er's house, and the *whole* family in Heaven and earth is gathered in the Father's house for ever and for ever. Never again to part! Never again to go out ! Never again to break up the long, happy, and glorious home festival !

If the Paradise of the past is *lost*, so that an angel stands with drawn sword forbidding our return ; there is another and a better Paradise before us, at whose gates beckoning angels stand the Paradise of our Father's Home !

Blessed are the Home-sick, for they shall reach Home !

Because we have trusted Christ, and are one with Him; because we have received into our hearts the germ of eternal life, which carries with it Heaven in embryo; because we have the earnest of our inheritance already, in the presence and witness of the Holy Ghost; because God's promise and oath assure us of our eternal blessedness, two things which make disappointment impossible. For all these reasons and others, the humblest, most timid, and weakest believer that reads these lines dare affirm, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."—F. B. MEXER.

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him." "He called you by our gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Let the blessed hope of the coming of Christ keep us ever on the watchtower; looking, longing for it, and hasting towards it.

The life of the Lord Jesus was the great moral illustration of all Divine glories.

## WITH HIM.

Joyless indeed would be the fairest scenes of earth, and joyless, too, would be the house of many mansions, without the presence of the blessed Lordthe Divine Bridegroom of the heart .-But the sure word of promise is, "And so shall we ever be with the Lord."-And again, "that where I am, there ye may be also." Enough ! O Lord ! It is enough ! With Thee and like Thee ! Consider this, my soul ! Here is perfect rest for thee-calm repose. With Thee, and like Thee, O Lord forever, in the Paradise of God-in the house of many mansions, fill up the full measure of our eternal happiness, dignity and glory.-A. M.

With Him I love, in spotless white, In glory I shall shine; His blissful presence my delight, His love and glory mine. All taint of sin shall be removed, All evil done away; Aud I shall dwell with God's beloved Through God's eternal day.

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"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that preach the gospel of peace." It is God's delight in the gospel that has ordained preachers of the gospel—the joy of God, the gospel of God, and the eternal counsels of God have sent them forth. Can I doubt that "joy" sends forth the message, since, when it returns full handed, there is "joy ?" See Luke xv. 10.—B.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

> "We'll wait till Jesus comes, And we'll be gathered home."

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