

speaks of? It is the *spiritual life* in the soul.

This is not the only place in which Jesus speaks of this spiritual life. He speaks of it, when He says, "I am come that they might have *life*, and that they might have it more abundantly." He speaks of it, when He pleads sorrowfully with His cold unloving people, "Ye will not come unto me, that ye might have *life*." He speaks of it, when he says, "The bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth *life* unto the world." He speaks of it, when He warns His disciples, "Except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood, ye have no *life* in you." And St. John speaks of this life too, when at the end of the Gospel he says, "These things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have *life* through His name."

And all through the Epistles we find much said about this spiritual life. I will not quote to you the many passages I might quote about this life. One shall serve for all. It is a very important one, and one which it would do us all good to think of very seriously to-day. I am thinking of the short sentence which St. Paul wrote the Romans, "*To be spiritually-minded is life*."

Now the spirit life which Jesus came to give to His people is the work of the Holy Spirit in the soul. It is that holy Power, which quickens, and keeps alive, and strengthens, the life of the soul. And without the Holy Spirit we have no life.

NOTHING seems much more difficult to endure than the distress of being misunderstood.

HOW TO TITHE INCOMES.

A LADY in North Carolina, who makes her own support by the labor of her hands, presents the following inquiry :

"How shall I make a calculation to find what *the tithe of my income is* ? I keep boarders for a support, and buy nearly all that we use. We cultivate some vegetables for the table, and grass for the cow. If I find that I only clear expenses what do you say is my income ?"

This question is capable of two answers. The first is a general one. If a man decides that he will give a tenth of his income to the Lord (or a fifth or a twentieth) he should ascertain what his income is, in order to find out how many dollars he will give. Not all the money that a man receives from his customers is included in his income. If a merchant buys a stock of goods for ten thousand dollars, pays a thousand for rent, etc., and a thousand for salaries, and then sells the goods for fourteen thousand dollars, only two thousand out of that fourteen thousand constitutes income. And the tithe would be two hundred dollars.

Dean Hook is credited with saying to dissenters: "There is a line between us, but across that line we shake hands." But dissenters, who have left the mother Church, and set up rival societies, who have divided the Body without any gain of vitality or increase of usefulness, generally manifest impatience because they are not recognised as entitled to official recognition. They are piqued because their ministers, for whom