

be engaged in earnest prayer, and the words "Our Father" and "Jesus Christ" would escape from her lips.

The few last days of her life were a period of great bodily distress. It was sad to look upon her poor emaciated frame, and hear the groans which her suffering wrung from her. Still her hope was fixed on the Rock of Ages, and she looked forward with longing desire to her dismissal. Only a few moments before her death, a reference was made to those mansions which Jesus is preparing for His people. In answer to an inquiry made, she said, "I hope that there is one for me;" and her last words, just as the spirit was leaving its frail tenement, were, "Prepare a mansion for me."

Thus died Miriam, a member of the Lodiana orphan school, on the 21st of May 1854, aged about thirteen.—*Church Missionary Gleaner*.

"JUST AS I AM."

READER, have you ever *felt* your need of salvation? Have you ever sought it as one who must *obtain* it, or *perish*?

When a sinner is first brought to feel sin to be a burden—when he feels wrath *abiding* upon his soul (John iii. 36), and that his whole past life has been a life *without God* (Eph. ii. 12) his question is, "What must I do to be saved?" "Is it possible that my sin can ever be forgiven by God, who has said that the wages of sin is death, and who is angry with the wicked every day?"

Till we come to ask that question, we don't pay much attention to all that God says in the Bible about sin, and about Christ. We think it dry. We like the story parts better. But it is a different thing when the Spirit has awakened us to feel that *one thing is needful*. Have you ever *once* been brought, on your knees before God in secret, to ask that question *in earnest*, "Is it possible for me to be saved?"

So far as any thing you have been, or are, or can be, or can do, or can wait for, *in yourself*, is concerned, it is *not possible*. You are a sinner, and can never make yourself any thing else; and the wages of sin is *death*.

Yet it is possible. How? Notice these words. You have read them often, and know them by heart. But notice them *now*. Think what they say.

"GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT