the same quality as that for which it was substituted ; and it
" demonstrated " the righteousness of God by showing how its
claims were met. As the Divine-human Christ took our judi-
cial obligation, His sufferings were of such worth as to render
full satisfaction to justice and to set free the streams of par-
doning mercy. The difference between the two theories is that
between morally necessary and unnecessary suffering in the
vicarious Redeemer. The one which makes it unnecessary has
neither a just defence nor a *raison d'étre ;* the other, by satis-
fying justice, opened the way for a loving God to multiply
pardons.

As already intimated, our position is not affected by the fact
that the individual wrong-doer often receives at the hands of
the moral Governor, less punishment than is due to his sins, or
that often his personal sins appear to go unpunished. He may
escape much because his penalty was borne by his Divine sub-
stitute; in which case the claim of the law is fulfilled. By lay-
ing the guilt of man on Christ, God established a sufficient ground
of forgiveness for all men, on which Divine love has free play
in pouring blessing on the guilty race.

V. SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST INDISPENSABLE.

If God could forgive sin on the ground of such an exhibition
of justice as that of the non-penal theory, it is difficult to see
how the ground was *indispensable.* Whatever use the demon-
stration might have in impressing the creature, it could have
none in satisfying the justice of the Creator; and there was no
other which it was so necessary to satisfy. Minus that form
of expressing His abhorrence of sin and regard for justice, He
could still have displayed the same facts in some other way, by
words or deeds. There being no moral affinity or necessary
connection between the exhibition and the remissibility of pun-
ishment, no inherent fitness in the one to affect the other, the
public assertion of Divine justice was not absolutely necessary
to the forgiveness. For aught that appears, if sin could be
forgiven with such a display, it might have been forgiven
without it.