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FOR HEARTS THAT HOPE.

SOME little time ago I was asked to visit an aged man who evidently was nearing death. He asked me about Heaven. He could not understand why a subject of such importance did not receive clearer and fuller treatment in the Book of God. He was a man of large intelligence, well versed in literature and very practical.

A few days later he fell asleep and dreamed. In his dream he saw Heaven, and entered it. It was very large, much larger

than he had anticipated, and many people were there. And still every one seemed perfectly at home and comfortable. His daughter, a young teacher of rare spiritual beauty, who had died a few years since, came to him and said that she "would teach him the ways of Heaven." He went with her, and presently he found himself among quite a little company gathered about his daughter, who were repeating after her the words of Heaven. He, too, learned them from her lips.

He awakened from this dream with a calmed mind. Then again falling asleep, he dreamed the same dream for the second time. Upon awakening from this repeated dream he ceased to

make further inquiries concerning the future, and became absolutely peaceful.

With this man's experience in mind, a man who never until that hour had allowed himself to be affected by a mere dream, I am moved to attempt such a statement of the nature of Heaven as is clearly warranted by the teachings of the Bible. For I am sure that if a few true words concerning that better world can be put on paper, they will be acceptable to very many people. Almost every week some one asks me about Heaven. The constancy and eagerness of these inquiries indicate how prevalent is the desire to know what is revealed concerning the life for which we hope.

One special declaration in the Scripture tells us all that we need to know concerning it, either for our comfort of heart or for our usefulness of conduct. John was heavenly minded and heavenly visioned when he said: "Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

Hearts that hope do well to fasten in their memories three statements thus made by John concerning "the better world." One is, that there are persons to-day who so truly have some of God's traits in their hearts that they are rightly called "sons of God." The child of any kind