

ed for thee that thou mayest not fall." No; but "That thy faith fail not" when thou hast fallen. Precious, matchless grace! This was Peter's resource. He was a debtor to grace, from first to last. As a lost sinner, he was a debtor to "the precious blood of Christ;" and as a stumbling saint, he was a debtor to the all-prevailing advocacy of Christ. Thus it was with Peter. The advocacy of Christ was the basis of his happy restoration. Of this advocacy Judas knew nothing. It is only those who are washed in the blood that partake of the advocacy. Judas knew nothing of either. Hence "he went and hanged himself;" whereas Peter went forth, as a converted or restored soul, "to strengthen his brethren." There is no one so fit to strengthen his brethren as one who has himself experienced the restoring grace of Christ. Peter was able to stand before the congregation of Israel and say, "Ye denied the Holy One and the Just," the very thing he had done himself. This shews how entirely his conscience was purged by the blood and his heart restored by the advocacy of Christ.—C. H. M.

#### A SOLEMN WARNING.

A short time ago, the writer had the opportunity of visiting an aged man who was thought to be, about to depart into eternity. Not knowing anything about this poor man, I only desired to tell him simply of God's love in the gift of His Beloved Son, who upon the cross died for sinners.

Having read John iii. 16, and 1 John iv. 9-10, I pointed out to him the wondrous love of God, in giving Jesus to die for his sins, and the wondrous ex-

pression of that love manifested in the cross. Then I besought him to look in faith to Jesus; that blessed One who died for him. After a little prayer that the light of the glorious gospel might shine unto him, I left him with God.

A few days after I was led to his bedside again, when to my joy his first expression was, "I never saw it like this before, how good of God to send you." But dear reader, I learnt that this dear man had been trained up, so to speak in religion, and even had been preaching, and praying for others, but when face to face with death and eternity, found himself without Christ, and in despair, or to use his own words, "He had not the right thing." Well, it pleased God to spare him, and bring him down stairs again, and I trust through faith in the gospel, that he had settled peace.

Now, dear reader, is there not a message from God in the above to you? Are you occupied with seeking the welfare of others, without being saved yourself? I pray you to first be sure as to the salvation of your own soul. If not saved, naught will avail. Oh! think of the foolish virgins, no oil in their lamps, lights out,—in darkness—Eternally lost, lifeless, hopeless, helpless. Alas! the door shut, and they outside. "I know you not." Matt. xxv. Oh! dear reader, it is, "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life." 1 John v. 12. Mere empty profession is of no avail.

The present circumstance, which presses so hard against you, (if surrendered to Christ,) is the best shaped tool in the Father's hand to chisel you for eternity. Trust Him then. Do not push away the instrument, lest you lose also its work.