

verses, that her hopeless failure to earn God's favour by any good deeds that she could perform, was wonderfully met and provided for by God's method of mercy through the redemption and righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ. With glad surprise she read on to the end of the fifth chapter, when she could proceed no further for joy at the realization that her sins were freely forgiven through faith in His precious blood. The great change had been effected by the Divine Spirit in that solitude, without the aid of any human teacher, solely through the instrumentality of the Word of God.

With her newly acquired peace and joy in the Lord she soon formed fellowship with kindred hearts, and became one of my most eager hearers, in due course applying for membership. A more consistent christian I have not known ; under pressure of peculiar domestic trials, calculated to provoke the temper, and exhaust all patience, I never heard an angry, or murmuring word from her lips. Though her natural protector, after wearing out her health and spirits by his drunken indolence, and brutality, at length was incarcerated for crime, she uniformly spoke tenderly of him, and exerted herself beyond her physical strength, to provide for his comfort, as well as for the maintenance of herself and her son. While her husband was in prison, their only child—a lad of twelve or thereabout, sickened and died. In this trying hour the Lord comforted and cheered the heart-stricken and worse than widowed mother by such rich consolation as only the Christian parent can understand ;—granting the sinking lad a sweet experience of His pardoning mercy, and rendering the death-bed scene, a rare glimpse into Heavenly Glory.

“The Lord can clear the darkest skies,—
Can give us day for night ;—
Make drops of sacred sorrow rise
To rivers of delight.”

EPSILON.

THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL.

MR. EDITOR.—It is well known among our Ministers and many of our people, that the subject of the Immortality of the Soul, has been, and is now, greatly agitated both in England and Canada. Some good and even eminent men are putting forth the *strange* doctrine that Adam, by the fall, lost his soul's immortality ; that Christ restored it to all believers and only to them ; that the rest of the world, after suffering the punishment of their sins in Hell, during the divine pleasure, will sink into endless death, never more to be restored ; while the righteous alone will be crowned with immortality, as the gift of Christ. Now as the Rev. J. Parker, D.D., observes, “We have not to *make* a Bible, but to *interpret* one.” Would it not be well, if some brother versed in Scripture, would collect and publish in the “*Canadian Independent*,” the Bible statements of, the abstract immortality of the soul, *in extenso*, without note and comment, if it is felt desirable to avoid discussion, but by all means let the *Word of God* ring out the truth to the churches. Much of the argument against the advocates of this new doctrine does not touch them, seeing they do not deny the