

gospel of Christ, vanish like the fog before the splendors of an unclouded sun. Then will the comic gospels be disregarded, and the glad tidings of the Son of God pour salvation upon our sinful race; while the myriads, in impassioned and grateful accents, will reiterate the angelic chorus, "Glory to God in the highest, in earth peace, and good will towards men!" In view of such prospects, dear brother, let us fearlessly proceed. If the half be not accomplished in our day, the whole will be before Jesus Christ shall have delivered up the kingdom to God. For he must reign till all his enemies shall have been put under his feet. Please write often, and if practicable become a regular and constant contributor to our pages, either as an essayist or letter writer, as may suit your convenience.

I am, Sir, with desire for your success in the glorious enterprise, your fellow-laborer in the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

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RETURN FROM RECENT EXCURSIONS.

To increase our knowledge of men and things—to extend our acquaintance with the churches of the reformation—to enlarge the circulation of the "Witness"—to enlist a fuller quorum of correspondents and essayists—and, above and beyond all, to publish the regenerating news of the divine salvation, and confirm the faith of the faithful, we are at times obligated to bid adieu to the precincts and pleasures of home, and yield for an indefinite period to the welcome and unwelcome varieties of the excursionist.

The rambling inhabitants of Arabia, if they have cultivated the habit of pilgrimage to a perfection that makes it an invariable source of delight, are, in some points of view, to be envied; and the sooner their happy art of wandering be imported to this region, for the veritable benefit of those who are 'servants of all,' the sooner will these public servants be delivered from a few of the lesser and some of the major afflictions incident to their calling. To him who seeks retirement, whose nature and natural habits unceasingly demand the company of a library to converse with the dead rather than the living, and whose soul is attuned to the quiet joys and steady influences of home,—to such an one, we say, there are few attractions of sufficient moving power to induce a protracted departure from that most precious spot called "home, sweet home." Self-denial, however, has long been reckoned among the duties imposed by the Leader of the hosts of the saved upon every one without exception who has determined to trace his steps to the regions of eternal bliss; and hence, in the kingdom of grace, where grace reigns for all, we have no favoured class—none who