

weeping; for when I looked on him whom I had pierced, I mourned for him, and to keep my eyes from tears was as impossible as to keep the snow from melting when the sun rose on it in fervent heat. I found great difference between this grief and my former legal grief. Legal sorrow was constrained by words and arguments, but this sorrow was free and sincere: it so possessed and governed my soul that it was like the machinery of a clock set in motion at one stroke, "The words of Christ they are spirit and they are life."—John vi.: 36. On the following day I went abroad in the fields to meditate. My soul was filled with love to God and with thoughts of his goodness. The winds had indeed breathed on my garden, and the spices thereof had flowed out. After prayer I began to look on the places where I had been

accustomed to seek the Lord, and I said, "O my soul, behold the spot where thou didst mourn the absence of God, it is now a Bethel where there is sweet communion with him. And again, O my soul, behold another spot where you often walked in the shadow of death, and now in the same place the Sun of Righteousness from the firmament of its highest glory, the clouds having fled before him, shines forth to illumine your heavenward path. O my soul, behold the place where on one occasion you were filled with despairing thoughts, which thoughts are now turned into joy as you fix them on that object of eternal and infinite glory, the Lord Jesus, the admiration of saints and of angels. But the sights and thoughts that came to me there are more than I can here enumerate.

### Christian Work.

#### CANADA'S FUTURE MINISTERS.

Hardy and brave soldiers, led by skilled and trained officers, constitute the kind of army that is feared by its enemy and honored by its country. It is good, therefore, to see a revived religious activity among the people, to see laymen coming forward to speak for Christ, and to teach what they know of the way of salvation. May the number of the hardy and brave soldiers be multiplied till the whole Church of God is an army of warriors, each occupying the post and using the weapons God has given him,—like the Christians of old preaching the word as they journeyed along. While rejoicing in the courage of the rank and file of the Christian army, it would be great folly, however, to neglect the training of the officers. He is twice a soldier who is well officered. It is therefore a very hopeful sign for Canada that its religious denominations are giving increased attention to the

training of the ministry. The Wesleyans have established a theological school in Montreal, the Canada Presbyterian Church are putting up new buildings in Toronto, and here in the last number of the *Canadian Independent* we have a very clear and convincing plea in behalf of an educated ministry, being the address delivered by the Rev. John Fraser, at the close of the late session of the Congregational College, Montreal:

"Who denies it?" Mr. Fraser argues, "as if that settled any such discussion "as a work of supererogation. This "crucial query were pertinent, did I submit a thesis for debate before some "literary society, instead of a practical "matter for earnest Christian men. The "question here is not, does anybody deny "it? but, has everybody attended to it? "Something more is always in order to "be said, so long as anything more "remains to be done.

"A great advance," Mr. Fraser goes on