

when away from every eye but the divine. But she had a strong aversion to religious diaries, and was probably unconscious of any thing in her experience that would benefit the world, if left on record.

There were two religious principles which exerted an overmastering influence upon Miss Lyon's character. One was a sense of personal responsibility; the other, trust in an overruling Providence. As the Saviour, when he went up to Jerusalem for the last time, with all his sufferings full in view, advanced before his disciples, as if in haste to suffer, so did she, when duty called, never wait for others, but was ever ready to precede them, and measure the amount of her sacrifices, donations, and efforts by her sense of duty, rather than by the example of others. And it was this sense of personal responsibility which she urged always upon her pupils, and with great success. So strong, too, was her faith in a special Providence, that delay and discomfiture in the execution of her favorite plans produced little or no discouragement, but led her merely to inquire more carefully whether there was not something wrong in her or her plans which occasioned the delay; and having done all she could, she would wait long and cheerfully for the divine manifestation. And so often had she witnessed interpositions in her behalf almost miraculous, that her faith might often be seen steady and buoyant when that of others had yielded to appalling difficulties and dangers.

As the result of such principles and such piety, the standard of Miss Lyon's personal efforts and sacrifices in every good cause was so high as to put to shame the measure of duty which most Christians adopt. I am assured, on the best authority, that the amount of money which she devoted to the cause of benevolence was more than double all which she