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The subject of these remarks have told me more than once for some petty offence & frequently for no offence at all he would be felled to the ground often times he would have to treat parties very hard & solemnly when his passion cooled down or bribe them heavily that they should not carry the matter into a court of law.

it is quite natural to suppose that a character of this description as he grew older & his pocket got lower would get detested by all who knew him this was precisely the case with him finding that every one around despised him & avoided his company he went to Canada & sometime after sent for the subject of these remarks who at that time was a stout youth of 10 - who felt very much in leaving his mother behind who might well be ranked among the best of women & a martyr to Christianity her spirit was a spirit of perfect meekness after her husband had beaten her tied her up with other ill usage to keep her from the means of living she would go about her household work with all that cheerfulness & a lacity as though nothing had happened & when her husband had left her with a large family to struggle along as she might yet when in after years he sent for her to come to him she forgetting all that had past set sail for Canada by