

diligence of our hearts now in growing up to Christ, just as our fitness for the scene depends upon Christ alone.

I think we shall find, too, that the character of a person's conversion very frequently gives a tone to his walk, as his walk determines his place in the glory ; while of course it is given to those for whom it is prepared by the Father. You will find, too, that when Christ is before the eye at the first fresh moments of the converted soul, a fruitful walk of discipleship generally follows. John the Apostle was converted by the last lovely note of John Baptist's preaching. It had begun with tremendous threats of judgment ; the last strain but one was, " Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world ;" then came the last lovely note, " Behold the Lamb of God." The beauty of the Lamb of God drew the souls of the two disciples to Jesus, as the needle to the magnet. Then we find that the other, Andrew, seeks for his own brother Simon ; he tells him that they had " found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ ; and he brought him to Jesus." How different was the conversion of the two (Peter and John) ! how their walk was characterized by their conversion ! How often had the Lord to say to Peter, " Follow me : " never to John ! See, too, how their ministry was characterized by what they first learned of the Lord. John carried the person of Christ in his heart, and ministered Him by his pen. He was a true Ko-