

step from the natural state of the system towards the state of stupid intoxication an advance in sin, and a yielding to the unwearied tempter of the soul?  
—John Bright.

### Refusing the Light.



**I** ONCE happened to be on a visit to a house situated on the top of a hill. There was a steep cliff, at the bottom of which was a rapid river. Late one night there was a woman anxious to get home from that house, in the midst of a thun-

der-storm. The night was blackness itself; the woman was asked to stop till the storm was over, but she declined; next they begged her to take a lantern, that she might be able to keep upon the road from the house to her home. She said she did not require a lantern, but could do very well without one. She went. Perhaps she was frightened by the storm—I know not the cause—but in the darkness she wandered from the path, and fell over the cliff. The next day that swollen river washed to the shore the poor liteless body of the foolish woman!

How many foolish ones are there, who, when the light is offered them, only say, "I am not afraid: I fear not my end!" and how many have perished because they have refused the light of God's truth, which would have guided them on the road to Heaven!

### Warranted to Remove all Stains.

**W**HEN I opened my door one morning, I found, on the steps, a handbill advertising a wondrous preparation for the removal of all stains in cloth; sure to do it; never had been known to fail. I read it, and thought of other stains more foul, that many would be glad to wash out and wipe away—stains that had struck into the textures of life and left a sorry mark upon character—guilty stains. Who is without some of these unseemly and uncomfortable marks?

What effort is made to keep them out of sight—cover them up—washing "with nitre and much soap!" But the spots stick; they will not rub out. Much management may keep them out of others' sight, so that the garment of life is made to look tolerably respectable; but alas! they glare upon our own vision, and bring discomfort and terror. One's very effort to conceal them often makes them the more prominent—directs attention to them.

Now what a sale might be made of some mixture that would clean off and out the stains of sin. What a market it would find!

Is there anything that will do it? Yes, a fountain; and "sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains." Near? Yes, close at hand; always accessible, ever available; it never dries away, Costly? "Without money and without price." None so poor but may wash therein and be clean. Where is it? What is it? Here and this: "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." Soul-stained, sin-defiled, will you try it? If you try it, you will find to your joyful satisfaction, that it will just meet your need—the very thing you want.

### A Few Solemn Scriptures to Those who Believe Not.

**W**HAT they all might be damned who BELIEVED NOT the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2 Thess. ii. 12.)

"If ye BELIEVE NOT that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." (John viii. 24.)

"The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which BELIEVE NOT." (2 Cor. iv. 4.)

Dear anxious soul, trust the word of the living God; for it is written: "God is not a man, that He should lie: hath he said, and shall he not do it?" (Num. xxiii. 19.)

The above Scriptures prove that FAITH ALONE CAN SAVE, and Satan's delusion about *feeling* to be saved is never found in Scripture. May you now rest upon the word of the living God, and pass from death unto life.

### But is He Willing?

**I**F thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." That's how a poor leper spoke to the Son of God. It was the same as if he had said, "I know you are *able* to make me clean, if you are only *willing*." How little the poor sinner knew about Jesus. How soon he found out that Jesus was as willing as He was able! "And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth His hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I *will*; be thou clean. And as *soon* as He had spoken, *immediately* the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed." That's how the Lord Jesus saves poor sinners. It does not matter how desperate their case is, He is able for it; and, blessed be God, He is as willing as he is able. And it does not take Him a week to effect a cure; it is a thing done "*immediately*." So, reader, if you are not saved yet, now is your chance.

"Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love, and power."