

## SALVATION THROUGH WORKS

### VERSUS

## SALVATION THROUGH FAITH.

[Being the substance of a conversation with a Catholic priest.]

ON returning home from an open air meeting we had been holding one Lord's day, I met at the Brooklyn bridge, a Catholic priest. In course of conversation with him I learned that he had traveled much in the far west, where he had more than once successfully refuted those who contended that there was no God.

The works of Tom Paine were especially obnoxious to him, but he was still, alas, a stranger to salvation through faith alone. As we were changing from the bridge train to the elevated road, I asked him, "Do you believe sir, that man is, in God's sight, a total ruin morally?"

"No, I do not," he replied, "there is much that is good in man that may be developed and brought out."

"But," I continued, "do you not believe that the scriptures are inspired of God?" "Yes," he responded, "every word of them." Opening my Bible to the 3rd chapter of Romans, I read as follows:

"We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: \* \* \* There is none that doeth good, no, not one. \* \* \* Now we know