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'LOVE SUFFERETH LONG; ENDURETH ALL THINGS'

The Sunday school, however, had peace for some time from its persecutors, and great good was done. Francis Luke was practical in his ideas and methods, and, failing to have a public school established, he encouraged Mary Moxom in her endeavours to teach the children the rudiments of an education. He was seconded in all his efforts by the self-sacrificing spirit of the people who attended the Sunday school, and the generosity of the Church-people of the town. In this way Mary was appointed teacher at a small salary, and the school was opened for a few hours every day.

Francis Luke's health varied for some time, but it steadily improved for two years. In the third year there was a perceptible decline. With anxious hearts the people of Irishtown watched him. O'Riley and Jenkins had become tolerable workers in the school. Mrs. James had also proved apt to learn and also apt to teach. She had endured, perhaps, more persecution and hardships, because of the hardness of her husband's heart and the ferocity of his opposition to things religious, than any other member of the Sunday school. Yet, sustained by the grace of God and the love and faith of Wistaria, she pressed onward, and God blessed her to the saving of her other children.