

vicious to the Divine image, and lighted up the dark valley with the hope of heaven.

This line of evidence is constantly growing stronger. Each generation swells the cloud of witnesses whose experience testifies to the truth of the gospel. We speak of "the noble army of the martyrs," and they are a great host. They stood firm in the hour of temptation and in the article of death, because what the gospel promised had been verified in their experience. This made them conquerors in the conflict. But the martyrs constitute only a small portion of that innumerable multitude whose lives witness to the truth of the gospel. Personally we know but few of them in the present life. But could we see at once, as we one day shall see, the entire number of the redeemed out of all nations, and the extent of the moral and spiritual change wrought in them by the gospel of the grace of God, we should need no other evidence that "we have not followed cunningly devised fables." John must have had some such glimpse when he wrote: "After this I beheld and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying: 'Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.'" At present we see the results of God's remedial scheme in part, and we know them in part; but we see enough to show that our faith is well founded, and to assure us that we may say of the gospel, as has been written of the virtuous woman: "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

If I may venture to refer to my own experience as a minis-