

his business of merchant and lumberman. Henry resided with him as clerk in his store until September. During that summer he was the subject of deep religious convictions and spiritual awakenings under the preaching of Lathrop Burge, a local preacher of the Methodist Church and a resident of Ticonderoga, N. Y., engaged in lumbering at Pike River, Canada. Many good resolutions were made by Henry B. to reform his life, but as they were made in his own strength and without any confession of sin or acts of repentance, they were as often broken. Early in September he started for his father's on a sailing vessel, hoping to meet at North Island some friends from Milton at a camp-meeting. But the vessel was detained two days by head winds and a large painful boil came on his foot which so lamed him that on arrival at the camp-ground he could walk only with great difficulty and was glad of a chance to ride with an old friend of his father's to the Ferry at Milton and to reach home. Here he met the turning point of his life. In his seventeenth year, though moral and of good repute for integrity, he was addicted to profanity, sabbath-breaking and the use of strong drink as a beverage, and was in the way of death and eternal separation from Holiness and Heaven. But God's Providence had brought him to the place where and time when he should be led by the Holy Spirit to choose the Saviour of men as his portion and inheritance forever.

The summer before his sister Jane had been led to Christ and with a few other elect ladies had maintained a prayer-meeting in the neighborhood. A day or two after Henry's return a former schoolmate named Samuel Hewes returned after an absence of several years, to visit relatives, and, having a license to exhort, attended the prayer-meeting and appointed a meeting for the next evening, which Henry B. was induced to attend. There the work of conviction for sin was deepened and