God, and hast ordained that thy Son Jesus Christ should be the Saviour of the world; and, moreover, that thou art willing to bestow him upon such a poor sinner as I am. And I am a sinner indeed. Lord, take therefore this opportunity, and magnify thy grace in the salvation of my soul, through thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHR. And did you do as you were bidden?
HOPE. Yes, over, and over, and over.

CHR. And did the Father reveal the Son to you?
HOPE. No, not at first, nor second, nor third, nor fourth, nor fifth, no, nor at the sixth time neither.

CHR. What did you then?
HOPE. What? why I could not tell what to do.

CHR. Had you no thoughts of leaving off praying?
HOPE. Yes; and a hundred times twice told.

CHR. And what was the reason you did not?

HOPE. I believed that it was true which hath been told me, to wit, that without the righteousness of this Christ, all the world could not save me; and therefore, thought I with myself, if I leave off I die, and I can but die at the throne of grace. And withal this came into my mind, “If it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, and will not tarry,” Hab. ii. 3. So I continued praying, until the Father shewed me his Son.

CHR. And how was he revealed unto you?

HOPE. I did not see him with my bodily eyes, but with the eyes of mine understanding, Eph. i. 18, 19, and thus it was. One day I was very sad, I think sadder than at any one time in my life: and this sadness was through a fresh sight of the greatness and vileness of my sins. And as I was then looking for nothing but hell, and the everlasting damnation of my soul, suddenly, as I thought, I saw the Lord Jesus looking down from heaven upon me, and saying, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,” Acts xvi. 31.

But I replied, Lord, I am a great, a very great sinner: and he answered, “My grace is sufficient for thee,” 2 Cor. xii. 9. Then I said, “But, Lord, what is believing?” And then I saw from that saying, “He that cometh to