

eternal rebellion and misery? I know that we are assured in His holy word that "His thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not our ways," but then are we to suppose that He is less loving and less merciful than we are? God forbid! We must also suppose, and indeed believe, that God's designs and purposes relating to man are never vindictive, or merely penal, but gracious and merciful. Punishment which is *endless* would be against His nature, and law of working, and therefore could answer no good end. We are at a loss to conceive of any motive for the eternal perpetuation of evil of any kind, but what motive could actuate a Being who is infinite in power and mercy to permit the evil of eternal sin and sorrow and woe to millions of our race? His motives like His purposes, are all pure, just and good, but we can discover no good or useful motive in keeping millions of human souls in endless misery or of perpetuating evil of any kind for ever.

THE FINAL TRIUMPH OF GOOD.

Will not good finally triumph; or how can "God be all in all?" Eternal suffering means the triumph of evil over good. For myself I cannot but believe that good will finally triumph over ill, and that at some period in the future no evil will exist in God's universe, when all sin and suffering shall cease. May God hasten it in His time.

As I and many others are seeking light on the points indicated in these letters, may we not hope that Professor Shaw will kindly find time to answer them. His lecture, as I have said, was able and eloquent, and was listened to with great interest, to the last word. The following orthodox lines on hymn papers are being sung at the Lord Cecil and Mace meetings in the Albert Hall and in other places of this city:—

"The foolish doomed to hell beneath

"Shall weep and wail, and gnash their teeth,

"*Where torments never die.*"

"Hell is darkness, deep and awful,

"Hell is fire forever burning

"Hell is deep, without a bottom!"