

new manner into the unseen world, and has earnestness, postulations, and prophesyings here of the heaven which is above.

All this does certainly constitute a great and very decided change in the soul. Yet the change may come on so gradually, as far as the soul's own consciousness is concerned, and notwithstanding the soul-struggle, as that the soul may be in heaven below ere itself is fully aware of the fact. But if so, the soul will not *continue* thus unaware of the fact, even though it may afterwards sometimes, and perhaps often, fall momentarily from its assurance. It is not to be supposed that such a great change as this would not make itself known, nor that a change of such importance would be such as that it *could* not be known, nor realised, by those who undergo it. It may be easily understood how extremely anxious earnest souls would be were it not open to them to make sure of this change having taken place here below. It is, indeed, the case that many souls that are really inside heaven here below are not always in full assurance of that fact ; yet if they are not, they are not easy-minded in that state. We know how the true spouse acted, as recorded in the Song of Songs, when she missed her Beloved. She rose and went about searching for him, even though she met with much opposition and evil treatment, and she did not give over her search until she found and embraced him, resolving in so doing that she would not again let him go. No matter whether the Song be an allegory or not ; the laws of true love are always and everywhere the same.

In our next chapter we shall enter more fully into the details of the experiences of heaven as it exists in souls on earth, and we shall see that there