

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." It does not always belong to us to know the why and wherefore of His dealings. "God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain."

It is not within the province of this little volume to interpret the mysteries of God's providential dealings. Its intention is simply to give an accurate and authentic account of things in the order in which they transpired, and it must be accepted on the merit of being a faithful attempt to give to others what has been gathered from reliable sources.

May God's blessing attend the reading of its contents. May many who have been spared the severe trials here recorded be led to thank God for temporal mercies, and may all, in reflecting upon the suddenness of the call as set forth in these pages, be led to realize the necessity of heeding the solemn warning—"Be ye also ready, for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."