

Spirit His "deep things;" the things that our eyes have not yet seen nor our ears yet heard, neither have entered yet into our hearts; the things which God hath prepared for those who deeply love Him.

Amen! Now, Lord! Take him who writes these words, and all who read them, just while they read them, just while he writes them, into this divine self-recollection!—*Standard*.

REMARKS.

With extreme pleasure do we place this editorial of the *Standard* before the readers of the *Expositor*, urging all to give it more than one reading. And, further, we entreat that these our remarks may not be pronounced on, except in the very presence-chamber of our common Master.

This editorial is a description of a possible Christian life for every believer—a life that may be lived from this moment on to the close of this mortal career, when it would be simply lost in the greater glory of the heavenly home.

That this experience here, so richly and luxuriantly painted, is not intended to describe the ordinary experience of those who profess the blessing of entire sanctification or a clean heart, is abundantly evident. It is an ideal life which is clearly supposed not to be reached by many in the holiness ranks. We write undercorrection and will gladly notice the fact, if we have not grasped the meaning of the writer. Further, it is evident that this ideal life is not being lived when it is only an aspiration. "Does the ox low over its fodder?" Again, how can one lead another into this experience if not in its clear, unmistakable enjoyment himself?

Still further, there is implied that this experience here portrayed is the outcome of growth and not a possible now experience to be accepted this moment by faith and to be enjoyed on and on as the continual gift of God.

Let the reader realize for himself, if this last thought has only unconsciously lurked in his mind, how real it is by noting his involuntary feeling, when reading the following personal experience of the writer: For several years in our

life, commencing from the present hour back through the years now gone into eternity, there has not been one hour which, in our actual experience, has not measured in all respects far beyond the grand descriptions of the above article.

Now, we ask, does not the reader think, or is he not conscious of an involuntary feeling, that this statement itself is of the essence of boasting, and, therefore, vitiates the testimony.

But, if there is the least trace of this feeling in the soul, we maintain that it is freighted with unanswerable arguments, all going to prove that the reader, in spite of any wordy protestations to the contrary, in spite, too, of the most orthodox creed on the subject, really believes that this experience is not the gift of the Lord, on the only condition of present faith, but is really the outcome of a laborious process.

For, if it is purely of faith, then boasting is excluded—is impossible. It is then, or ought to be, as ordinary a matter as the definite testimony concerning the forgiveness of sins.

But, if it is the result of painstaking labor, even if that labor be represented by fasting, prayer, enforced silence, or works of Christian charity, then any testimony concerning its profession is certainly of the nature of boasting, and necessarily testifies to its absence.

But what, one asks, is the definite act of faith which secures this rich heritage?

Now, here again, we have to run the gauntlet of criticism in our reply. For, whether we mention the fact or not, it will be implied in our answer, that there is a real discounting of the answers or recommendations of others.

We frankly declare that where there is only an aspiration after this experience, or where there is the least trace of belief of growing into it, however it may illude the notice of him possessing it, that all exhortations, all advices, from such sources must, in the nature of the case, be misleading. Their unconscious, if not expressed, meaning will be in favor of that course of procedure, which is diametrically opposed to the true, the scriptural way of success.

In our own personal Christian experience, converting grace was received in a