

heart is to be *with us*—daily—continually near ; the One I can consult in every difficulty, and on whose love I can rest all the day long ? What is my Christianity worth, if it does not minister these to my soul ? To have Christ (as He was at Bethany) at home with *me* on earth, is only surpassed by one thing, namely, the blessed future, when I shall be at home with Him in heaven. (John xiv. 3.)

EVIL THOUGHTS, UNBIDDEN AND HATED.

(*Extract from a Letter.*)

Dear—, I have your letter, and I am sure that the enemy is very busy, as well as the evil heart within. What you need is thorough deliverance from yourself, that is, the flesh. You speak of evil thoughts, unbidden and hated, springing up in the heart even when you seek to be occupied with the Lord, this too when really thinking of Him. Then you stop to confess them, and the occupation for a moment in confession only provokes another evil thought. And so it is as you say, an unending, all-day work.

My feeling is that you have never yet enjoyed full deliverance from self and flesh. You are what scripture calls still "in the flesh," though a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe if your soul were free you would find the simple yet profound truth of "reckoning yourself dead" (Rom. vi. 2),