

our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Confess your sin, therefore, immediately upon the discovery of it, and believe at once that God does forgive it, and does again cleanse you from all unrighteousness; and go on believing it. Believe it more firmly than ever. Believe it, because he says it, and not because you feel it, or see it. Believe it, whether you feel it or not. Believe it, even when it seems to you that you are believing something that is absolutely untrue. Believe it actively and persistently, and according to your faith it shall be unto you.

Oh that my words could save any poor doubting soul from its sad and weary experience! My heart yearns over all such with a tender sympathy. I know how sincere you are, and how earnest, and how hard you struggle to reach the abiding experience, which your conscience tells you is the only true one. And I know also, how that fatal habit of doubting effectually holds you back. In order to have abiding rest, there must be an abiding faith. An intermittent faith always brings an intermittent rest. Oh! when will you learn this lesson?

Would that I could write in letters of light before your eyes God's unalterable rule—according to your faith it shall be unto you!—*The Christian.*

"THE CHASTISEMENT OF OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM."



ARKLY rose the guilty morning,
When, the King of Glory scorning,
Raged the fierce Jerusalem:
See the Christ, His Cross up-bearing,
See Him stricken, meekly wearing
The thorn-platted diadem.

Not the crowd whose cries assailed Him,
Not the hands that rudely nailed him,
Slew Him on the cursed tree;
Ours the sin from Heaven that called Him,
Ours the sin whose burden galled Him
In the sad Gethsemane.

For our sins, of glory emptied,
He was fasting, lone, and tempted,
He was slain on Calvary;
Yet He for His murderers pleaded,—
Lord, by us that prayer is needed:
We have pierced, yet trust in Thee.

In our wealth and tribulation,
By Thy precious Cross and passion,
By thy blood and agony,
By thy glorious resurrection,
By Thy Holy Ghost's protection,
Make us Thine eternally.