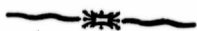


sacrificed later on, not as she did to confirm the victory, but to obtain a better deliverance. Let us follow the example of Jephthah's daughter; let us learn to forget ourselves in offering ourselves up to Him who was sacrificed for us, to die in faith not having received the promises," without obtaining any apparent result for our labour, but satisfied to have been the epistle of Christ among men, and His representatives, to the glory and honour of God!

(To be continued, D. V.)



EXTRACT.—The nearness to Himself to which the Lord invites the soul—the intimacy with which He invests the heart of a believing sinner, it is most blessed for us to know. He does not deal with us in the style of a patron or benefactor: the world is full of that principle. "*They that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.*" Luke xxii. 25. Man will be ready enough to confer benefits in the character of a benefactor or patron, occupying all the while the distant place of both conscious and confessed superiority, but this is not Jesus—He can say, "*Not as the world giveth give I unto you.*"—He brings His dependant one very near to Him, He lets him know and feel that He is dealing with him as a kinsman rather than as a patron. But that makes all the difference in the world. I am bold to say that heaven depends upon this difference. The expected heaven of the