

THE "FULNESS OF JOY."

"The Lamb is their Light and their Sun,
And, lo ! by reflection they shine,
With Jesus ineffably one,
And bright in effulgence divine !
The saints in His presence receive
Their great and eternal reward ;
In Jesus, in heaven they live ;
They reign in the smile of their Lord ;
The flame of angelical love
Is kindled at Jesus's face ;
And all the enjoyment above
Consists in the rapturous gaze."

WHAT is the great attraction of heaven ? It is not the thought of its pomp and splendor—of the beauty of cherubim, seraphim, angels and saints, and of the enjoyment arising from its society, that makes heaven attractive to the Christian. It is not merely the thought of its freedom from sin and sorrow, toil and trial ; or even the dearly cherished hope of meeting our loved ones, and hearing their voices, and grasping their hands while they give us a loving welcome to glory. It is not with these things that our souls will be enamored when we reach heaven. No ! the central thought of heaven's blessedness is the presence of Christ. He is the light, the joy, and the glory of that heavenly home. "His presence makes our paradise ; and where He is, is heaven." Christ is the chief attraction. When this becomes the dominating thought then only are we most qualified for heaven ; and can