

and the family wandered between Muncie, Indiana and Mt. Vernon, Ohio as her father was at that time following the glassmaker's trade. Grandfather Brown came from an old Indiana family that had entered that state on the heels of Lewis and Clark while Grandmother's family had emigrated in the 1880's to Pennsylvania to "mine coal" and lived in a mine patch near Pittsburgh. They had met when "Pop" Brown had come to Pittsburgh to work in a glass house and boarded in a home near the "patch". Eventually he thought the glass houses were going nowhere so he entered civil service as a postal clerk on the railroad and the family moved to Chicago where mother did a lot of her growing up. By then she had a brother and a sister and that was the extent of them.

In Chicago one of the children's joys was the afternoon matinee at a local theatre. It was a Saturday treat and they went as often as they could. One afternoon that trip was aborted on unknown grounds (the children never could agree why they did not go) and that was the day the Iroquois theatre burned with an enormous (a few hundred) loss of life. Hundreds of children died in the fire or were trampled in the rush to get out. Years later mother would look back on that time as one of the many times God had shown mercy to people who did not know Him but for whom He had some purpose to come.

The family was nominally Episcopalian. But my grandfather read too much and had absorbed almost all of the higher critical and Bible-destroying ideas. It finally led to his separation from the church and allowed the family members to go several directions. He was very elderly before the redemptive truths came forcefully into his home while the children made their own ways.

Securing a civil service appointment to the Pittsburgh-Chicago mail run, the family decided it would be better to live in Pittsburgh near many relatives. The return came in the early twenties and they settled in the west end of that city. Grandfather would spend the rest of his civil service time on the Broadway Limited to Chicago and the life of mother would center around the Pittsburgh kin. At some time the family acquired a boarder,