

upon their back as they have been working, and their first words have been—"Lord have mercy upon me!" The biggest cowards in the world are these infidels. Once, in a certain market-place, a man was scoffing at me: he worked with me in the same coal-pit as I did, and afterwards, when we were down there, he began again, telling his comrades what I had said. "He told us," he said, "there were some out of that congregation who would be dead before the next Sabbath-day; now I believe that man is a liar, and if I know there is nobody dead, I will tell him of it." One of the men, however, said to him, "Ah, but thou mayest be dead thyself before then." We parted from him, but he had not been away from us half an hour before he was a corpse; he had been killed by the falling in of some portion of the roof. I have seen others down in the mines, who scoff at religion, and mock at Christianity, but in a time of danger and trouble they have recanted, and wanted religion when they saw death staring them in the face.

As long as a man has the love of God in his heart, there is a power by which he can shout, "O death! where is thy sting? O grave! where is thy victory?" I once was asked to go and see the sick daughter of a poor woman whom I knew, who had kept her bed for six months. I sat there some time talking to the mother while the daughter slept; and the woman told me her child was as happy as a princess. I went away for a while, and as I returned I heard her singing, "Heaven, the place of my rest." I went in and said, "Ah, Mary, how is it with you now?" "O," said she, "I am ripe for glory, for God is with me." When she saw the valley before her, she said, "Farewell, the Lord is with me, and heaven is my home." It is good to have God with us. Yes, the Christian in poverty knows that such have much to contend with. But it is hard work for the rich man to get to heaven, too. A friend of mine, a rich man, said to me once, "You have none of this money to bother you."—"No," I said, "and I don't want it." "If I don't make a will," he said, "and act rightly before the Lord in it, he will call me to account. It does trouble me, in my anxiety to deal justly to all; when my mind ought to be thinking of Christ it is fixed upon that money; I will do as well as I