

answered: "No, Sir; that is the truth, but there is one exception to it: I have long laboured in the service of sin; but I got no profit by my labour." "Then you know somewhat of the apostle's meaning, when he asked; 'what fruit had ye then in those things, whereof ye are now ashamed.'" "Thank God," said he, "I do; and also know, that now being freed from sin, and having become a servant unto righteousness, I have my fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."—*Christian Messenger.*

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*To the Editor.*

SIR,—By inserting the following extract in your Magazine, you will oblige a constant reader. J. M'L.

EFFECTS WHICH WOULD FLOW FROM  
THE FULL OPERATION OF THE  
PRINCIPLE OF LOVE TO GOD AND  
TO MAN.

Were this divine principle in full operation among the intelligences that people our globe, this world would be transformed into a paradise, and Eden would again appear in all its beauty and delight. Wars would cease to the ends of the earth. That scourge which has drenched the earth with human gore—which has convulsed every nation under heaven—which has produced tenfold more misery than all the destructive elements of nature, and which has swept from existence so many millions of mankind—would be regarded as the eternal disgrace of the human character, and the most shocking display of depravity in the annals of our race.

Every family would become a mansion of peace and love—a temple consecrated to the God of heaven, from which the incense of prayer, and praise, and pious aspirations, would daily ascend in sweet memorial to the throne above. Domestic broils and contentions would cease; brothers

and sisters would be cemented in the closest bonds of holy affection; the law of kindness would swell their hearts and dwell upon their tongues; serenity, and joy, and a desire to please, would appear on every countenance; a mutual exchange of sentiment and generous affection would circulate joy from father to son, and from children to parents; and all the members of the family circle, animated by the same benevolent spirit, would "dwell together in unity." To communicate useful knowledge, to train each other to piety and virtue, to point out the different spheres in which benevolence should act, to assist in every kindly office, to soothe each other in distress, and to direct each other in the path to an endless life, would be the unceasing desire and endeavour of every inmate of the family mansion. From every such mansion, the radiations of love would fly from family to family, from one hamlet and village to another, from one town and city to another, from one nation to another, and from one continent to another, till all the families of the earth were converted into "the dwellings of the God of Jacob."

O blissful and auspicious era! When wilt thou arrive to still the restless agitation of malignant passions, to promote peace on earth and good will among men? When will the benevolence of angels descend to dwell with man upon earth, to expel selfishness from the human breast, to hush every disordered affection, and to restore tranquillity and order among the bewildered race of Adam? When will the spirit of love, in all its beneficent energies, descend from the Father of light to arrest the convulsions of nations, to heal the wounds of suffering humanity, to transform fields of slaughter into regions of tranquillity, to unite in one holy and harmonious society men of every language and of every tribe? Not till Christianity shall have shed its