

dollar will satisfy me, was the reply. The Jew opened a chest, and laid down one hundred louis d'ors. 'Take that, said he; gladly will I pay more if you desire it. And if at any time I can be of use to you, only apply to me, and I will be your friend to the utmost of my power. The student was surprised, and supposed that the Jew made sport of him. But the latter related to him what change of mind had been wrought in him by reading the New Testament; upbraided him with setting so little value on that precious book, and said, "never will I part with this book, and you will oblige me by accepting of the money." From that time he became a sincere Christian.

JUDGE HALE ON FAITH.

The following are the sentiments of the excellent Lord Chief Justice Hale, on this subject, extracted from the English New Baptist Magazine and Evangelical Repository.

"As touching the act of faith," he remarks, "it is no other than a sound, real, and firm belief of sacred truth; and therefore it seems that they that perplex the notion of faith with other intricate and abstruse definitions, either render it very difficult or scarcely intelligible, or else take into the definition or description those things that are but the consequences and effects of it. He that hath this firm persuasion will most certainly repent of his sins past, will most certainly endeavour obedience to the will of God, which is thus believed by him to be holy, just and good, and upon the obedience or disobedience whereof depends his eternal happiness or misery, will certainly depend upon the promises of God for this life and that to come: for those are as natural effects of such a firm persuasion, as it is for the belief of a danger to put a man upon means to avoid it, or for the belief of a benefit to put a man upon means to attain it. Some things are of such a nature that the belief or knowledge of them goes no further, but it rests in itself as the belief of bare speculative truths: but some things are of such a nature, as being once truly and firmly believed or known, carry a man out to action, and such are especially the knowledge or belief of such things as are the objects of our fears or of our hopes; the belief of such objects do naturally and with a kind of moral necessity, carry a man out to action, to the avoiding of such fears, and the attaining of such hopes. And therefore faith or belief in reference thereunto comes often in the Scriptures under the names of hope and fear, as being the proper effects of it. Instances we have of both, 2 Cor. v. 10, 11. 'For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. . . Knowing therefore the terrors of the Lord we persuade men.' 1 John iii. 2, 3 — 'But we know that when he shall appear, we shall