

of the written word was "Holiness unto the Lord," and under the law it was the most prominent doctrine. Aaron was to be holy and was to be anointed to the priest's office. This rite may have passed away, but the anointing which it foreshowed has not, for we are to anoint our eyes with eye-salve that we may see that the Spirit is to open the spiritual vision and let us understand how this anointing is to teach us that God intended to make all His faithful followers partakers of this anointing. But it says in the word of God, "This anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie; and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him."—I JOHN, 2. 27.

Do You Show Piety at Home?

When the Saviour said to the man upon whose eyes he had poured light, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee," he put to a vigorous test the faith of the young disciple who had just been able to recognise in Jesus the Lord and Saviour of the world. It is not easy to be explained, but it is often the case that Christians find it more difficult to speak of inner feelings and spiritual experiences at home than anywhere else. Sometimes, it is true, they find that at home they have not that sympathy which they desire, and which they meet with from those whose hearts have been similarly affected by the Holy Spirit; and in their case the Saviour's words are fulfilled—"A man's foes shall be those of his own household." Is there at other times a fear lest so many opportunities presenting themselves, our innermost experience, if known by those around us, might be referred to when we should least like it to be the case? or is it that there is any latent fear lest the profession of one day should be denied by the practice of another, amongst those who see every part of life, and have the best means of judging true character? If this be the case, you have the greatest cause for uneasiness about pro-