

atmosphere. He who lives here as a citizen of heaven does so because the spirit of heaven is within him. The spirit of Christ is the same on earth as in heaven; and if Christ dwells in the soul, then there is fellowship with the Father, and where there is a close fellowship with Him there is peace, joy, love and hope; and where these abound here is heaven.

NOT FOR YOU.

In regard to the lawfulness of certain pursuits, pleasures and amusement, it is impossible to lay down any fixed and general rule, but we may confidently say that whatever is found to unfit you for religious duties or to interfere with the performance of them, whatever dissipates your mind or cools the fever of your devotions, whatever indisposes you to read your Bible or engage in prayer, wherever the thought of a bleeding Saviour or of a holy God, of the hour of death or of the day of Judgment, is like a cold wave on your enjoyment, the pleasures which you cannot thank God for, on which you cannot ask His blessing, whose recollections will haunt a dying bed, and plant sharp thorns in its uneasy pillow; these are not for you.—*Guthrie.*

LIVING AND DYING IN
CHRIST.

YE ransomed ones, remember that you bear through the world the image and superscription of Jesus Christ; in whatever company of men you stand forget not that His signature is upon you; and when men, thoughtless and ungodly, would win you from His service, tell them that there is One

in heaven with Whom you are one; that you live as members of His spiritual frame, incorporated unto Him and in Him, and by Him righteous, sanctified, redeemed; and that, being thus, not your own; but His, you are resolved, whatever the dreaming world may say, in Him to *live*, that in Him you may *die*; and in Him to *die*, that in Him you may *live forever*.—*Rev. Archer Butler.*

DISCOURAGEMENTS AND
HOPES.

THE true soldier never flinches or retreats in the face of foes, or in the thick of battle. We know that our cause is that of the right and the Lord, and must ultimately prevail. The whole history of the Church from the beginning is that of alternation between progress and stagnation. Now and then in the course of the past came tides of worldliness and unbelief that seemed for a while to sweep away the very foundations of the faith, but these were succeeded in turn by better and higher tides of righteousness that lifted the whole race of man to “diviner attitudes,” and put forth in remarkable measure to the work of Christianity on the earth. So it will be again and always to the end..

Days of depression will be followed by years of triumph. These apparent ebbs that trouble us now cannot stay the onward flow of truth. It may be our lot, as it has often been the lot of Christ’s ministers, to toil and labor against fearful odds, but we are not therefore to be discouraged; others will reap where we have sown, and the future will brighten over the