

night, and after retiring to rest said to his sister, in his own Scottish dialect, "There's me come awa' *without Christ* to-night again."\*

One Thursday evening he attended the weekly meeting held in the church. The passage explained was Rom. iv. 4—6, and sinners were urged to receive the "righteousness without works." Many were deeply affected, and would not go away even after the blessing. James was one of those who remained, and when I came to him he was weeping bitterly. I asked him if he cared for his soul. He said, "Whiles."† I asked if he prayed. He said, "Yes." He was much concerned on his return home that night both for others and for his own soul. But these dew drops were soon dried up again.

He attended the Sabbath School in the lane where the cottage of his parents stands. Often when the teacher was reading the Bible, or some awakening anecdote, the tears flowed down his cheeks; but he tried to conceal his emotion from the other boys lest they should laugh at him. He afterwards said in his last illness, "O that I had just another night of the Sabbath School, I would not care though they should laugh at me now." Sometimes, during the reading and prayer in the family, the word of God was like a fire to him, so that he could not bear it, and after it was over he would run to his wild companions in order to drown the cries of his awakened conscience.

In July 1841 he went up to Glammis for his health. I was preaching in the neighbourhood, and he wished much to go and hear, but was not able to walk the distance. One night he heard Mr Cormick preach in a cottage on John vii. 37. He felt it deeply, and wept bitterly, but he remarked that none of the people wept. He knew well when people shewed any concern for their soul; and he often remarked that to be anxious

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\* Here am I come away without Christ to-night again.

† Sometimes.