

of the Son engaged him to accept of it. Thus God had one with whom he might contract, with the safety of his honour, and who was able to fulfil the covenant, to the reparation of the injustice done to his glory: and sinners also had one able to act for them, and to purchase salvation for them, at the hand of a holy and just God. So a firm foundation is laid, upon which God lays the weight of his honour, and on which sinners may safely lay their whole weight. "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste" (Isa. xxviii. 16); "shall not be ashamed" (Rom. ix. 33).—*Boston.*

"HE IS THE HEALTH OF MY COUNTENANCE."

CONVERSING with a lady on some of the results of the awakening which has lately taken place in many quarters of our land, among other things, she remarked that, in some individuals, the inward work had been accompanied by a remarkable change in the expression of the countenance—an expression of great serenity, peace, and joy; and she mentioned the following circumstances which had come under her own observation, and which I give you in her own words—having afterwards asked her to write them down:—

I went to — with our friend Mr. F—, and spent a forenoon in visiting among the people. I was greatly interested in them, as you may suppose; and, in the midst of many wonders of grace, was especially struck with the appearance of one woman. A heavenly light seemed to be shed over her countenance, and she had a look of serene and settled joy that was very striking. I remember saying, almost involuntarily to her, 'I am sure you are very happy,' or, 'I am sure you have much joy and peace in believing;' to which she replied, 'Eh, ma'am! but I never sought for joy. I sought for Christ, and when I got Christ I got joy with him; and now it's my strength, and tha't because it is His.'

"On another occasion, I came into contact with a young married woman, whose appearance and countenance, in listening to the addresses which were the means of her awakening, underwent the

most extraordinary change I had ever witnessed, except that of the woman to whom I have just referred—and, afterwards, in the case of another, who was deeply impressed in the Assembly Hall, and who, after a ten day's struggle between the Prince of Light and the Prince of Darkness, came to Mr. B—'s church, and said of the preacher, 'He brought my soul and Christ together, but he could not give me Christ. On my way home, I was surprised to hear my own voice on the street crying out, "Take me, Jesus! take me, Jesus!" I perish! I perish!' Just when I reached my own door, the thought came—"But he died on the cross to take you! To take me! Yes, for I am a sinner. Well, I fell back into the arms of Christ, standing at that door. I was in a new world. I don't know how I got up stairs, for I had a feeling of faintness; but I rang the bell, rushed past the person that answered it, threw myself into S. B—'s arms, and cried out, "Jesus has taken me, a wretched sinner! Jesus has taken me! Help me to praise him! help me to praise him!" The person to whom she thus spoke is a lively Christian, who had asked her to go that evening to the Assembly Hall.'

Such is the little narrative given by the lady, to which she adds:—

"There is simplicity and power, I think, in the 'Take me Jesus! take me Jesus! I perish!' being met with 'But he died on the cross to take you! Oh, how delightful it is to think of the number of precious souls, in this day of grace, being brought to this same glorious discovery—of sin, and of the Saviour!'"—*Free Church Record.*

CHRIST PRECIOUS.

"Unto you, therefore, which believe, he is precious." 2 PET. ii. 7.

There was once a little boy called James, to whom, as it appeared, God, by his Holy Spirit, taught this blessed truth.

He was an Irish boy. His parents were poor, hard-working people; and though they were very fond of him, he had had but little teaching of any kind in his early childhood—of religious instruction, almost none.

He had, however, learned to read a little; and when he was about eight or nine years old, a lady took notice of him, and taught him some verses of the Bible,