

their knees, and begun to cry for mercy ; Jimmy was soon among them ; the *song was turned into mourning*. Jimmy and Elizabeth had now to point the penitents to Jesus. A horse was saddled and a minister sent for, but he lived at such a distance that it was four o'clock in the morning before he arrived. By day-break fifteen of that gay company professed to find peace through believing in Jesus. The farmer himself was converted, and became a leading man among the Methodists in those parts. Jimmy's prayers were answered, and the poor untutored parish 'prentice, by being faithful, obtained salvation for a whole house. He was no longer the drudge and servant of all, but was placed in a better and more honourable position. From that time Methodism thrived in that village.

When Jimmy grew up to manhood, owing to deaths and other changes, he left that part of the country and changed his occupation in life with a view, as he said, of bettering himself. He became a collier. He married and had a large family. Accidents in pits are much commoner even in our time than most people believe, but in Jimmy's early days they were much more common than now. It was Jimmy's lot often thus to get into trouble.

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## LOVEFEAST.

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### AN EXPERIENCE OF SALVATION FROM SINNING.

Two years ago, while attending the preparatory department of Oberlin College, I was enabled to re-consecrate myself to the Lord. By an act of the will, I yielded every possession, and every desire of my own, and thus there was no sin, little or great, from which I did not wish to be saved. Was led to do this because I longed for the blessing of entire sanctification, which President Finney told us was the privilege of Christians. I had believed myself a Christian for several years, but had never known Jesus as a full Saviour.

Now, having made this new and very thorough consecration, I hoped the Lord Jesus would supplement my own strenuous efforts to serve Him perfectly, by giving me the desired victory over sin and Satan. But I did not fully trust Him to do it ; and did not expect Him to do the whole work ; hence, the complete victory I hoped for was not obtained.

Soon afterwards I left Oberlin to engage in business, feeling still that in some respects sin had dominion over me ; but I endeavored to be more faithful than before in preaching the gospel by the distribution of tracts on railway trains, and in various other ways. But gradually I grew colder, becoming more and more absorbed in business and pleasure, when, six months afterwards, God suddenly took me away from both. While transacting a very prosperous piece of business, I met with a sudden accident, which took away my reason for a fortnight, and left me a helpless invalid.

Three months after this while a patient at Clifton Springs Water-Cure, I listened to some Bible lessons from that gifted lady, Mrs. Hannah W. Smith, and through them was led to see that as God had given the promised land of Canaan to the children of Israel before they took possession of it, so He has given us the victory of Satan through Christ ; and as the walls of Jericho fell before the Israelites when they shouted in anticipation of the victory that was already theirs, so Satan must fall before those consecrated ones who meet him with a joyful shout in anticipation of the victory that Jesus has already obtained for them. The apostle John says, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John v. 4) ; that is, the victory is realized whenever our faith accepts and appropriates it. Christ had long ago "overcome the world" for me (John xvi. 33,) but my faith had refused to accept this fact and act on it. Paul says, "With the heart man *believeth* unto righteousness" (Romans x. 20), and I had not believed, although each of the following texts prove that Jesus had purchased the blessing of righteousness for me : Matt. i. 21 ; Titus ii. 14 ; Heb. vii. 25 ; 1 John iii. 5 ; 1 Peter ii. 24 ; Rom. viii. 3, 4. But my faith had not appropriated the blessing.

Instead of this, what had I been doing ? Why, I had been trying in my own puny