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THOUGHTS ON THE HARVEST.

We feel convinced that the emotions, which the institution of the feast of harvest among the Jews was designed to give vent to, are emotions which are natural to the Christian mind; and we also feel convinced that every renewed mind under the Christian dispensation has been more or less affected with those displays of the goodness and bounty of God, as these have appeared, in the provision he has made for our subsistence, in the late abundant harvest. Apt were we, and ready, in the years of a by gone scarcity, to make known to the Almighty the fact, that we were sensible that he was withholding from us, in just judgment, our necessary supplies. In public and in private, we humbly confessed our sins, and acknowledged the equity of his proceedings, in the judgments he was pleased to inflict—and doubtless this was a proper and becoming exercise; and now that he has remembered us in mercy—now that He has “crowned us with his loving kindness and tender mercies,” shall we declare the insensibility of our hearts to these his favors, by being slow to acknowledge his goodness in our returning prosperity? No, the goodness of our God will lead us to repentance, even as his judgments have previously done; and our hearts, burning with more intense love to our heavenly Father, will pour out their emotions in songs of gratitude and praise. To aid our fellow christians; whom these few lines may reach, and who experience pleasure in contemplating Jehovah’s goodness as regards our late har-

vest, permit us to submit the few following thoughts.

1. *The harvest exhibits the wonderful power of God.*—Whatever strikes the senses has a great effect upon the mind of man,—the furious tempest, the vivid lightning, the pealing thunder—these and such like phenomena, astonish—alarm—awe: but the silent operations of the Almighty in the upholding and directing of the affairs of his providence, are generally unnoticed by us, although an energy no less powerful is employed in these arrangements. We are moved deeply at the awful majesty of the blessed Redeemer walking upon the raging billows of the Sea of Galilee, as if he trod upon a crystal pavement, and by his word calming the boisterous winds; but no such emotions are raised by the history of that remarkable exhibition of the same power in the desert, when he silently multiplied the loaves and the fishes in the hands of the assembled multitude. But, christians, silent and common though almost all the operations of the Almighty are, by which he brings to maturity the fruits of the earth, whatever others do, ye cannot fail to perceive and to acknowledge the fact, that a mighty energy and power are displayed, by which the grain of corn is made to yield its thirty, sixty, or hundred fold.

2nd. *The harvest exhibits the mercy and forbearance of God.* To whom does the Lord send the profusion of his bounty? To the holy! the upright! the obedient! the just! Oh, no! but to a world in arms against himself; to a world, the vast majority of whose population disown his