

even if he were to collect a heap of silver as high as from earth to heaven, it would all avail nothing.'

"O, what power there is in the Gospel of Christ to enlighten and transform so dark a mind, and to put hope, and life, and peace into such a soul! A few years ago he was an ignorant, degraded, hardened, and abandoned wretch. And now if anybody were to look into his hovel and see him drawn up and withered by disease, and often racked with pain, lying neglected upon the hard ground, he would feel that he was the most miserable of all human beings. And yet there are few happier men in this wide world."—*Methodist New Connection Magazine.*

Justification by Faith.

The following ringing words are from a long article on this subject by Bishop Merrill in the *Northwestern*:

What made Paul the hero that he was? What gave him the courage to dare the perils of land and sea; to face the hatred and malice of men and devils; to suffer hunger and nakedness, imprisonment and death? What was the inspiration of his noble life? "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." "I know whom I have believed." Such words unlock the mystery of his consecration and reveal the secret of his power with God and men. What inspired Luther, and lifted him out of the dull formalities of his cloister life, and sent him out to grapple with the entrenched forces of superstition, backed as they were by the power of the powers of the world? It was nothing other than the discovery of the long-neglected truth, that the sinner is justified by God only through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for his own works and deservings. This was the key-note of the Reformation. In his presence the Romish hierarchy trembled and quaked. John Calvin, too, with all his dark speculations on fate, foreknowledge and stern decrees, saw clearly this one precious truth, and this gave him power to stand up for Christ and the rights of conscience. John Wesley studied much and labored long to find rest before he was able to lay hold on Christ by simple faith; but this point gained, and his "heart strangely warmed," and then the path of duty, no less toilsome than before, was all radiant with the light of heaven. Others have essayed to effect reformations, and failed. Hyacinthe has seen as clearly as any one the errors of Romanism in its