

who undertook the work knew its difficulty ; he who bare the burden of our sins in his own body on the tree, knew best their number and their weight. He who agonized in the garden, and poured out his soul an offering for sin, knew as no one else ever knew, or ever can know, the difficulty of the work. But it is done, it is all done, it is done for all. Reader, Christ finished the work for *you*.

But this is not all ; the work which Christ finished on the cross was a *very desirable work*.

It was desirable that sin should be seen in its true light. It was desirable that the Law-giver and Ruler of the universe should maintain the moral purity of his law, and the stability of his government. It was desirable that rebellion should be effectually prevented from spreading in other provinces of Jehovah's empire. It was desirable that salvation should be brought within the reach of a rebellious world, in perfect harmony with the holiness and justice of God. We say all this was desirable ; and the finished work of Christ upon the cross is pre-eminently fitted to destroy sin, to save sinners, to establish the divine government, and exhibit gloriously all the perfections of God.

One other remark upon the work which Christ finished upon the cross :—it is a work which *can never be forgotten*. It shall never be forgotten *on earth*. The existence of the Christian church on earth is a standing witness of Christ's work. Every Sabbath morning reminds us of what Jesus suffered, and said, and did, on Calvary. And when Christians meet around the table of the Lord, to commemorate the dying love of their risen Redeemer, they have a fresh and refreshing view of his finished work. It shall never be forgotten *in heaven*. The throng of redeemed ones around the throne, who are clothed with blood-washed robes, wearing crowns of glory and waving palms of victory, shall never forget what Jesus did on Calvary. And as they behold the Lamb in the midst of the throne, they will unite together in singing the sweetest and most delightful of all songs : "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father : to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." The Redeemer shall never forget the sufferings he endured, and the sacrifice which he offered ; and the contemplation of it, and the results which flow from it, will doubtless be to him a source of unspeakable delight. All holy beings shall have the work of Christ in everlasting re-