident with peculiar zest, and remarked that quite a number of those who heard the first part of his sermon were still living thirty years later to hear it finished, so permanent are village residents in the old land.

Northamptonshire has for many years been famous for the manufacture of boots and shoes; and young Caldicott, like William Carey, a native of the same county, learned the trade of a shoemaker. As a boy he had received the elements of a good English education, and he soon manifested such fondness for books and study that it became apparent to his father and other friends that his heart was elsewhere than in his trade. Indeed he opened his mind to his only sister, and told her that he felt "very unhappy" in his secular calling, adding, in the words of the great apostle, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." A council of ministers, before whom he preached, recommended that he be immediately sent to college. Applications were made on his behalf to the institutions at Bristol and Stepney, but both were full. Meanwhile, at the age of eighteen, he proceeded to Chipping Norton, to enjoy the advantages of a school of some note. At the end of eighteen months the colleges were without a vacancy, but the young aspirant to the ministry was not to be discouraged. He visited Leicester, where his sister was residing, and sought the advice of Mr. Wigg, a Baptist minister of some reputation, who recommended him to open a day-school in the town. The school was successful, for the young teacher had singularly clear perceptions, and possessed in a marked degree the power of impressing his thought upon others. He employed his leisure hours in the study of languages, under the instruction of a clergyman, and nearly every Lord's Day he preached in the adjacent villages. Cir-