

Oh ! to be with Him before the glories, the crowns or the kingdom appear ! It's wonderful—wonderful !—with the Man of Sychar alone ; the Man of the gate of the city of Nain ! and I am going to be with Him forever ! exchange this sad, sad scene, which cast Him out, for His presence. Oh ! the Man of Sychar ! ”



FRAGMENT.—The Christianity of the closet, and the Christianity of busy life, are not, as is often fancied, conflicting things. The man who has fellowship with Jesus in his solitude knows how to carry the savour of the fellowship even into the most common affairs. There is need of prayer in this matter. For though we be convinced that there is but one thing needful, we are easily led away, like Martha, to busy and trouble ourselves about “many things.” Many things we must needs do and care about, while we are in the body ; but the work to which Christ calls us is to do and care about these things in such a spirit as to make them part and parcel of our great work—the work of keeping close to Jesus, and of following Him whithersoever He goeth. If only willing to leave all and follow Christ, He would make the cross not heavy to be borne, but a delight, more pleasant than to the miser is his load of gold, or to the earthly monarch are his insignia of power. “*My* yoke is easy, and *my* burden is light.”