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One day, being with a young companion, she often in a careless way made use of her Maker's name. I reproved her several times, and entreated her not to do it again. However, she gave little heed to what I said, and repeated the same words. Then I caught her and corrected her until she begged, and promised not to do so any more. She maintained her promise, never repeating the same in my hearing afterwards. It was seldom my parents sent me to meeting, it being about three miles distant. Therefore I spent much of my time on the Lord's day in reading Dr. Watts's Psalms and Hymns, and learning many of them by heart. I also took much delight in reading in the Presbyterian Primer ; I also learned a great part of that by heart. I took more notice of the ten commandments than any other part of it, which I thought was the standard by which we shall be tried. I endeavored to make them the rule of my life. I read them with great attention, and compared my conduct with them ; but my conscience did not excuse me from doing any thing that was forbidden in them. It gave me no encouragement to think that I was prepared for death, because I had not felt that change take place in my heart which I believed was necessary, and for the want of which no other performances could be of any avail to recommend me to God. I still considered myself in the broad road that leads to destruction. When I heard subjects of an alarming nature, such as the day of judgment,