

sorrow nor debt; it changeth and elevateth the spirits, and enliveneth the heavy hearts of the miserable. It maketh a man to forget his brethren, and draw his sword against his best friends. O ye princes and rulers is not wine the strongest that forces us to do these things?"

S. M.—Sir Knight Master of the Palace, we will now hear your argument in support of your opinion that the King is the strongest.

M. OF P.—“It is beyond dispute, O Princes and rulers, that God has made man master of all things under the sun; to command them, to make use of them, and to apply them to his service as he pleases: but whereas men have only dominion over other sublunary creatures, kings have an authority even over men themselves, and a right of ruling them by will and pleasure. Now, he that is master of those who are masters of all things else, hath no earthly thing above him.”

S. M.—Prince Zerubbabel, we will now hear your argument in support of your opinion that the strength of woman is the greatest, and the important addition you made to my question, that “Truth beareth the victory.”

M. OF I. [*for Zerubbabel.*].—“O ye Princes and rulers, the strength of wine is not to be denied, neither is that of kings, that unites so many men in one common bond of allegiance, but the supremacy of *women* is yet above all this; for *kings* are but the gifts of women, and they are also the mothers of those who cultivate our *vineyards*. Women have the power to make us abandon our very country and relations, and many times to forget the best friends we have in the world, and forsaking all other