

seemed to beat it down." He found, in the language of one of his own hymns,—

" God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform."

Joseph's brethren thought they had got rid of the dreamer, when they sold him to the Ishmaelites; but it was not long till they were found bowing in his presence as his humble servants. Potiphar's wife thought to disgrace him in the eyes of men, when she could not get him to sin against God; but shortly she sees him exalted to the second place of honor in the whole land. Nebuchadnezzar thought to punish Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, when he cast them into the fiery furnace for refusing to acknowledge his authority over their consciences; but while the fire consumed those who cast them in, not a hair of their heads was singed, nor was the smell of fire found upon their garments. Daniel's enemies thought to get rid of him, by getting Darius to pass a cruel and unalterable decree, which would affect him; but the lions, that refused to touch the man of God, tore his accusers to pieces. Haman was determined to have vengeance upon Mordecai, by having him hung; but the gallows was honored with himself as its victim. For a time, the enemies of Christ seemed to prove most conclusively that he was an impostor; but the very cross by which they triumphed, exalted him far above all principalities and powers, gave him a name above every name, and has revolutionized the whole world in his favor. Pilate boasted of his power to crucify Him, or to release Him, but Jesus said unto him: "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above." What more shall we say? Time would fail us to recount the whole history of the world, every page of which would go to show that there is a divine hand overruling all things after the counsel of God's will.

Two objections are urged against this doctrine :