

character of communion which our own souls have with the Lord, and one with another? I believe this would be profitable. And is it so? Is the mind and the communion which has been produced among us (let me so express it) of so marked a character that we can discover from them the food we have been living on, and the air we have been breathing?

There is a variety of character among us surely. We need not question that—it must needs be so, I might say. But still, is there not something prominent—something pervading? I believe there is, and I am disposed to express it in this way: That we have been looking more at our *social* than our *personal* standing, and cultivating *knowledge* rather than *devotedness*. The result as to our communion one with another has been marked accordingly. We find, on social occasions, very generally, points of inquiry, pointed and nice distinctions (correct, also, I allow,) taken and discussed; but the beauty and perfection of the Lord Jesus Himself, and what our souls have learned of Him, are less our material. We have been wanting in “fervency of spirit,” and have talked, and talked accurately, about truth, but have not *broken the heart over it* sufficiently.



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Being frequently asked as to the meaning of “The kingdom of heaven” and the difference, if any, from “The Kingdom of God,” I insert the following Query and Answer taken from “The Bible Treasury” for 1866, as it gives the above points clearly and concisely:

Q. Will you define “kingdom of heaven” in it-