

talked of him and his grace? Yet that was only an hour of faith in him. Looking over Father Sabin's writing I found an account of a time when he had a clear view of Christ's mercy, and he said it seemed as if he could "walk on eggs and not break them." But alas! these times are so short and too seldom. Yet they are, we are told, the earnest of our inheritance. Now when a man buys a piece of property of a stranger he pays five dollars to bind the bargain. This is to show that he is in earnest. That money is called the "earnest money." It is just like the balance of what is to come. So the holy spirit which gives us these joyful seasons is said to be the "earnest of our inheritance." We have enough to make us long for more full knowledge of Jesus. But we shall be with him forever. Those lips which we have longed to hear speak will speak to us; that face which we have longed to see will smile upon us, the tabernacle of God will be with men, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people.

We have heard some say that when they reached the other side they should go at once to Jesus. To those of a few years in Christian life this seems strange. But as we grow older in his service it gets to be our own desire and expectation. Paul said, "I long to depart and to be with Christ." And we may well believe that our father and friend has ere this seen Jesus, and is now, while we are studying with tearful eyes the truth about our Savior, sitting at his feet listening to the lips that had so often interceded with the Father for him. This hope it is that fills the soul with longing. It will be the joy of heaven to thus be with Jesus. The figure chosen to tell us of heavens joy is a marriage feast, and there the bridegroom is the center of attraction, and he is