

secret after which I have been searching these many years. I understood the secret of the piety of Paul, and knew how to attain to that blissful state myself. Paul's piety all arose from one source exclusively—a sympathy with the heart of Christ in His love for lost man. To attain to that state myself, I had only to acquaint myself with the love of Christ and yield my whole being up to its sweet control.

MAKES CONFESSION.

Immediately after this, I came before the Church and disclosed to them what I then saw to be the grand defect of my ministry. 1. Christ had been but as one chapter in my system of theology, when He should have been the sun and centre of the system. 2. When I thought of my guilt and need of justification, I had looked to Christ exclusively, as I ought to have done, for sanctification; on the other hand, to overcome "the world, the flesh and the devil," I had depended mainly upon my own resolutions. Here was the grand mistake and the source of all my bondage under sin—I ought to have looked to Christ for sanctification as much as for justification, and for the same reason. The great object of my being now was to know Christ, and, in knowing Him, to be changed into His image. Here was the "victory which overcometh the world." Here was the "death of the body of sin." Here was "redemption from all iniquity." into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

At this time, the appropriate office of the Holy Spirit presented itself to my mind with a distinctness and interest never understood nor felt before. To know Christ has been the life of the soul; to "take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us;" to open our hearts to understand the Scriptures; to strengthen us with might in the inner man, that we might comprehend the breadth, and depth, and length, and height, and know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, and thus be "filled with the fulness of God;" is the appropriate office of the Spirit. The highway of holiness was now, for the first time, rendered perfectly distinct to

my mind. The discovery of it was, to my mind, as "life from the dead."

PUBLIC TESTIMONY MADE A BLESSING.

The disclosure of that path had the same effect upon others who had been, like myself, "weary, tossed with tempest, and not comforted." As my supreme attention was thus fixed upon Christ; as it became the great object of my being to know Him, and to be transformed into His likeness; and as I was perpetually seeking that divine illumination by which I might apprehend Him, an era occurred in my experience which, I have no doubt, will ever be one of the most memorable in my entire past existence.

THE BEATIFIC VISION.

In a moment of deep and solemn thought, the veil seemed to be lifted, and I had a vision of the infinite glory and love of Christ, as manifested in the mysteries of redemption. I will not attempt to describe the effect of that vision upon my mind. All that I can say is, that, in view of it, my heart melted and flowed out like water. The heart of stone was taken away, and a heart of love and tenderness assumed its place. From that time I have desired to "know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified." I have literally "esteemed all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ my Lord;" and the knowledge of Christ has been eternal life begun in my heart.

—*Divine Life.*

ABOUT RIGHT.

A lace manufacturer, in showing Capt. B—, one of our officers, through his factory, gave to the Captain's little girl a large piece of costly lace. Whereupon Mrs. B— said to the little B— "My dear, you are a Salvationist; you cannot wear that." The little one's eyes filled at once with tears, and her face wore a look of despair, but all of a sudden it brightened, and she said, "Mamma, I know what I can do, I'll put it away in my trunk till I backslide." I trust this is not your case, but that you have had a clean sweep, for those who play with the fire are sure to be burned. All for God.—*N. Y. War Cry.*