

think of the opposition ; think of the bitter persecution, and then think of the trifles in our way.

## SONGS IN PRISON.

But a great many worldly people think Paul's life was a failure. Probably his enemies thought when they put him in prison it would silence him ; but do you know that I believe to-day Paul thanks God more for prisons, for stripes, for persecution and the opposition that he suffered, than anything else that happened to him here ?

The very things we don't like are sometimes the very best for us.

Christians probably might not have these glorious epistles, if Paul had not been thrown into prison. There he took up his pen and began to write that letter to the Christians at Corinth. Look at the two epistles that he wrote at Corinth to the Corinthians. Look and see how much has been done for the world by these epistles. See what a blessing they have been to the Church of God ; how they have thrown light on many a man's life. But we might not have those epistles if it had not been for opposition.

No doubt John Bunyan blesses God more to-day for Bedford jail than anything that happened to him. Probably we would not have the Pilgrim's Progress if he had not been thrown into that jail. Satan thought he accomplished a great deal when he shut Bunyan up twelve years and six months in that jail ; but what a blessing it