

the beasts which were before it ; and it had ten horns." Such is the moral picture as portrayed by the Almighty himself of that which corrupted Christianity described as "the kingdom of God," "Christian countries," "the Church of this country and of that," which Church is supposed to embrace all the sprinkled inhabitants of the several countries; we live at a time in which that which is intrinsically evil is styled good, and that which is essentially good is evil spoken of; we need never be surprised therefore at any ecclesiastical summersaults, while "topsy turvy" is the order of the day. Our reverend illuminator described four conditions of mind with regard to the providence of God, which prevail in this "Christian country," one of which denied its existence entirely; he drew a succession of pictures illustrative of the need of its recognition, one of which presented a distracted widow on the lake shore; she was supposed to have just received tidings of the loss of husband and sons in a hurricane, and a comforter was depicted as assuring her that the catastrophe was in entire harmony with natural law, from which assurance she necessarily derived small consolation; another comforter assured her that "behind this frowning providence God hid a smiling face." A second picture delineated a man sitting behind a tree, and having his attention directed to the chirping of a cricket, while he went aside to look after the cricket, a cannon ball swept away the tree; a third sketch depicted a Baptist minister in the States, who in view of an approaching storm, betook himself to his knees; the tornado was said to have swept houses and trees before it, with the single exception of the homestead of the minister. The mysteries of providence were happily illustrated by the warp and woof of a weaving-loom, which, when viewed on the *wrong* side presents nothing but confusion, while on the right, all is order and beauty; the wheels and springs of a watch as requiring a governing

hand before they will subserve their purpose, were brought into requisition as further illustrations, and the inscrutable subject was also compared to a torrent which after pursuing its course through mountain defiles, is occasionally lost to sight in a cavern, only to reappear in some rich valley. In like manner, the river of God's love was said to hide itself at times behind his frowning providences, only to reappear "amidst the flowers of a loftier faith." There is one circumstance of exceptional interest attaching to this Church, and with the mention of that we must conclude this notice; the application of the telephone to the pulpit enables a bed-ridden lady to participate in the services, and no one can doubt, as all will hope, that in exact proportion as she may realize the permissive hand of God in her affliction, will the weight of her trial be removed, and assured blessing supersede it.

A VISIT TO "THE HAVEN" OF THE PRISON GATE MISSION.

There is not a little good accomplished in Toronto, without the aid of man-made ministers, or operatic anthems, and the institution above designated affords an interesting illustration of the fact; the name of but one gentleman styled "reverend" figures amongst those who are actively connected with this work of rescue, and he is habitually occupied with the wretched and degraded, rather than with the elaboration of popular essays. As the writer is of opinion that his readers will be more interested in some of the results of the united prayer and labor of various kinds which have been put forth in relation to this undertaking; than in the religious ministrations to which he listened on the last Lord's day, he will content himself with observing with regard to the said ministrations that he deems it highly desirable that they should be characterized