

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight.—Rom. iii. 20.



SEEKING TO SAVE.

ABOUT three years ago, a railway train was approaching the City of Montreal, when the engineer saw a large dog on the track. The dog was apparently much excited, and barked furiously at the approaching engine. The engineer blew the whistle, but still the dog kept on the track, and just as the engine came upon him he was observed to crouch down and extend himself across the track. In this position he was struck by the locomotive and killed. The engineer, looking out towards the front of his engine, saw a piece of white cloth fluttering in the wind as it hung on part of the machinery. At once he stepped along the rail and found it to be part of a child's dress. He stopped the engine, and backing down they found by the side of the track not only the mangled body of the dog, but the body of a little child. At once the position was taken in. The

child had wandered upon the track and fallen asleep there, watched by its faithful companion, the dog, who, seeing the train approach, had done his best to save the child; but failing, had covered it with his own body and died with it. Faithful unto death. He died in the effort to save. Young men, does not this true tale awaken in your heart some thought of one who, seeing your position of danger, took the place of death, that by dying you might live? The dog died, but he did not save. Jesus Christ died to save, and He is "mighty to save." Had that dog succeeded in saving the child, it would have been prized and caressed. Many would like to possess him. "What think ye of Christ?" Do you value Him? Do you long to possess Him? He is ready—waiting—willing to save you, and to become yours, and to have you become His.

ANOTHER HOOP.

TWO neighbors, a cooper and a farmer, were spending the evening together. Both were professors of religion, both of different communions. Their conversation was first upon topics relating to practical religion, but after a time it diverged to the points of difference between the two denominations to which they belonged. It first became a discussion and then a dispute. The cooper was the first to perceive its unprofitable and injurious tendency, and remarked: "We are springing apart from each other; let us put on another hoop—let us pray." They knelt down and prayed together, after which they spent the remainder of the evening lovingly together, conversing on the things of the kingdom, in which they both felt an equal interest. The suggestion of the cooper was an excellent one, and it were well were it acted on more frequently by those who, like him, are members of the household of Christ.—*Spurgeon*.

"Jesus our Lord who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.—Rom. iv. 24, 25.