

is now estranged from God and "brings forth fruit unto death." Nothing but the fire that God will kindle when he determines to make a "new earth" will ever purify it and make it fit for a redeemed people; and nothing but the warmth of God's love kindled by the manifested love of Christ will ever destroy those noxious weeds that choke the word in the human breast. Oh! the depth of that philosophy in which God has laid the scheme of Redemption. What miserable drivellers we are in trying to sound that fathomless deep! May heaven aid us all to tread the path of humility which is but the highway to eternal distinction. And while we fall upon adoring knees before the Mercy Seat, let us ever bless the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God.

EVANGELICUS.

Whether our good brother Evangelicus writes with a silver or a gold pen, we know not; but he writes with a good pen. We invite him to correspond freely.

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MARRIAGE.

A promise was made in the May No. that a sentiment written by our friend Mr. First Senex while treating of matrimonials and religion would pass under editorial scrutiny. We have been, on the whole, much obliged to our earnest and conscientious friend for his zeal on the subject of marriage, variously manifested from March 1852 to May 1853; for he has been the means not only of directing attention to the subject, but the direct means of stirring up a second Senex who gave us, in June 1852, a very acceptable, prudent, and well written article by way of response, showing that both christianity and matrimony were clearly apprehended by the writer.

An apology can be made for the very excellent friend who takes the ground that "the sexes are to form attachments agreeably to the principles implanted in their own nature, without any restraint." The apology is, that he is blessed with a companion so religiously worthy, and has a number of daughters so worthy and Christian-like, that he has really felt safe in assuming that women are all pretty good, and that any female is a wholesome, suitable, and fit companion for a christian man! This is the very best apology I can offer for the excellent Senex who has said so many not over excellent things on matrimonials and the Lord's precepts. Sorry indeed am I to find any good man offering encouragement to the sons and daughters of the Holy One to "form attachments" so close, so influential, so abiding, so full of present and future results, with parties who stand aloof from the Lord and who therefore only "mind earthly things;" nay, laying it down as a fixed and reliable principle that such attach-