

Where self reigns lord in temple, hall and mart)  
 Has now a hold on my enfranchised heart.  
 A freed man now, whom truth indeed makes free,  
 There's no continuing city here for me ;  
 A city yet to come, with longing eyes  
 I now am seeking, built above the skies ;  
 Whose strong foundations God Himself has laid,  
 Like a fair bride in whitest robes arrayed.  
 Without the camp—where Christ was crucified,  
 And the Sin-offering for His people died,  
 To sanctify them from this world below,—  
 To Him, and His reproach, I gladly go ;  
 For all, compared with Him, I dross esteem,  
 My one desire is to be found in Him.



## THE CHRISTIAN NOT OF THE WORLD.

(COLOSSIANS II.)

There is practically one subject in the above Scripture, but divided into two parts : one, Christ as contrasted with all the thoughts of the world ; and the other, the true place of the Christian as in Him. It is a new place, even in Christ. He begins by pressing on them a warning against all the philosophy and Judaism abroad. They really ran into the same channel ; and this is connected with the second point referred to, because they belong to this world. Christ is put, first, in opposition to all that ; and, secondly, he unfolds that what is in Christ is in a *risen* Christ, outside of this world. There are the same things current now, for people are turning back to "the rudi-