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I got into a family where there was no religion; this important duty was therefore soon performed only as a kind of quittance, I felt very little interest except in the time of trouble. It was a mercy that I did not continue long there! In the year following, I engaged to teach a school in a village nearer home. Here I came into the house of a religious family and the assiduity which the <sup>(a)</sup>Master and Mistress manifested to promote my eternal interests, will, I hope be ever recollected with gratitude by me. I had also another pious <sup>(b)</sup>friend (a clergyman) to whom I am indebted for the chief part of my education, and from whom, as opportunity offered, I have received the most friendly counsel and assistance with regard both to my spiritual and temporal welfare. He was Minister of the Parish Church of North Thoresby where I was <sup>(c)</sup>born and took great notice of me while I attended his school; and some years after he had removed to another <sup>(d)</sup>village he sent for me to live near him. This happened when I was about eighteen years of age and about this period I had strong religious

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