

record that her husband was in my estimation, the nicest man that I have ever met in my life. It was always a pleasure to me when I could visit them, and once I even stayed all night at their home which was out of the ordinary. It was this person who paid the expence for me to go to the lantern lecture before mentioned; and on another occasion, he gave me a heifer calf, which I kept for several years and finally sold for the huge sum of Six pounds. What a magnificent sum of money to handle. (£6) really! The money boxes in those times, were not like many now a days, and I think of the pleasure of a glance occasionally of the contents. There was tragedy in their home, when their little baby girl was drowned, she was ^{less than} two years old, & I think of the evening before, when we had the little girl at our house and what a fuss we made of her, and we all sang little hymns & she was a good talker & could sing with us "Rock of Ages" &c. Next day when we were at

school, my brother William came for us & told us that she had been drowned. So mingled together there is joy & sorrow, sunshine and cloud. In the mean time, or during this period, as our family was growing up, we each ultimately took our places. After my sisters marriage, we had a girl engaged to assist in the home work. My eldest brother, engaged in the farm work & my twin brothers, became pupil teachers in the school, & later on my youngest brother, & all ultimately entering upon the teaching profession. I had no hankering for that career, I would have preferred some trade (carpentering for preference) but a severe illness which another developed was the occasion for my quick removal from school, to assist in the dairy work. And at this, I remained for over three years and then passed on to the general farm work, altho never having any particular liking for it.