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“Mr. William Brook of Longwood gave me the following account of the first sermon he heard at Huddersfield Church : ‘I was first led to go by listening with an uncle of mine, named W. Mellor, at the door of a prayer-meeting : we thought there must be something uncommon to make people so earnest. My uncle was about nineteen, and I was about sixteen ; and we went together to the church one Thursday evening. There was a great crowd within the church, all silent, and many weeping. The text was, “Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.” W. Mellor was deeply attentive ; and when we came out of church we did not say a word to each other till we got some way into the fields. Then W. Mellor stopped, leaned his back against a wall, and burst into tears, saying, “I can’t stand this.” His conviction of sin was from that time most powerful, and he became quite a changed character. I was not so much affected at that time ; but I could not after that sermon be easy in sin. I began to pray regularly ; and so, by degrees, I was brought to know myself, and to seek salvation in earnest. The people used to go from Longwood in droves, to Huddersfield Church, three miles off. Some of them came out of church together, whose ways home were in this direction ; and they used to stop at the Firs’ End, about a mile off, and talk over, for some time, what they had heard, before they separated to go to their homes. That place has been to me like a little heaven below !

“‘I never heard a minister like him. He was most powerful in unfolding the terrors of the law. When doing so, he had a stern look that would make you tremble. Then he would turn off to the offers of grace, and begin to smile, and go on entreating till his eyes filled with tears.’

“The next person I saw was George Crow, aged eighty-two, of Lockwood, a hamlet about a mile from the town. When I asked him whether he ever thought of old times, he answered, ‘Ah, yes ! and shall do to the last. I thought when Mr. Venn