

having ceased to exist, and marriages, births, sickness and death being unknown, every saint existing in a spiritual body, that a clear idea of the state of society in the new world is not to be looked for, and probably would not be comprehensible. But of this, we may be certain, that all truth will be discovered, and correctly received; that all holy affections will be perfected, and in constant exercise; that every member of the glorified Church will be heard exclaiming, "THY WILL BE DONE;" and that throughout the wide extent of the vast territory occupied by God's servants, they will be all "of one heart and one soul," (Acts iv. 32), as they were at the first. There will be no controversies. Divisions will be reported dead and buried. Strife, hatred, suspicion, unbelief, will be only known as things of the past, *and there will never be any reaction.*

Finally, the Lord Jesus will be there. "We shall be like Him," says the beloved disciple, "for we shall see Him as He is," [1 John iii. 2]. "They are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in His temple; and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them to living fountains of water, and God shall wipe away all tears [better, "every tear"] from their eyes," [Rev. vii. 15-17]. "AND SO SHALL WE EVER BE WITH THE LORD." [1 Thess. iv. 18.]

"For ever with the Lord!"
Amen! So let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word—
'Tis immortality.

Here in the body pent,
Absent from Him, I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent,
A day's march nearer home.

My Father's house on high,—
Home of my soul,—how near,
At times, to faith's foreseeing eye,
The golden gates appear!

"Forever with the Lord"!—
Father, if 'tis Thy will,
The promise of that faithful word,
E'en here to me fulfil."

—JAMES MONTGOMERY.

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