

that hath dove's eyes that can see everything that is in the air spied out daily more and more of Christ's perfections, and thus she aids the eye of faith.

Love sees among the rest of the Lord's perfections, His power, His faithfulness, His immutability; and faith at once concludes, "then I can trust him more than ever." Knowing more of His power, more of His faithfulness, more of his unchangeableness I can depend on Him without wavering. So if faith's eyes first look to Jesus love's eyes see yet more, and discover further excellences.

PALESTINE EXPLORATION.

Mr. James Galasher, F. R. S., chairman of the executive committee of the Palestine exploration Fund, writes to the *Daily News* to say that it had been undertaken to survey Palestine east of the Jordan. "The success with which the survey of Western Palestine had been completed—the general interest which has been aroused on the subject; the valuable results which have been obtained; the satisfaction with which our great map of Palestine has been received by all classes and in all countries, makes us confident that we shall receive ample support in the extension of our work. The present condition of our knowledge (which includes Bashan, Golan, the Hauran, the Lejah Batanaea, Gilad, and Moab), resembles very

much that of Western Palestine when the survey was first commenced. That is, reconnaissance sketch maps have been made of parts of the country, but every successive traveller was able to point out the deficiencies, errors, and unexplored tracts on the maps. From a Biblical point of view the associations of the country are extremely interesting. Among these are the places connected with the stories of Balaam and Balak, Gideon, Jephthah, the wars of Moab, the siege of Rabbath Ammon, the Fortress of Kerak, the refuge of the early Christian Church, the events connected with Caesarea Philippi, Ramoth Gilead, Bethsaida, Julius Gadara, Heshbon, Machærus, Callirrhoe, and many other. The country is covered with ruins, many of them in a wonderful state of preservation, and it differs from the west in this respect—that, whereas Christian, Jew, Saracen, Crusader, and Turk have one after the other contributed to the demolition of the monuments of Western Palestine, in the East there has been one period of destruction and one only, and since then the land has been left to the tribes who wander over it with their cattle, but neither build nor destroy. As the survey of Western Palestine has been executed, so we promise, as far as a committee can promise, so shall be executed that of the East; the same trained skill shall be employed upon it, the same thoroughness and earnest, conscientious work will be devoted to it."