

peated the tender word, "I have found purer gold than you possess, it is 'the gold tried in the fire,' and I am heir of a finer mansion than you have purchased, even a mansion in heaven, while the blessings I receive are vastly better than annuities, for every moment they perfectly satisfy my wants and longings, filling my heart with a joy which no language can express. And all this comes from my being the willing bride of Him to whom are all things, and who is to me a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. I trust that you will see that my course is the result of deep conviction, and also of an inward experience which daily grows more bright and satisfactory. Henceforth my song shall be:—

"Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow thee;
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou, from hence, my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition—
All I've sought, or hoped, or known:
Yet how rich is my condition—
God and heaven are still my own!"

This unexpected gush of eloquence, and touching exhibition of pure devotion to Christ, fell upon the captain like a storm upon an unballasted vessel, and tears, unbidden, trickled down his sun-tanned cheeks. Recovering himself from the first and almost overpowering