

CHAPTER XIV

CHRIST IN THE HOME AT BETHANY

IT was probably during the last year of His life that Jesus formed the precious friendship with this family and became a somewhat frequent visitor in their home at Bethany. They were apparently the leading family of the village. In the affectionate hospitality of their home the Master tasted a deep, sweet joy. It was the only bit of real home life which He was permitted to enjoy during the years of His public ministry. It must have been to Him a veritable oasis in the desert of those homeless years. There He could relax and rest. In the society of these devoted friends He could experience "the best bliss that earth imparts," the bliss of perfect human friendship.

To appreciate how much the privileges of this home must have meant to Him, we need to remember that these were the