beauty in being exercised with the tenderness of the mind of Christ. "We have the mind of Christ." But what discoveries are there for our souls to make in the display of His grace and His affections. What a thing (in man's esteem) it is to find a gold mine: a field of diamonds! How much more to find Christ! Nothing can compensate the soul for the lack of a personal knowledge of Christ. I speak of the secret which the soul of every saint should possess, the secret of personal communion.

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The journey through this world is as a journey through a long dark path with glorious light above you and before you. Christ is that light. You want a lamp before your feet and a light for your path. The Word which speaks of Christ is that light. Christ in glory is the end to be attained. As we pass along a dark and narrow passage, with light at the far end, we get more light every step of the way we go. "The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." His word is, "I go to prepare a place for you." He is our Forerunner.

CLEAVING TO THE LORD.

"Exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."—Acts xi. 23.

Beloved brethren, Is the Lord Himself precious to us? Do we esteem Him as beyond all conception the alone precious one? Whilst we realize and own our feebleness and proneness to be taken up with one or another of the things of the scene