

but I must notice a few things. One striking characteristic in this blind man was that he went straight ahead. He never turned to the right or to the left ; the moment his eyes were opened he went straight on. And the soul that goes straight on, finds Jews, and synagogue, and parents against him ; still he goes on. He is not ashamed to confess his ignorance either. " I know not," he says ; but he goes on till we find him outside the synagogue in the presence of God.

But there is something more wonderful than this, which you will find in verses 58 and 59 of the preceding chapter, John viii. Jehovah, the One who had watched over Israel in all their manifold ways, was there in their midst, and *they knew Him not*. The leaders in Israel, in the beginning of the chapter, bring into the presence of Jehovah a poor sinner in her sins, and raise the question of what should be done to her. " Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned." (v. 5.) They raise the question about stoning a sinner ; but what comes out in the end of the chapter is not the stoning of the sinner, but the stoning of the Saviour. (v. 59.) As glory after glory shone out about Him, their hatred rose more and more, till " they took up stones to cast at Him." What a story it tells ! Light was there. Into a world of utter darkness He came, bringing light. Think of the darkness that could be felt, and think of the Lord of glory coming down into this world. What a brilliant light was there dis-