

came fifty years later vital religion had done its work and Britain was saved. Only the torn and blackened edges of that terrific storm swept her shores, and whatever Britain is to-day among the nations of the earth is due to her faith in God and to her honest attempt to serve Him. And should she ever lose that faith in her God, according to the lessons we find in the histories of the decayed nations of the past, her sun will set in blood.

(4) FAITH IN GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST ALONE CAN SAVE MAN  
IN THIS PRESENT LIFE.

Who among us has not at times asked himself the question, Is life worth living? When a man becomes a Christian the question is no sooner asked than answered. The Christian realizes that the *summum bonum* of life is to glorify God and save his fellow man. In doing this he is happy. What power is there in this world that can lift a man from the gutter and save him from his passions and appetites but the power of Jesus Christ? What power has ever been revealed that can rob death of its terror and the grave of its gloom? What power is there outside of Christ that can enable a man to meet the last grim foe, not with stolid indifference, but with calm joy and holy triumph? When men who declaim against this doctrine of salvation through Jesus Christ can show us any other power that has produced such results, when they can give us some other doctrine that can so satisfy the longings of the human heart, when they can give us anything that will enable a man to live as victoriously, and die as triumphantly, we shall consider it. But until such time we will cling to our faith.

I remember when leaving for a foreign shore our proud vessel sailed out of Montreal and down the broad-flowing St. Lawrence. As we glided down the magnificent river, the course was carefully marked out for us, and our pilot kept a sharp lookout. At times the banks seemed to close in upon us, so narrow became the river. Great torrents came rolling down from the mountainous country, losing themselves in the placid bosom of the St. Lawrence. As we sailed on the river