

have some enterprise in view, or any important matter upon which you would like to have my opinion, it shall be given.

I heartily concur with you, concerning some papers, and have frequently thought of it, and talked of it; but our papers are like all the works of man; they comprise a *little* good, and much that is objectionable.

Our editors ought to be co-workers, and as such, should be very familiar with each other; but such is not the case in every instance.

We should be very glad to see you in our state. If you come, be sure and give us a call.

Your fellow Witness and Reformer,

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## COVETOUSNESS—BENEVOLENCE.

### No. III.

"Be followers together of me....as you have us for an ensample: for many walk....as the enemies of the cross of Christ;....who mind earthly things."  
—*Phil.* iii. 17-19.

If it be true that spiritual happiness depends to any considerable extent upon christian benevolence, our stock of happiness, must, in the reckoning of every one, be very limited. There is certainly a famine in the land. Where shall we find Canaan's plenty—the milk and the honey of gladness flowing from the ever-streaming benevolence of christian principle? We ask—where? If the christianity of this age could be made to appear in physical form, every professor having his religion indicated in his countenance and bodily frame, we should find few rosy cheeks, plump limbs, or robustly proportioned figures. With this simile; before us, what a meagre and skeleton-looking company rises to view!

But without the further aid of this figure, let us suppose that every christian professor in the community, from north to south, from east to west, could be assembled in one of our court rooms, and each for himself to answer this very plain question: How much, dear brother, have you earned during the past year, and how much have you given to further the Lord's cause?—what truthful reply might be expected? Would the answer be that he had given for benevolent purposes one dollar in ten? one dollar in twenty? one dollar in fifty? one dollar in a hundred? But we cannot proceed with this calculation. A major majority of the richest in benevolence, would, by this broadside arithmetic, be ciphered out of the synagogue, and out of heaven at last.