

indifference to the service of God, or to the welfare of our fellow man, must certainly be manifested by those who shall still refuse or neglect to do as the present circumstances of the world, as well as the express commands of our Creator, now so urgently require of us.—The condemnation of the present generation in Christendom is: "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." If the service of Mammon did not at present so utterly exclude the service of God, many thousands would certainly be eager now to organize themselves at once, and gladly devote the tenth of their wealth, and much more also, to the service of God, for the best welfare of man.

"Behold the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him."—Isaiah XL, 10. These divinely inspired words evidently apply to this particular time; for the "work before the Lord God," and before all those also who will now act wisely in his service, is certainly the grand work of introducing and establishing "the Kingdom of God" upon earth; as already described; and "his reward that is with him," is declared to be to "give to every man according as his work shall be," consequently now is the most favorable time possible for obtaining the highest rewards in this life, as well as for eternity also; therefore, as tomorrow happens to be Whit Sunday, or the anniversary of the famous "day of Pentecost" when "the spirits of just men made perfect," (being then but newly resurrected by Jesus Christ, the languages they had spoken upon earth being then also fresh in their memories), came in force, and influenced the apostles, causing them to "declare the wonderful works of God" in those various languages, as described in the second chapter of "the Acts of the Apostles." Should a few among the most earnest and intelligent men of our own days now contrive to "lift up their heads," and thus form themselves into an organized association, devoting at least the tenth of their wealth, or income, for the purpose of establishing "the kingdom of God" upon earth, as already described; there appears to be no good reason whatever why "the kingdom of God" should not begin to manifest itself upon earth tomorrow, or sometime during this month, or this year; for "Behold, the kingdom of God is within you," are the words of Jesus Christ, indicating plainly enough that "the kingdom of God" is not something outside of ourselves but "within" us; consequently, it is we ourselves who must introduce and establish it. The present time is also evidently about as favorable a time and opportunity for this purpose as can possibly be imagined; as is proved conclusively in the foregoing communication; therefore there is now no longer any excuse whatever for reasonable and intelligent men hesitating, or delaying, any more about doing that which is now required of them; especially as the coming of Jesus Christ at this time

appears to be awaiting only the formation of the organized associations implied by the lifting up of the heads of the people, who should be as the "gates" or "doors" of "the kingdom of God;" as is evident enough from the following quotation, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the king of glory shall come in"—Psalm XXIV, 7 etc., Jesus Christ is of course altogether beyond the comprehension of the human beings of our day, and so also are all "the spirits of just men made perfect," who influenced the minds of the apostles, and others, eighteen centuries ago, whose understanding and comprehension have doubtless developed rapidly and enormously during this long period of time;—All these "spirits of just men made perfect" were however, but "the first-fruits unto God and to Christ;" whereas now we have good reason to expect the immediate resurrection of all "the elect" who have lived upon the earth during the past eighteen centuries, and who are described as "a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues." When this "great multitude" of "spirits of just men made perfect" are now resurrected, they will doubtless be as companionable to the most advanced men of our day as "the Holy Spirit" was to the Apostles and early Christians more than eighteen centuries ago; therefore should the foremost men of our day act wisely, as is required of them; they may very reasonably expect to soon enjoy "the favor of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship (or companionship) of the Holy Spirit," as did the Apostles and others among the early Christians, more than eighteen centuries ago. HENRY WENTWORTH MONK.

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Earl Derby's Opportunity.

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Editor FREE PRESS:—Should the Earl of Derby, Governor General of Canada, kindly contrive to read attentively the enclosed article, headed, "Europe as a Constituency;" (published in to-day's "FREE PRESS;") he will probably perceive that the time has now certainly come at last for the ablest and best among men to combine, and prove themselves worthy of the confidence and support of the various populations of Christendom, and of the whole world; that thus a general government may be provided, strong enough to afford the requisite protection to all the various nations, inasmuch that the intolerable burden of maintaining the present enormous armaments of Europe may thus be avoided at once, and forever; for the greatly to be desired era of peace, so long ago, and so frequently foretold in the Divinely inspired writings, may thus actually begin to prevail upon earth.

"The other two short articles enclosed, headed, "The Control of Europe," quote two letters of the Duke of Argyll, which state very clearly and concisely some of

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