

opposing error, opposing vital ~~vise~~ vicious error which strikes at the very foundation of the Christian faith, but it ~~is~~ also shows us him under the influence of the Pelagian controversy, expressing his ideas, <sup>and summarizing his</sup> /his viewpnt in a whi- way which probably goes beyond what would have been done otherwise. The actual views that he held in it were not then developed; they were already in the <sup>Confessions</sup> written long before the Pelagian controversy began. His belief did not change at this time in any important aspect, but the statements of his belief were called forth by the Pelagain controversy, the setting up of something in opposition to what he believed sharpened his understanding and made more definite his ideas on a good many different points, and resulted in ~~ht-~~ the presentation of the Augustinian view of salvation, which was already expressed in various works, but were expressed much more, <sup>much</sup> and /more ~~is~~ extensively, as a result of the impulse of meeting Pelagianism. As ~~is~~ we noticed, Pelagianism is essentially the belief that all that man needs is to assert the goodness ~~that~~ is in him, to use his will power, to step out and stand for the right instead of for the wrong. And the Pelagian leaders, of whom the outstanding ones were Pelagius and Celestius, were good men, men of a very high moral standard of life, at least as far as abstention from worldly practices and worldly activities are concerned, and all those features which rank ~~is~~ so large in the viewpoint of most people as to what makes a good man. I do mean to say that they were not kindly and friendly and all ~~that~~; they seem to have been gracious and kindly individuals. I do think that in their appearance before the courts we find them using certain pretences in concealing their ~~viewp-~~ views, which hardly seem to me to be in conformity with the highest of ethics, but that is the only thing that I know of against their character. They were men who ~~is~~ stood for high character and high moral qualities, and they said, "By the grace of God, man can ~~lif--~~ live a good, noble, fine life such ~~that-~~ as will please God." They use the words "grace of God" quite a little in their early activities, and when