

obtained peace. "*The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into singing.*" We do not know of any war that is carried on at present. All is quiet, and busily engaged in arranging what was in disorder and confusion, and preparing to enjoy the sweets and industry of peace. Among the blessings of peace, the renewal of illustrious and domestic habits claim a distinguished rank. In time of war the morals of people most generally relax, and are apt to receive a wrong bias from the privations, sufferings, and bustle, into which they are inured. Peace restores order, and presents to all classes of the people the happiness that may be enjoyed, when every one pursues a peaceable occupation, "*Sitting under his own vine, and fig tree, none making him afraid.*" Families, that had been separated for a long time, of whom many had fought the battles of their country, will meet together with joyful congratulation, and the most tender endearment. A son comes home to the place of his birth, and scenes of his juvenile gaiety, to embrace his aged parents, to rejoice the heart of a brother, or a sister. A husband, that was thought dead, on some foreign shore, arrives to cherish and support, to wipe away the tear from a faithful, beloved partner, the wife of his youth, and to provide for his tender offspring. But, alas! how many disappointments? how many fathers and mothers are left childless, and doomed to go mourning down to the grave? how many widows are left alone to struggle with adversity and misfortune? how many fatherless children, are cast on the wide world, without a guide? Since the commence-