

Surely this lamentable deficiency cannot arise from a scarcity of suitable topics on which Christians might maintain familiar and profitable converse. What a range for thought, and a field for profitable remark, might be found in the works and the word of God; those works which are "sought out" with delight by all those "that have pleasure therein;" and that word which is full of heavenly instruction, and will furnish matter for eternal meditation in the world that is to come. It requires only a heart rightly disposed, and an aptitude of speech, easily acquired on every other subject, to converse intelligently and profitably on the things of God. Even if discourse were restricted to the single subject of "Christ and him crucified" in all its collateral, consequential, and relative bearings.—What a theme for the human intellect, and even for an angel's tongue! The glorious person of Christ: the eternal purposes of Christ in reference to the redemption of guilty man; the sufferings of Christ by which the church was purchased even with his own blood; the predictions and promises of Christ in relation to the kingdom of God and its progress in the world, the sole headship and universal dominion of Christ in his Church; the prevalent intercession of Christ in heaven on behalf of the church on earth; the example of Christ as a pattern for all believers—his meekness, his gentleness, his benevolence, his purity, his obedience, his perfection, and the certainty of the second coming of Christ to judge the world, and to take his people to reign with him in glory,—surely these, and the multitude of considerations arising out of them, would furnish ample themes for Christian discourse; if we were but disposed to cultivate a habit which might be turned to so good an account, when we meet for social converse. If we were to try the experiment, and cultivate the spirit

here recommended, we should find it both delightful and beneficial, in the highest degree,

"To talk of all he did and said,
And suffered for us, here below,
The path he marked for us to tread—
And what he's doing for us now."

I wish, in all kindness, to submit these thoughts and brief hints to your readers;—and purpose, with your and their permission, to pursue the subject in another paper, which may contain a few suggestions as to the best mode of conducting religious conversation, and a caution or two to guard it against deterioration or abuse. I am, Sir, your's respectfully,

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SANCTIFIED EXPERIENCE.

*Letter from the Rev. JOHN BERRIDGE,
to Mr. R. CLARKE.*

The writer of the following Letter was a pious clergyman of the Church of England, and Vicar of Everton, in Bedfordshire. He had some eccentricities; but was eminent for holiness and activity in his Master's cause. His itinerant labours, for a long course of years, in the counties of Bedford, Huntingdon, and Cambridge, were very successful in winning souls to Christ, and in enlarging or laying the foundation of several Christian societies, which are very flourishing to this day.

Everton, Sept. 10, 1783.

DEAR ROBERT,—Gransden has afforded you some profitable experience to make amends for loss and trouble. The fire of your house burnt the farm out of your heart, and thus proved a blessed fire; and now you are seeking to toss the farm out of your hands. Well, and what more Christianly than to have earth removed from heart and hand? And what more profitable to the soul than to live upon Christ for daily support? Not fed by the length of your purse but by