

river St. John. My mother was of a weakly constitution, and my father losing his eye-sight, became incapable of labor, which was very detrimental to our temporal interests. But, glory be to God for all his mercies, by whose kind providence ways and means for our comfortable support were furnished for many years before my father's death.

The first revival of religion which occurred here, was effected through the instrumentality of a young man, who sought the Lord in his sickness, and some time before his death obtaining the salvation of his soul, immediately commenced exhorting his neighbors and friends to seek the Lord as he had done, in such a way as proved the conversion of many precious souls—the greater part of whom continued steadfast in the truth, and were at length embodied into a Presbyterian church, which was the first Christian society formed in our infant settlement.

The first check of conscience which I recollect to have felt, was in the sixth year of my age, a little after our family removed from Gagetown to Maugesville, in the year 1776. While sitting in a room on the Sabbath day, I thought I would get my play things and divert myself in handling and looking them over, and when I had got them placed before me, the thought occurred to me that I ought not to play on the Sabbath day. Then I said in my heart, Why need I fear, for my parents do not know it, and there is no one present to inform them, that they should correct me? I did not consider that there was One whom I ought to fear; a deep impression came upon my mind that God saw me, and it was wicked to play upon his holy day.

I thought he would be angry with me if I did so. I