

lem. Man must still "*inquire in His temple.*" The eye opens continually on ever-widening realms of thought,—the imagination wings its imperial flight over regions of beauty,—the intellect is overpowered by the innumerable globes of truth which whirl their revolutions round the state-throne of the universe; progress is therefore the inspiring watchword of moral manhood. *Onward!* my brother, dive into the deepest waters of life's great sea. *Upward!* Sirs, where the air is balmy and the prospect wider. *Heavenward!* Christian pilgrim, there is thy abiding home.

THE BLESSEDNESS PROMISED. "Blessed are they," &c. They are happy while obeying. "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." (Ps. cxix. 165.) "And the work of righteousness shall be peace: and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." (Isa. xxxii. 17.) But "they shall have a right to the tree of life," &c. *An authority founded on right:*—this *right* founded on obedience;—and this *obedience* produced by the *grace of God* working in them. The *tree of life* seems to be an allusion to the tree of life in the paradise of man. (Gen. ii. 9.) As this tree is stated to be in the *streets of the city, and on each side of the river*, tree must here be an *enallage* of the singular for the plural number, *trees of life*, or *trees* which yield fruit by which life is preserved. *Right to the tree of life*—to all the blessings signified by it. When Adam broke God's command he was driven from *the tree of life*. They who keep God's commandments "shall have a right," through his gracious covenant, *to the tree of life*.

The fruits of this tree are *abundant*. *Twelve manner of fruits*. Heaven's joys are so many that they cannot be numbered, so copious that they cannot be defined, so precious that they cannot be valued. *Every month*