

3. Peace

THERE are many things ministering to our happiness which increase it, though they are not necessary to it. But one thing is absolutely essential, and that is peace. It is the one desire of thousands of hearts, at the sight of human sin and need, the misdirected struggles of earth, and the sad perplexities of this mortal life. For peace they are all continually praying and struggling.

What is true peace?

It is not necessarily freedom from outward cares. God does not promise His people entire immunity from care. But He does teach us the way to rise above it, and to possess peace in the midst of the anxieties of life. The surface of Lake Superior is often swept by storms, but the tempest's rage affects only its surface. In its great depths—it is 900 feet deep—calm reigns. The same contrast is seen in a Christian life ruled by trust. It has its outward trials, but it has also its inward peace. It has depths un-