

from his pen ought to strengthen the Christian patience of God's afflicted children.

"My God, I have never thanked Thee for my thorn. I have thanked Thee a thousand times for my roses, but not once for my thorn. I have been looking forward to a world where I shall get compensation for my cross, but I have never thought of my cross as itself a present glory. Thou divine love, whose human path hath been perfected through sufferings, teach me the glory of my cross; teach me the value of my thorn. Show me that I have climbed to Thee by the path of pain. Show me that my tears have made my rainbow. Reveal to me that my strength was the product of the hour when I wrestled until the break of day. Then shall I know that my thorn was blessed by Thee; then shall I know that my cross was a gift from Thee, and I shall raise a monument to the hour of my sorrow, and the words which I shall write upon it will be these: 'It is good for me that I have been afflicted.'"—*Cumberland Presbyterian*.

EVEN WITH THE METHODISTS.

It is pleasant to observe how our Presbyterian friends have spoken on the subject of full salvation. Read the following report of the committee on entire sanctification, adopted by the Detroit Presbytery, 1840:

"We would desire to be distinctly understood, by the inquirer and the churches, that we believe that entire sanctification is the demand of the law and the gospel, and attainable through Jesus Christ; that He is able to save the people from their sins; to sanctify them wholly in body, soul and spirit; to redeem us from all iniquity; fill us with all the fulness of God; keep us from falling, and present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; and that having such an Almighty Redeemer, we should receive Him as a whole Saviour; and, like Paul, count all things but loss for the knowledge of Him; and for getting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, should press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. We believe that if we come short of entire sanctification, we despise a blood-bought privilege, which is of inestimable value, and we are guilty of a very aggravated unbelief; and that it is the love of sin and unbelief alone that will prevent the attainment of entire sanctification by believers in the early part of their Christian experience."

No Methodist ever spoke on this subject more clearly, reasonably and Scripturally. It is the truth in a nutshell, and should be duly considered by not only Presbyterians, but by Christians of every name.—*The Christian Witness*.

"WITH LONG LIFE WILL I SATISFY HIM."

A splendid ship this! On Wednesday last I lay musing, and was greatly drawn out, not simply to pray, but to say that God will lead in all the details of our work. I thought what a grand thing thus to be guided and guarded by divine wisdom, and I said: "Half-way through my seventieth year! I hope for many years yet to push this work in Africa for God." It came to me like a direct revelation in reply to what I was in thought saying: "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation." Coming direct from the Eternal Throne to my heart, I applied it to myself, and melted into grateful adoration at the feet of our Father in Heaven. The salvation that I shall see will be on a scale commensurate with His resources and Africa's needs. Glory to God! Amen. WM. TAYLOR.—*African News*.

BISHOP RYLE, OF ENGLAND, ON THE SPECIAL NEED OF THE CHURCH.

"It is the presence of God the Holy Spirit. This is of far more importance than any corporeal presence of Christ. Our question in every place of worship should be, not, 'Is Christ's body here?' but, 'Is the Spirit, the Comforter, here?' Excessive craving after Christ's material bodily presence before the Second Advent is in reality dishonoring the Holy Spirit. Where He is, there will be God's blessing. Where He is, there will be true honor given to the body and blood of Christ. What the Church of Christ needs everywhere is the real presence of the Holy Ghost. If the Holy Spirit is not present, the highest show of reverence for the consecrated bread and wine in the Lord's Supper is useless formality, and completely worthless in God's sight."

TRUE greatness is in no hurry to be seen, and can survive a low bench.—*Pomeroy*.