

"These are wells without water, clouds driven by a tempest; to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever."*

Lastly, I shall give a sample of the CHARITY OF THE APOSTLE JUDE. "Beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, how that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These are they who separate themselves, sensual, not having the spirit." "Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward."

These are only specimens; but enough to show the contrast between primitive and modern charity.

ALPHA.—Is it not better to be called uncharitable and follow the inspired model, than to be called charitable and only have the image of man?

OMEGA.—So I consider. Let those who judge according to 'outward appearance' and who 'glory in men' decide otherwise.

CONDUCTOR.

OUR DUTY.

GENERAL REMARKS, WITH PARTICULAR APPLICATIONS.

Christianity originated in the fulness of divine benevolence. It is the result of the most gracious designs of the philanthropy of heaven. From the fountain of the love of God issued a stream to renew, gladden, and sanctify man. Treasures of grace and the richest mines of exhaustless goodness were only the repositories of the heavenly Father to dispense his gifts and pour out his blessings to a dying world. "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us."

The plan is devised to save man. It is ordained and ratified in Jehovah's deep counsels and his eternal love. Man sinned—death followed—ruin swayed—a world was lost; God looks in pity, provides a remedy, and that remedy springs from the fountain of infinite affection.

But God's love did not rest with himself—was not confined within his own bosom—remained not an inactive and undemonstrated desire. God sent his Son. Christ came. He suffered. He died. Behold the demonstration of the love of God in a suffering, bleeding, agonizing, dying Saviour! Mankind were to see, feel, know, and prove the measure of that love which glowed in the divine breast by the irresistible argument of a crucified beloved Son. Along with the supreme desire of Jehovah to accomplish man's salvation, it required his "unspeakable gift, Christ Jesus." Man had yet been within the grasp of death, without hope, and excluded

* 2. Pet. chap. 2.