

TRUST, SAFETY, AND PEACE.

When this is fully and unreservedly done, I think we shall find no good and justifiable occasion to raise our puny arm against our fellow man in private life ; or against armies of men in the devil's service—which some may call, public service ; no, not even *violently*, in *self-defence*. Let us remember that God, for Christ's sake, is *fully able and willing to keep* all that is *worth* keeping, (our lives not excepted,) and that it is our duty to love our enemies, as well as our friends, and to do them good, and to bless, and never curse, and never kill, but to pray for all those who may despitefully use and persecute us.

FAITH AND GOOD WORKS, WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY.

Would there be any *elements of war* in these things? On the contrary would there not be *faith* enough to be productive of many good works ; even efforts, unwearied, not only to restore peace to our borders and to our neighbors, but to promote such *useful reforms*, without wars and fighting, as are best calculated to have all the nations of the earth come unto the knowledge and perfect liberty of the Lord without delay ; and by his *Holy Spirit*, into the immediate enjoyment of the *merciful presence of God*, and the peace and joy of our Lord and Savior, our heavenly benefactor and our God. "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy, in the *Holy Ghost*." (Rom. xiv : 17.)

GOD IS ABLE AND WILLING, AND MEN SHOULD WILLINGLY OBEY, &c. .
May the Lord in his infinite mercy, continue to open blind eyes to his glorious light ; to unstop deaf ears that they may hear and understand the true gospel of Christ ; and to renew a right spirit in man ; reclaim his misled and wandering sheep ; and to fill the whole earth with his knowledge, righteousness, peace, praises and glory.

These, my views and best wishes,

are respectfully submitted, by

A FRIEND OF PEACE.

NOTE.

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Should any one wish to know more briefly by what means peace, permanent and durable peace, can be restored,—not only to the whole of our own republic, but to the whole earth ; and how righteousness and peace may flow over all the earth, as rivers to the ocean—from whence they are supplied. I would simply remark, by prayer and by *faith* in the goodness and power of God to bring into life, in every living body, where there is a soul "dead in trespasses and sins,"—his *own image*, the "little child" *Jesus Christ* (as in the manger) even "eternal life," through the atonement made by Christ, the *efficacy* of his *word*, body and blood, and the *regenerating power* of the *Holy Ghost* ; and by corresponding *works of love* and *heavenly benevolence*. For "Faith, if it hath not works is dead, being alone" (St. James 2d e. 17th.) Not by works of self righteousness