

of heaven. Truth was at first but as the leaven, hidden in its influences, but which should in time leaven the whole mass of human mind. Yet its power was not then felt. The Church sought for form and ceremony, something tangible in its worship, and so corruption and error crept in, and the result was spiritual wickedness in high places. The simplicity of the gospel was not esteemed, and thus the truth was fettered.

But the truth shall go forth in freedom. Eighteen hundred years have witnessed its development. Eighteen centuries have passed away and still the truth is unfolding to the world. The great truths that fell from the lips of the Son of God were not lost on the mountain air of Galilee. They were not suffered to fall unheeded, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away"—"not one jot or tittle shall fail till all be fulfilled." For long dreary ages the world was in darkness. The dark ages passed away. The clouds of error, superstition, tyranny, and oppression slowly rolled away before the light of Gospel truth, as the shades of night flee before the morning sun. The day was increasing, Christianity unbound the fetters that shackled the souls and bodies of men, and when the REFORMATION burst on the world the clank of falling chains echoed throughout all Europe. The thrones of tyrants shook; the power of the beast began to wane; the sceptre of the man of sin trembled in his grasp, and the trodden and oppressed millions who sat in darkness and the shadow of death looked up with joy to behold and welcome the beams of the Sun of Righteousness. Earth smiled again. The arts and sciences received a new impetus. Religion went forth with her handmaids Liberty and Education, singing her pæan of rejoicing. The gospel was once more unfettered, and the truth of God and the offers of salvation to dying men were once more free.

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HOLINESS BECOMING.

The Psalmist says (Ps. xciii. 5), "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever." By the 'house' of God we are doubtless to understand his family—his children—the household of faith—believers in the Saviour. Men become members of the family of God by faith in Christ Jesus, Gal. iii. 26. That God's people are his house is manifest from the Scriptures. In Heb. iii. 6, we read, "But Christ as a Son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the