

and on earth, he took his seat on the throne of the Universe. He then sent the Holy Spirit to seal the commission of his Apostles. To them he said, "He that hears you hears me, and he that hears me hears him that sent me." "I pray for them who believe on me thro' their word." "He that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, shall be like the wise man who builds his house upon the rock." Allow me to ask again, What more do you desire the Lord to do to dispose your heart to love and serve him? What more can he do for you until you submit to his authority? Expect to hear from me next month, the Lord willing. Your friend. W. W. E.

### THE POVERTY OF OUR FAITH.

"So shall you be my Disciples." How? By honoring God in bearing much fruit—the fruit of righteousness—the fruit of the Spirit—the fruit which is love, and joy, and peace, and goodness, &c. And this fruit is produced by those in whose hearts the words of Jesus take possession and abide—in those who nourish and cherish within them the sayings of the Lord Jesus.

He who has the word of Christ abiding in him is a man of faith. He is a spiritual man. He is not of the world. He is alive to God. He dwells in heavenly places even on earth. He thinks, feels, and acts like his Teacher, and is conformed to Him, as much as a mortal can be like the Lord of Glory. Jesus speaks: he hears—he learns. Jesus acts: he imitates. What a union! What fruit! What results on earth! What glory in heaven! And it is all by faith. Blessed be the name of the Lord, we are privileged to confide in Him who became subject to death for poor sinful mortals, and to bear fruit unto holiness in his name, for our own good and for his glory. Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will among men through such a blissful medium!

"So shall you be my disciples" by faith. Here is the root—the spring—the groundwork, so far as man is concerned. Love is the great moving principle in all that Heaven has done for man's salvation—faith is the living and central power in all that man does in accepting and enjoying salvation. Who would not thank the Lord that it is possible to walk by faith? Who will not rejoice in the love of Jesus Christ that offers to us something on which to lay hold in order to eternal life? O how shall we speak of the blessedness, power, and fame of that union which is effected by the love of God and the faith of the creature meeting in the same heart! "We walk by faith" says one of the boldest sons of inspiration; and a sure—a happy—and a hopeful walk it is! He "stumbleth not" who thus walks. He "walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." He takes a lively step along the path