

from the moment he is justified" (Sermon xiii. 4). The foregoing extract is quoted approvingly by Dr. Cooke, who expresses substantially the same sentiments.

I cannot, at present, or perhaps at any other time for that matter, answer all the objections that might be urged against the views thus advanced, but I am unable to see that they are either unreasonable or unscriptural. Those passages of Scripture so often quoted to show that God recognizes the existence of shortcomings, or the "remains of sin" in believers, and urges them on to perfection in character and life, so far from teaching that their present state is according to His own plan, only go to prove, I conceive, that it is contrary to that plan. He certainly offers a full as well as a free salvation to all men, and has expressly declared His will to be "our sanctification." Does this mean our partial sanctification for a time, and then suddenly our fuller sanctification? Or does it mean our complete sanctification from the very inception of the new life? I trust I may be pardoned for believing it to be the latter, for Christ is "able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto God by Him." Not only to save them *who* come, I opine, but also to save them *when* they come, so far as uncleanness is concerned, since His blood "cleanseth us from all sin," and that, too, at the time it is first applied, "for by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified;" i.e., doubtless, in purpose and provision, and where the provision is fully accepted the purpose is fully accomplished. But nowhere, brethren, absolutely nowhere is salvation offered to us on the piecemeal, or instalment plan. However it may be received, God's will and plan are that all men should be saved and sanctified completely at all times, but men do not always perfectly co-operate with Him in the execution of His purposes, hence the defects we so often see and feel.

#### ADOPTION.

Another of the concomitants of regeneration is adoption. On this I can dwell but for a moment. Hitherto we have been breathing, for the most part, the atmosphere of the courtroom and the place of sacrifice, but now we luxuriate amid the loving associations of home. God, as sovereign, found us in a state of rebellion against Himself, and had to deal with us