

not yet learned His work of grace, nor has he experienced aught but the great fact that God has interfered? "God has visited the children of Israel. He has heard them; He has looked upon their affliction." What deep soul trouble might be saved were these two points grasped with a firm and mighty tenacity, "God is;" and "God has visited us, and looked upon our affliction."* What now is the soul's true response to these things? "Then they bowed their heads and worshipped." This was faith's obedience. It was not obedience to a claim from Him. It was not obedience to law. It accepts the fact that He has revealed *Himself* as a Saviour.

TRoubles AND TRIALS.

Life down here is to most people a life of vexation, of trial. The heart wears out under it, or else there is a sort of Stoicism, and as troubles come as the sparks fly upwards, people say, "we have got to endure it, and we must." But how different this experience from that of the Christian who can say, "Show me any sharp flint scorched by the sun, and I can turn it over and find moisture underneath."

How different when all things are seen to be of God, who has reconciled us to Himself by giving us His Son! A person gets the heaven side of things who finds God in everything. It is a blessed thing

* Coming down to us as a Saviour in the Person of His Beloved Son.—ED.