

ing and thirsting after righteousness, a longing to be made holy, cleansed from all sin. I was much encouraged by hope of attainment, and drawings from above, and felt I was willing to part with all for God.

It occurred to me that, as I loved God above every thing, and thought that I had been enabled by grace to conquer the devil, and my own evil heart, that I might try myself, to ascertain whether I was in a safe state, by allowing my thoughts to turn upon those objects, which I had strove so hard to overcome; to see whether the inclination still remained to enjoy them; but I had no sooner made the experiment than I found Satan as ready to tempt as ever, and my own heart to pander to the temptation. I evidently saw that if I did not continually pray and restrain my thoughts from roving after the world and its objects, that after all my exertions, I might lose my soul. Then I said, O Lord; strengthen me to pray earnestly, and exert myself and all the powers and faculties of my soul against every sinful thing and Satan's power. Give me that religion that will stand by me in time and in eternity; the faith of assurance that I may not doubt my salvation, or turn back to sin and folly, and bring a reproach upon the cause of God.

I felt that the only way to escape these evils, was to cleave to the Lord with all my heart. I therefore continued to strive sincerely, and said in my heart, what must I do? Shall this struggle be maintained to the end of life? Then I yielded to mercy, and fully gave myself up to God with all my heart, and sighed for salvation, and sudden relief came to my mind, with these words, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain thee." It is utterly impossible for me to describe the change I then felt. All