

Favored with hearing the Gospel preached in his own home, he was early the recipient of saving grace. During his boyhood, he manifested great desires to serve the Lord, and in his tenth year was savingly converted to Him; but evil company, and his father's servants seemed to have drawn him away from God, and he fell from his first love. Sad, indeed, it was for him, for God had given him many talents. But, as will be seen as we proceed with his character,—and I feel it a duty devolving upon me, which I am naturally unqualified for,—he was a proud, stiff, young man, and would not let any person conquer him. He was blessed with pious parents, and if they erred in anything it was in over indulgence. I know but little of his early history, comparatively speaking, to what I know of his last and crucified days. If the readers of this small work will have patience, they will be favored with the whole of his life and character, if they see fit to purchase it. I subscribe to this my name,

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The Reproaches I Bore.

THE carrying of those messages called forth reproach, not only from the pulpit and the pew, but also from the family that surrounded me. My children censured me, and my husband's men cast the same upon me in carrying false reports. It was done, of course, in view of making my character, as a Christian, less reputable. But I proceed to show how and why God dealt with me in order to prepare me for this work of giving the life of a faithful Sister to the public, and, as this is in reserve for a more convenient season, I will patiently wait for the issue. Let it be understood that not for her I carried one message, but it was to fully qualify me. I often thought and said, Only for her, I would never have carried a message in Thornhill, but I now see clearly that this was not the reason, for the messages were