

Divine grace for his children, pleading with God for each one personally, she continues, "I discovered that without converting grace I should be lost forever." For a long time she was in great agony of mind. Her father prayed with and for her, and laboured to lead her to the Saviour, and she finally found peace in believing. It at once became her decided purpose to consecrate herself wholly to Christ and his service. Not satisfied with low attainments in the christian life, she longed for the continued presence and blessing of her Saviour, and in 1817 she writes, "in my father's house I experienced a second application of the blood of Christ to my heart. Oh what peace and joy dwell in a soul that is wholly set apart for God. It is a peace that flows like as a river, a joy unspeakable, a heaven below, a paradise in the wilderness." Soon after this she joined her father, who was engaged extensively in revival efforts. A notice of her in the "Biographical Sketches of Holy Women," says, "here she found an extensive field for usefulness, and but few comparatively who were able and willing to labour. Feeling the love of God as a fire in her heart, she began with all her might to pray with souls in distress, and exhort them to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Lord was pleased to make her an instrument of great good to many souls. She accompanied her father in his labours through Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and Norfolk."

After she married Mr. John Johnson, her house was always open to those in sorrow and distress, and christians loved to gather there to receive her advice and enjoy her society. Left a widow with two children, she married again, and after a few years came with her husband to Canada. Her previous life fitted her well for the work now before her as a minister's wife. Here her health became quite poor, and when she was not able to attend the sanctuary on the Lord's day, she would spend the time of service in earnest prayer that the Divine blessing might rest on her husband's labours. For several years she submitted cheerfully to many deprivations, that she might share the privilege and the blessing of bearing the gospel to those destitute and ignorant of the way of salvation. During the later years of her life she was almost entirely confined to the house, but she felt that she was never alone, and seemed to be always enjoying the Divine presence. And while thus shut out from the busy world, she was constantly seeking out objects of prayer, and many conversions are proof of her power with God in the silent wakeful moments of the night. Her faith was strong, and like Jacob of old, she would not let God go till she obtained the blessing.

She consecrated her children from the first to God and his service, and had the pleasure of seeing them all early profess their faith in Christ; and not content with this, she was wont to exhort them to be active christians, and used frequently to refer with great comfort and rejoicing to the fact that her first-born was preaching the gospel. Her life was mercifully spared beyond the three score years and ten, to be a blessing to the church and the world. She passed quietly away, without a struggle, to that haven of eternal peace, where "the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

Although she had laboured faithfully in two hemispheres in the service of Christ, and had made many and great sacrifices for his cause during a long life of feebleness, yet she was to the very last anxious to do more, and was continually referring to the goodness of God to her in all the ways she had been led. Her husband and four surviving children, of her ten sons, followed her to the grave, mourning her loss, but rejoicing for the precious testimony she had always given that she was a true child of God. Among the numerous writings she left are the following lines she copied, which seem faithfully to represent the spirit that animated her through her whole life of toil and suffering:—

"E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die."