

out, would engross almost all my serious meditations ; for I was convinced that I must preach, but knew not how, where or when. I was often afraid to come out, and often longed to come out : yea, wherever I went or whatever I did, I thought of little or nothing else : I would go to the Lord with it in all my prayers, pleading with him to shew me which way to begin.

It was now published abroad that Henry Aline was turned a New-Light ; for I talked much with young people about their evil ways, and what a wretch I had been in going with them in the way that led to death. Being one day at work with a young man, that had married my sister, he asked me, whether a man might not be born again, and not know it ? I answered very positively ; No, by no means, for although, said I, they may not know the very day or hour, yet the change is so great, that they will soon know it. This struck him with a great sense of his danger, as he had a hope before, though I did not know it then ; and it never left him, until he came out rejoicing in redeeming love ; which was but about one day after. Thus the glorious work of God began to spread in that dark land. It was astonishing to see how the conduct and behaviour of the young people was changed : frolicking ceased, and many began to be something thoughtful. I had been a leader of almost all the frolicks in the place, and therefore, although some of the youth were not awakened, yet they seemed to be deprived of opportunities to carry them on ; and some became much engaged for the knowledge of a Saviour. O the reason that I should have tobless God all my days, if I could labour in the Redeemer's cause : yea, I think if God would give me my request, I would rather go in his name to my fellow men with the messages of peace, than to be a ruler of the whole world : and sometimes I so longed to be useful in the cause of Christ, in preaching the gospel, that it seemed as if I could not rest any longer, but go I must and tell the wonders of redeeming love. I lost all taste for carnal pleasures, and carnal company, and was enabled to forsake them. I still remained under a great weight respecting my call to the gospel ministry ; not knowing what to do, what to say, or where to go. Sometimes, when I got something cold, I would think, that it was all in vain for me ever to try ; for it was impossible for me to come out, and attempt to speak in public : but when