

has not reached the point of real perfection. In his last experience he is conscious that he sees but through a glass darkly. Much as he may know about the love of God in Jesus Christ his Lord, he is well aware that there is a breadth and length, and depth and height which passes knowledge. Hence he is not content with any past attainments. The heights to be surmounted in the future restrain him from any undue exultation over the advances which he has already made. Though he may have outstripped many of his fellow-pilgrims in the way to Zion; he will be humble in his estimate of his achievements, and will join with the Apostle in "forgetting the things which are behind, and reaching forth to those which are before." Thus he presses "towards the mark for the prize of his high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This purpose saves him from spiritual pride which would otherwise become a serious blemish in the beauty of his life. The sense of being always in pursuit of higher excellencies, of desiring closer conformity to the pure and perfect Saviour, and of aspiring heavenward for his final consummation in purity and joy, imparts a delightful symmetry to such a character. Its graces are harmonious. It brings