

conscious of it, as simple and direct an act as resolving to be a soldier.

2. *What is your interpretation of "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth?"*

In one sense the meek do inherit the earth. People who are always at law gain nothing; people who are warlike hold nothing. The empire of Bonaparte descends not to his heirs, the peaceful Republic of Switzerland lives on through all storms. The people who got the most good out of the late war in America were the negroes, who struck scarcely a blow. It is a general law that meekness and long-suffering are more profitable than combativeness. The meekness of which Christ spoke is long-suffering,—but not wholly and literally non-resistant. There is an extreme in everything, and even forbearance may cease to be a virtue. If the meek man happen to inherit little of the earth, he enjoys it a hundred times more than his quarrelsome neighbor, and a man's riches are measured by what he enjoys, and not by what he has.—*Christian Union*.

PERFECTING HOLINESS.

BISHOP JAMES, preaching before the Rock River Conference, on the subject of holiness, said: After all that Christ has done for you, is your spirit so that you are willing to just get into heaven? Religion fires the whole man. I believe there are two things that will form the experience of the good in heaven. One is their Christian usefulness on earth, and the other is their attainments in holiness on earth. The more like God here, the nearer we shall be to God there. Do we talk about seeing our friends in heaven and the prophets and apostles? We may. But if we see them in heaven we must have this holiness. When Mr. Wesley and Mr. Whitefield were alienated because of their theological differences, Mr. Whitefield was asked by a friend if he expected to see Mr. Wesley in heaven. Mr. Whitefield, with great gravity and exceeding humility, replied, "I fear not, brother; I fear that holy man of God will be so near the Divine presence that I shall scarcely get a glimpse of him." For one, I want to be a holy man. I want to see every one in heaven, hear every note of melody, look into every countenance in its recovered holiness, feel every joy that thrills the Divine bosom, and spreads gladness throughout the realm of spiritual existence. Let us have holiness here. Let us spread holiness. And if we have the whole of religion here, we shall have the whole of heaven hereafter.—*Methodist Visitor*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"M. N." asks if it is according to sound doctrine to speak of justified persons as under the dominion of sin," and calls attention to a late number of *Earnest Christianity*, in which, under the heading, "Heavenly Realities," p. 152, it is said: "To-day is as truly the day of salvation for the saint from the dominion of sin, as for the sinner from its condemnation," and asks, "Is the saint under the dominion of sin?" (1.)

"Again, on p. 154, in the article headed, 'Our Lovefeast,' by Rev. W. E. Boardman, after telling us of the terrible burden of sin under which he labored, which was succeeded by glorious manifestations of Divine light and love, says, 'Forgiveness did not satisfy me, I wanted the dominion of sin destroyed.'" (2.)

"We have for years feared that the great and glorious change wrought by the Holy Spirit, in our regeneration at the time of justification, is not rightly appreciated, consequently truth has suffered. Is it not common to confound the remains of sin with the reign of sin?" (3.)

REMARKS ON THE ABOVE.

(1.) The writer of the article in question does not write from a Methodist stand-point. She uses the term "dominion of sin," much as we would use the phrase, "indwelling sin."

(2.) The same remark will apply in this case. The phraseology is not the best, but we prefer to let people express their own idea in their own way.

(3.) We are glad to receive "M. N.'s" communication, and hope it may suggest to some trenchant writer the subject of an enlightening article for our Magazine.

BASKET OF FRAGMENTS.

THE Missionary Colleges prosper in India, notwithstanding their distinctive religious character. In the six years ending 1870-71, 1,881 students have attended the Government, and 1,762 the Missionary Colleges in Bengal. The annual cost of each student has been, in the State College £33 6s. 0d., in the Missionary College, £19 14s. 0d.

FAITH is a saving grace—the simpler the faith the stronger. *Gold* can be tried, *tinsel* cannot stand trial. To be thankful for what we have, and to be hopeful for what we have not, is the best and happiest way of carrying on commerce with the court of heaven.

A Women's Christian Association has been formed at Newark, U. S., with the very Christian object of "watching over the young women in shops and stores," finding situations for those in want of them, and helping the friendless. Every Christian congregation should do the same.