

would have gone further ; but it was not so ; they loved His presence, they wished Him to stay with them, and so "they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us ; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

"And He went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread and blessed it, and brake and gave to them. And their eyes were opened and they knew Him ; and He vanished out of their sight." In this there was further witness of, "*not by sight* ;" for when their eyes were opened, and that they knew Him, instead of His adding something to what He had already taught them, He vanished out of their sight, and left them in happy meditation on the words He had spoken, instead of sadness in reasoning on the things that had happened. "And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

May we thus have communion with Christ, according to that which is written, and according to the power of His Spirit.

May we be kept from the sadness of our own reasoning on the things that happen, that we may not be as fools but as wise ; "for whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Rom. xv.).