

the above truth that "the Lord will provide"* if we trust in Him, and as an encouragement to others who are or may be placed in similar circumstances. I was called in the Providence of God to leave (I confess very reluctantly) my native land, and seek a livelihood in a foreign country. I obtained a situation in an extensive mercantile house, where my principles underwent many severe trials in regard to the keeping of the Sabbath; being required, in the absence of another clerk, to deliver articles from the store on that day to persons from the country. Fear of losing my situation, I am sorry to say, prevailed with me for a time to comply; but my conscience from time to time condemned me for it, till at last in firm reliance on the promises of my heavenly Father, I respectfully told my employer (one Sabbath morning that he desired me to go and deliver something from the Store), that it was the Sabbath, and that I could not do any unnecessary work on that day. He became angry, and told me that he would not have any one in his employment who would not do what was required to be done on that day as well as any other; and that if I would not do what he told me, I should leave his house and employment. All I said in return was, "I am sorry for it, but I know the Lord

will provide." These were my words, and, as the sequel will shew, they have been verified to the letter. I immediately left the house, and went to that of a pious female friend whom God had raised up to help me. This friend was the only earthly one I had in that strange land, and she nobly proved herself a friend indeed, by being my friend in need. My employer refused to pay me what I justly considered to be my due; so that I had not a dollar to carry me to a more hospitable land. This friend kept me for a month in her own house, paid my passage to this country, and gave me some money besides, to pay any other necessary expenses. I bade farewell to this kind Christian friend. (Farewell! till we meet, I fondly hope in heaven, to praise him who has helped us.) After a very uncomfortable passage of eight weeks, I arrived in this country in July, 1832, literally like Abraham, "not knowing whither I was going;" for being young, I had heard very little about Canada. I was therefore quite uncertain as to whether situations such as would suit me were to be had; and even now I can scarcely tell how my mind was directed to this country instead of the neighbouring States, of which I had heard more; except it was from knowing that I had some distant connections here; at any rate I feel assured that Providence directed my steps. I was not very long before I obtained an excellent situation, one just to my mind; where I was very comfortable for two years. Providence then opened a door for me to enter into business for myself, though not possessed of a dollar I could call my own, in which I have been engaged for nearly three years; and though during this last period I have experienced many trials and difficulties from the state of the times, &c. (not more, however, than my *necessary share*), yet I have enjoyed many mercies, and have hitherto

* Gen. xxii. 14.—In Bagster's Bible the following note is inserted on this passage: "The meaning is, that God, in the greatest difficulties, when all human assistance is vain, will make a suitable provision for the deliverance of those who trust in him."

In the Tract Society's Commentary I find the following remarks on this verse:—"A new name was given to that place, to the honour of God, and for the encouragement of all believers, to the end of the world, cheerfully to trust in God in the way of obedience. Jehovah-jireh, the Lord will provide—probably alluding to what Abraham had said, God will provide himself a Lamb. It was not owing to any contrivance of Abraham, nor was it in answer to his prayer, though he was a powerful intercessor, but it was entirely the Lord's doing. Let it be recorded for generations to come, that the Lord will see; he will always have his eye upon his people in their distress, that he may come in with seasonable succour in the critical juncture. In the greatest perplexities of his people, he will not only manifest but magnify his wisdom, power, and goodness in their deliverance; where God sees and provides, he should be seen and praised; and perhaps it may refer to God manifest in the flesh."