

(John iii. 36), "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life," should read this saying in the light of the Master's words: "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed" (John viii. 31). Passages of Scripture which appear to give an assurance of the believer's ultimate unconditional salvation must be interpreted in harmony with man's mental constitution, with God's mode of dealing with him as a free being, and with all those Scriptures which plainly teach that we have a power to choose right or wrong for which we are accountable to God.

XXIII.

CHRISTIAN MORALS.

Irreligious people frequently allege that religion consists in the belief of doctrines and pious feelings which leave the practical duties of life neglected. This is an erroneous misconception. The belief of the truth and the experience of saving grace are divinely ordained means of producing right character and conduct, and of "teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus ii. 12). We have seen that true beliefs concerning God are closely related to a right observance of