

one rule in it which is unsuited to man equally in every condition, and in every land? Where is there a country, now groaning in the bondage of idolatrous immorality, that would not by it be set free? We can find no exceptions. Christianity is adapted to be a universal blessing, and the range of dominion which it claims is world-wide; and examining it in its every principle and law, we know not where we can limit its power, progress, and triumphs, till it shall have eradicated the curse from the earth, and brought man to happiness and communion with his God as in primeval times, and made nature to smile in all the loveliness of a restored paradise. We believe in such a result, in the "times of restitution of all things," and therefore we hope for it. The tide-wave of it is swelling and rolling on, and it will yet the more rise, and swell, and flow, till it shall have swept before it and overwhelmed all that now opposes it, and to which it is opposed. Every Gogon must yet fall before this ark, and be broken in pieces. And reason and faith, joining hand-in-hand in drawing their conclusions from the teachings of the same Word, see a coming age when the earth, in the jubilee of its freedom, shall take up, and re-echo, and prolong Christianity's native anthem, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and good-will to men;" when there shall be the universal and grateful homage that mankind will pay to Jesus, their Liberator, Legislator, and Saviour; and "when men shall be blessed in him, and all nations shall call him blessed."

3rd. The third and last part of the contrast is, THE UNIVERSAL ADAPTATION OF CHRISTIANITY TO THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF MAN. By this is meant, its adaptation to man in his physical being, circumstances and relations.

It has already been said, that man is not in his natural, but in his unnatural state. He has been driven by sin out of his first and true position; he is fallen, both physically and spiritually; the wonderful mechanism of his frame is deranged; and there are elements around which perpetually work havoc on his constitutional tendencies and susceptibilities, for the very earth is not in its original or perfect state either, but is cursed for his sake. In other words, the dire effects of the fall extended to the earth too, and its beauties, and powers, and capacities for sustaining life and health, and giving enjoyment, degenerated in proportion as man degenerated. The moral and physical scales were evenly balanced. The inhabitants and the habitation were made to correspond. An adaptation of each to the other was the divine law. A world without a woe, for man