

dom, for as we sow so shall we reap. Hence the necessity of having in our spiritual mind a seed or principle that will of its nature produce good actions and lead us into pleasantness and peace. It seems that as this good or heavenly nature is practiced that it becomes our delight more and more to come under its influence, at the same time giving us an assurance that all will be well with us when done, with this earthly tabernacle.

I think it is closely connected to the kingdom of heaven and the little leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened or made of the same nature ; and also to the kingdom of heaven, which is likened unto a grain of mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds, but grows to be the largest of all herbs. According to this the kingdom of heaven is a growth which must be experienced in each individual who would enjoy this heavenly state, from which it would seem that heaven is a state of happiness to be experienced rather than a material place to go to ; for God is a spirit, and they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. It seems then that God is not material at all, but altogether spiritual, but the spiritual controls the natural, so the spirit of God controls his whole creation in the glory of His might, and as He is love and they who dwell or live in love dwell in Him and He in them, so all that are under his divine love to live and act through his power are in unity with Him, and have a reliance thereby that all will be eventually well with them. Then which will or ought we to choose to sow in the garden of our heart or mind or soul. Let us choose the good and be happy.

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The astronomers at the Paris Observatory are already making preparations for the observation of the expected total eclipse of the sun in April next.

## THE BISHOP OF DURHAM ON INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

[Extract from a charge to his clergy.]

If we believe the Gospel to be what it claims to be, the fellowship of nations is included in its promised victories. The final issue may be remote, but the belief that universal peace lies in the counsel of God for mankind will influence our present conduct. In this respect the language of the prophets and of the Apocalypse expresses the truth which is involved in the incarnation. And now at length we can see, in a long retrospect, that in spite of checks and delays the whole movement of life is towards a federation of civilized nations, preparatory to the civilization and federation of all.

Now we are reaching out to a change, through which the nations of Western Europe will, as I believe, be united in a close federation, and continue to bring all the resources which they have gathered through their history to the service of the race. We understand and acknowledge as never before that nations no less than men and classes, in spite of all the disturbances of selfish ambition, must suffer together and rejoice together ; that each nation has its unique endowment and establishes its greatness by the fulfilment of its mission ; that each is debtor to all alike by what it has received and by what it owes ; that the end for which we look will then be reached when the kings of the earth, with a common devotion, bring their glory into the city of God. I know the difficulties which stand in the way of such a confederation, the temptations of pride and rivalry which distract popular feeling, the inheritance of past errors and crimes which perplexes the policy of statesmen. But if Christendom is filled with one desire, I cannot but believe that God will fulfil the purpose which He inspires. . . . It is said that the discipline which comes through military service, and the sacrifices which are required for a campaign,