

poverty, vice, and misery ; until at last, after about thirty generations, or the predicted "thousand years," (millennium), the world will be prepared for the predicted heaven upon earth, when "the tabernacle of God shall be with men and He will dwell with them, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying : neither shall there be any more pain ; for the former things are passed away" (Rev. XXI, 3, 4), after which, the next Alternation in the solar system may occur at any time ; so that "the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth, and the works that are therein, shall be burnt up" ; and our earth will then consume its surface for thousands of years ; precisely as our sun is consuming its surface at present ; yet nevertheless such a state of things need not *then* cause "pain," or inconvenience, to any mind, or spirit, of man, for then "the spirits of all flesh" may collectively become the mind, or spirit, of the earth itself ; as the hosts of angels and Archangels of Jesus Christ, who will be our "Lord of hosts," (our Great Representative of Unity and Order) causing us to become thenceforth *practically* but as "one spirit" developing itself by means of our earth, which will then be our material body, individualizing and localizing us collectively.

During the thousands of years that our earth will be thus consuming its surface, (as our sun is now), we shall be enjoying our childhood and youth as "sons of God," and will learn enormously by witnessing the gradual progress of the work of the creation of the various forms of animal and vegetable organization, which will then be going on in our sun, which will then be, of course, the great central habitable world in our solar system ; as all the revolving planets will then be burning worlds, consuming their surfaces to furnish the great central world with the requisite light and heat.

In the subsequent Alternation, when our earth shall again become covered with water, we, of course, shall then be glad enough to occupy ourselves to some good practical purpose, as the "Spirit of God" which will then again "move upon the face of the waters, and cause the waters to bring forth abundantly" of the various forms of animal and vegetable organization ; until ultimately we become competent to "create man in our own image, and after our likeness," and cause him to "increase and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it ;" and thus become qualified to "inherit" our position as the Mind, or Spirit, of our earth : leaving our greatly developed mind free to resign the care and control of our earth to the new generation of "sons of God" which we shall have originated. Our greatly developed mind, then becoming less and less identified with our earth in particular, and more and more identified with the solar system generally ; and thus rapidly extending its greatly enlarged view more and more widely over our vast universe, which will interest us for probably many millions of years, until ultimately the universe itself shall become worn out, and dissolved into its original elements ; when, of course, the collective Mind which shall have originated from all the solar systems in this vast universe, will be