

CHAPTER I.

THE NECESSITY OF THE NEW BIRTH.

DEAR Reader, am I wrong in supposing you wish to know HOW TO BE SAVED?

If I am, and you really care nothing for the subject, please, nevertheless, read on. In these pages you will find nothing but that which really concerns YOURSELF ; and that which concerns ourselves demands at least our careful attention. If, on the contrary, you really wish for this knowledge, then the very *first* truth you have to learn is : THE VITAL NECESSITY OF THE NEW BIRTH. This was the first doctrine our blessed Lord taught Nicodemus, and this is the first, I am sure, He would have me teach YOU.

In the third chapter of St. John's Gospel we read that Nicodemus, a learned ruler of the Jews, came to Jesus by night, apparently to inquire of Him the way of salvation. "*Rabbi,*"