

magnificent exterior, she looked up toward heaven, and said, " Yes, that is beautiful to look upon, but *one sigh from a broken heart*, is more acceptable to God, than all that magnificent Temple ". She was right, for who *can* estimate the value of a sigh or tear from a broken heart ! Our Father in heaven saith.— " To this man, will *I look* even to him, that is poor, and of a *contrite spirit* " (Isa. LXVI, 2). The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a *broken heart* ; and saveth such as be of a *contrite spirit* (Psl. XXXIV, 18).

We know what is said by the advocates of this *dogma*, about moral government and divine justice, but we also know that God is love, and infinite in compassion and mercy, " a father infinitely fatherly ". He can see, and will accept, even the " *germs* of faith and penitence ", as if they were fully developed, ripe spiritual fruit. We are assured that, " He will not break the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax ". The feeblest religious desire comes from Him, and is proof of His willingness to save. Hath he not said, " Him that cometh to me, I will in *no wise cast out* " ? Therefore we believe that in this life, " a multitude which no man can number, of *every nation, and kindred, and people, and tongue, will be saved* ". May we not hope, that myriads will be snatched " as brands from the burning ", in " the hour and article of death ", and also during the long interval that will elapse (in the intermediate state), between death and the resurrection ? Some portions of holy Scripture seem to fully justify us, in confidently indulging such a hope.

Of one thing we may be certain, that Christ the Redeemer, — " Shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be *satisfied* ". If He be satisfied, who shall complain ! He will finally triumph, and destroy all evil, or, change it into good, and reign, as King for ever.