

not in a state of salvation may place himself in that position ; yes, and on the instant. But do not let him suppose that his momentary feelings of enthusiasm are any proof whatever that he is in Christ. Some hear the word with joy, yet fall away. I will quote the exact words of one of the greatest of living preachers, as he is supposed to be, but one belonging to what I am representing as a school of error :—

“Beloved, whenever there is a question between me and the devil as to whether I am a child of God, *I have given over seeking evidence in my own favour*, or turning to my experience to prove that I am in a state of grace ; for that cunning old lawyer knows more about my infirmities than I do, and can very soon bring two to one against me. My constant way is to tell the accuser, ‘Well, if I am not a saint, I am a sinner, and Jesus came into the world to save sinners, therefore I will go to Christ and look to him again., The devil himself cannot answer that. You that are oldest in the divine life I am sure that you find times in which no mark, evidence, or experience is worth a sixpence to you by way of comfort, and you are led to adopt the simple plan which I have recommended to all the tempted ones. It will be wise to live upon Jesus always. Begin again at the foot of the cross, where you began at first with the old cry—

“Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling.

“That is the way to conquer sin, as well as to overcome despair ; for when faith in Jesus comes back to