

disciples came unto Him, and He opened His mouth, and taught them." We wonder not, we fully understand why, that vast concourse of serious persons were so impressed with what they heard. We have only to read over the Sermon in order to feel how truthful and just was the response of the highly favoured congregation. The faithful historian says.—"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended those sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

The Great Teacher in this discourse commences with a series of beatitudes, each and all of which are to be found in every child of God. Any of them may be little developed and scarcely noticeable in the young believer. Yet are they all implanted in the soul when it is regenerated by the Spirit of Jesus. They all begin to live contemporaneously, and the exercise of each one is favourable to the faithfulness and vigor of all the rest.

In our Sabbath Exercises we may from time to time betake ourselves to this fertilising spring, and seek to draw from it "living water," that may aid us in our grand aim of obtaining eternal life. For this month we shall only take up one beatitude,—the first, and prove,

For October 5th,

The blessedness of those who are "poor in spirit." MATTHEW v. 3.

Though all the graces of the renewed or Christian character date their origin in the soul to the same moment, viz: the time when the soul is united to Jesus by a living faith, yet *in order* the grace of humbleness of mind or contrition of spirit stands first. It is the most prominent feature in the new life which the sinner manifests when he is first born from above. The youngest Sabbath scholar will know that to be "poor in spirit" does not signify to be mean-spirited. It is in keeping with the highest honor. It is man humbled before God.

PROOF 1st—2ND CHRON. vii, 14. 2nd—PSALM xxxiv, 18. 3rd—PSALM li, 17. 4th—Is. lvii, 15. 5th—Is. lxvi, 2. 6th—JAMES iv, 10.

For October 12th.

Prove the same by Scripture examples.

PROOF 1st—2ND CHRON. xxxiii, 12. 13. 2nd—JER. xxxi, 18. 19. 3rd—LUKE vii, 6. 7. 4th—LUKE vii, 37. 38. 5th—LUKE xviii, 13.