

membrance, and the contemplation of it will confirm them in the views which they entertain of God's character, and draw forth their wonder, love, and praise.

Notice, in conclusion, *who it was that gave Jesus, the mediator, this work to finish.* It was God, the Father.

This carries us up to the fountain, whence all the streams of salvation flow. The whole plan of salvation had its origin with God. The divine Father sent the Son to satisfy the demands of law and justice, and it is delightful to know that the Son was willing to come; he was willing to become man, to become poor, to become sin, to become a curse for us. The Father gave him the work to do, and he gave himself to the doing of that work,—that very great work, that very difficult work, that desirable work, which shall never throughout a'l coming ag's be forgotten. Dear reader, Christ loved you, and gave himself for you. The work which he finished was finished for you; and it is the will of God that you should now believe this precious truth, and be saved with an everlasting salvation. You can add nothing, either by waiting or working, to the sufficiency of Christ's work. Take him as all your salvation, seeing that he finished the work given him to do for you, and then you will be constrained to work for him, and to love him, because he first loved you.

"O 'It is finished!' Rest, my wondering soul,
While on thine ear the dying accents roll;
Hark! 'It is finished!' Mercy, full and free,
Has wrought a robe of [righteousness] for thee!
No more I languish,—love's last pledge is given,—
My solace here,—my ground of hope for heaven!"

O begin this New Year with Christ as your own; rest your soul on his all-perfect, his finished work; give him your heart, and live to his glory. Reader, will you thus begin eighteen hundred and sixty-three? If you do, you will find it to be a happy New Year.

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THE UPLIFTED SAVIOUR.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John iii. 14.

The many tragic incidents which occurred during the eventful