

"But likeness to Christ implies far more than the mere honour of exhibiting the family lineaments. It implies all that it is essential to heaven. What is heaven to any one's thoughts, if it be not a state of unalloyed purity? You need not enumerate any of the resulting blessings. Make him like God, and by necessity it follows that his whole nature will be in delightful harmony with itself and with God."

All the questions that men eagerly ask—*e. g.* Where is heaven? Shall we know each other there? Will it be a walled city with streets of gold? Or will there be green fields and waving forests and crystal streams? are interesting enough; but, as compared with the information of the text, utterly unimportant. Make a man pure, and he will be happy either in city or forest. Make him like God, and his joys are above disturbances. It is what you *will be* that will make heaven for you. Be what you should, and be like him," and all the rest is only the drapery of Heaven's walls.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS.

1.—There are some persons oppressed with the thought of the indefiniteness of heaven, they fancy it is to be some kind of dreamy existence of unending ease; or, again, that it is to be a too prolonged