

when I have witnessed such sublime faith in her. What was this poor, helpless widow, confined for years to a bed of suffering, and with these children dependent upon her for support, to do? She could do nothing but cast her burden upon the Lord. She did so, and was *wonderfully sustained*.

On more than one occasion, while I was her pastor, she seemed to be nearing the gates of death. At the time I took down some memoranda, attesting her strong faith and even triumphant rapture, in view of what she and we thought her approaching change. These notes, made beside her sick bed, were cherished for years, but have now disappeared amid the losses incident to the itinerant life.

In her own Church she felt a special interest, for she was personally acquainted with many of the members and their children. It was then a time of great religious awakening. Many of the advanced scholars in the Bible-classes, and some of the teachers in the public schools, who had been accustomed to visit her, were led to seek salvation. She greatly rejoiced in this outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Doubtless many of these seekers received abiding religious impressions while conversing, as they were accustomed to do, in her little room. I shall always remember with gratitude her prayers for her pastor's success in that Rose Hill Church; never shall I forget her counsel and sympathy in trouble, and her heart-felt rejoicing when lost sinners were coming home to God. In that little chamber I have witnessed in this suffering woman a faith and peace which kings in vain might envy and rich men give their gold to buy. There ministers have been helped to preach, and business men have learned fortitude and patience amid the trials and struggles of life.

Twenty-seven years have passed away since I first called on Sister Bella Cooke, and no one but herself knows her sufferings in the furnace of affliction during that time. She still survives, a monument of patience and suffering; a beautiful illustration of the sustaining power of Divine grace. Who can tell how much consolation she has imparted to the afflicted in all these