

all diligence to make their calling and election sure. What progress they made in the path of piety! Practically regarded, and personally exemplified by them, was the exhortation of the apostle, "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." They cherished and cultivated the graces of the Christian character, constraining all to take knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus!

Under the influence of the Spirit, who renewed their hearts, how they meditated on the truths contained in the Bible which he has inspired; how they delighted to attend the sanctuary where they could hear of the unsearchable riches of Christ; and how habitually they felt the attraction of that throne at which they could pour out their hearts before God, and hold fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ—a fellowship which they regard as one of the highest privileges on this side eternity and Heaven. How ardently did they love, how devoutly did they adore, and how highly did they honour the Spirit, who regenerated their hearts and led them to Jesus, and who had implanted the principles of holiness in their minds, and commenced a work in their souls the complexion of which would open for them the pearly gates of Heaven, and minister unto them an abundant entrance into Christ's everlasting kingdom. Favored with His renewing influences, they also joyed in the rich consolations which He imparts. From the period of their conversion to the day of their admission to glory, the Holy Spirit continued with them, attesting to their adoption, helping their infirmities, aiding their devotions, and purifying their souls. The work of grace, commenced in their hearts, He carried on till their dying day arrived. In that day they exchanged sorrow for joy, grace for glory, the wilderness for Canaan, earth for