

contended for the faith which he at one time endeavoured to destroy.

"Ah, sir!" the venerable officer used to say, "how true is the promise, 'What I do thou knowest not now, but shalt know hereafter!' I *now* know what I did not know when I lost my father, my wife that was to be, and nearly all my property. I know that it was in righteousness, and in mercy too, that the gracious Lord afflicted me. By ways that I knew not, He brought me to the knowledge and love of Himself through the merits of His dear Son."

I WISH IT WAS ALL OVER.

A poor widow with whom I was conversing lately, said to me: "I know that I ought to become a Christian, and I fully intend to become one; but oh! how I wish it was all over."

I said to her, "My friend, suppose that you came into a dining room very hungry, and when invited to sit down to a loaded table would you say, 'I feel half starved, but I wish I was well over the business of eating this dinner?' The Lord Jesus has spread for you the simplest provisions of His grace, and said, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'"

Another delusion which rocks thousands into a perilous slumber is, that they will yet have abundant chances to secure heaven. "I need be in no hurry; time enough yet," they say. This is the will-o'-the-wisp which is leading multitudes on farther and deeper into the morass of impenitence.

The mighty bell which God rings over our heads sounds out only the single note "*Now*" is the day of salvation; but against God's imperative "*Now*" thousands close their ears, and allow the devil to whisper into them his delusive "*To-morrow*."

Another delusion is, "I am trying to do the best I can"; and these very words come from those who refuse to do anything for Christ, or to let Him do anything for them.

Still another pretext is, "I do not feel, and how can I be saved without feeling?" If by the word "feel" he means thinking, he is right, for thought is indispensable. But if he means acute distress, he is denying Christ point-blank, for the Saviour never said that feeling is the essential thing. To accept and obey Christ is vital; but these are acts of the conscience and the will, and not matters of emotion. *Dr. Cuyler.*

THE BELIEVER'S SALVATION.

READ PSALM XCI.

A GREAT man once said: "The whole of this psalm has been fulfilled in my experience, except the last clause of the last verse; and that will be fulfilled, I am fully persuaded, within an hour." Now what is that verse?

"With long life will I satisfy him, and show Him My salvation."

The former part had been fulfilled, for he died at the age of ninety-five. He had lived long enough, I should suppose, to have seen all that was worth seeing, to hear all that was worth hearing, and to enjoy all that was to be enjoyed; and he must surely have known the vanity of all things here below. But what is meant by the last clause which yet remained to be accomplished?

"And show him My salvation." This is future. How can that be? The believer is saved now; that is, he is in a state of salvation, in a state of safety—

More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

But the believer's salvation will be more fully shown when Christ shall say to all His redeemed, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." But only think of this good man's saying,—that he was fully persuaded that this would be accomplished within an hour! Oh, what a solemn thought! How would many of you feel if you knew that you were but one

