

myself and that which I held supremely dear, my husband and two little children, making no other stipulation than this, that as at His request I yielded my all to Him, He would give Himself to me and dwell and rule in me.

I desired no manifestation. I sought no evidence. I had only done God's bidding, which was my reasonable service, and I knew He would fulfil His part of the covenant. Then I went about my household duties with a feeling of satisfaction and in great peace. All the conflicting element between God and my soul had ceased. But the Lord, as is often the case, gave me more than I asked. While preparing the dinner the power of God fell upon me, so that I had to drop my work, close my eyes and worship the King. At the same time I seemed to be carried in the Spirit up in mid-air, and saw my Saviour sitting on a throne, and myself at His feet looking up into His face, while the glory that beamed from it penetrated and filled all my being, and I began to repeat lines that I had never heard before :

How sweet to commune with the King of the skies,  
How sweet to sit down at the feet of my Love,  
And drink in His beams till enraptured I rise,  
And feast for a moment with Jesus above.

I then opened my eyes and found I was still on earth, and closed them again to shut out the sight, then another verse came :

'Tis but for a moment, for sadly too soon  
Our thoughts are recalled to this region of night ;  
But soon the dear Saviour we look for shall come,  
And the day of Eternity burst on our sight.

But did I cease to grow when this point was reached ? No indeed ; but grew more rapidly. My soul expanded under the rays of the Sun of Righteousness. Did I cease to learn ? No ; my eyes and ears were opened. I beheld wondrous things in the Bible, and heard the voice of the Spirit speaking in my soul. Did temptation cease ? O no ; but there was given me an armour, which I had to learn to use ; but the conflict was not now so much with flesh and blood, that is, not with my own nature as with spiritual foes, principalities and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places. Some things that had been temptations to me before, did not affect me at all now ; but the fiery darts began to come, and I experienced after a while what the apostle speaks of, "After that ye were illuminated ye endured a great fight of affliction." I could now say with the poet :

"Thee, Jesus, full of truth and grace,  
Thee, Saviour, we adore ;  
Thee in affliction's furnace praise,  
And magnify Thy power.

"Thy power in human weakness shown,  
Shall make us all entire ;  
We now Thy guardian presence own,  
And walk unburned in fire."