

till the time I could fully rejoice in God. I apprehend the principal cause was, though unconscious of it, I sought it in some measure by the works of the law ; but, no sooner did I entirely renounce *self* and labour for faith, than I found that scripture true, ' all things are possible to him that believeth.' "

When a youth, Mr. S. was very fond of music. He was somewhat famous for his skill in this beautiful accomplishment, and was not only sought after by various choirs, but was even solicited by some theatrical performers to form one of their troupe ; but the following incident rendered this impossible. He had climbed a tree, from which he fell, and in the fall the little finger of his left hand caught a nail which inflicted such a wound, that he could never afterwards perform on the violin as he had been wont to do. He always regarded this incident as providential, and as the turning point of his life. When not more than eight years of age he listened to a missionary sermon which caused him to lay his head on the front of the gallery and weep during the remainder of the service.

In accordance with the well established usages of English Methodism, after his exemplary attendance at class and prayer meetings in which he took part, he was sent forth as a local preacher ; but for a time he was so much discouraged that it seemed doubtful whether he would succeed. He durst not relinquish the post, as any attempt to do so " made him exceedingly unhappy." He therefore sought by earnest prayer to know what was the will of God concerning him. At this important crisis of his history, though yet in his *teens*, he became a voracious reader. The Scriptures he read daily. The standards of Methodism were diligently studied. Such were the long hours he had to toil for his daily bread, that he could only secure time for study by rising early, sometimes he would be seen at his books at three o'clock in the morning. Through life he was always an early riser, a fact to which we call the special attention of our youthful readers.

Having given proof that he was possessed of " gifts, graces, and fruit," he was soon recommended " as a suitable person for our itinerant work," and was sent as a supply to the Canterbury Circuit, where for twelve months he gave full proof of his ministry, by yearning for the salvation of souls. Through life he seemed to