

Then, again, notwithstanding very creditable advancements, if we are not yet so fortunate as to have marched beyond all the streaks of Babylon's mists, a fair allowance ought to be made on this score. Doubtless if we have not the 'humbleness of mind' suitable to make an apology for our frailties and imperfect labors on this account, the Lord himself, who sees and knows all, will be our apologist. Meantime, then, while laboring manfully to reform others, let us, in deed and in truth, labor earnestly to reform ourselves.

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JOHN THOMAS AND HIS 'MANIFOLD WISDOM.'

Dr. J. Thomas, conductor of the 'Herald' of an Age yet to come and of the Kingdom of this Future Age, reviews with his accustomed charity the position of the 'Expositor,' edited by friend Marsh, touching who are qualified subjects of baptism. This controversy between neighbors Marsh and Thomas, like almost all others, will, no doubt, minister profit in some form. The Doctor, who is very busy in opening up the actualities and peculiarities of an Age not yet arrived, has read some stout lessons to friend Marsh of the 'Expositor,' and has, according to custom, treated some others to a little of his spicy theologic greetings. 'Twould be funny, if the topic were not a grave one. The subjoined passage is as pleasant a specimen of the Herald's matter and spirit as has come under our eye, seeing there is no *ism* or *ite* hitched to any of the words, and hence it is re-produced for the benefit of all who choose to read:

"We are not convinced that we are judging one of the Lord's servants, in maintaining the Lord's truth against imposition. We should rejoice in being able to address A. Campbell and Joseph Marsh, and other men of their class, as faithful brethren and saints in Christ Jesus; but while the one rejects the promises and the other substitutes an immersion upon a devil-basis for an enlightened obedience of faith, we can not help being found in opposition to both. The truth in their hands is crucified, and made of none effect."

In another part of the Herald, the Doctor, while making the truth of full effect, as he would say, in alluding to those whom we call disciples, is pleased to state: 'Many more of them would be now rejoicing in the truth, and in the liberty with which it makes free, than do now but for the ill-starred influence acquired over them by their clergy.'

Without looking into the next age, we know that the present is what may be called 'a fast age;' and if there are clergymen among the dis-