

ferent to the whole matter. Why do not all who seek the better country search for the priceless pearl—this meetness for heaven?

*McCheyne.*—"Ah! I fear there is little of this. The most of God's people are content to be saved from the hell that is *without*. They are not so anxious to be saved from the hell that is *within*. I fear there is little feeling of your need of the indwelling Spirit. I fear you do not know 'the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe.'"

*Brainard.*—"I bless God He has for some years given me an abiding conviction that it is impossible for any rational creature to enjoy true happiness without being entirely devoted to Him. Under the influence of this conviction I have in some measure acted. O that I had done more so!"

*Bramwell.*—"It is astonishing how the devil is cheating us, at the same time filling for a moment our heads and emptying our hearts. What shall we do? How shall we return? I sometimes nearly lose my hope. In all churches, till the present time, Satan has used outward splendour to darken inward glory."

*McCheyne.*—"Again, what fruit is there of *actual likeness to God* in you? Do you love to be much with God? To climb up near to God (Gen. v. 22), to love, and long, and plead, and wrestle, and stretch after him? Are you weaned from the world (Ps. cxxxi), from its praise, from its hatred, from its scorn? Do you give yourselves clean away to God (2 Cor. viii. 5), and all that is yours? Are you willing that your will should be lost in His great will?"

*Payson.*—"My Christian friends, has God done all this for you? Has He loved you with an everlasting love? Has He quickened you when you were dead in trespasses and sins? Has He raised you up together, and made you sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus? Need anything, then, be said to convince you that you ought to love Him, to praise Him, to live to Him, and Him only?"

*Traveller.*—"Alas! that these appeals should be needed. Would God there were to-day an uprising of his His Church to seek these things. Then would she go forth robed in the beauty of her Lord, inspired with His wisdom, and girded with His power, to accomplish His work. But how many of His people are asleep! And of those who are awake to their need how many grope in darkness, desiring to be holy, but baffled with perplexity and weary with failure! What shall we, who desire the whole image of Christ, do?"

*Bramwell.*—"The reason why many who seek to be saved from the remains of the carnal mind do not obtain the blessing is, because they have secretly backslidden and forfeited the Divine favour. If they were correctly acquainted with their own state, they would again seek to be justified by faith in Christ."

*McCheyne.*—"The matter is very plain, brethren, if we had spiritual eyes to see it. If we live a life of faith on the Son of God, then we shall assuredly live a life of holiness. I do not say *we ought to do so*; but I say we shall as a matter of necessary consequence. But, in so far as we do not live a life of faith, in so far we shall live a life of unholiness. It is through faith that God purifies the heart, and there is no other way."