

EARTH'S JUBILEE.

“The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” (Is. xi. 9.)

THAT blessed time will surely come, when all shall know the Lord,—

I find the promise largely writ in God's own precious Word :

When “*holiness unto the Lord*” shall greet each gladdened eye ;

And oft my soul impatient prays, “Lord, haste the time of joy !”

Sweet are the visions of that time, portrayed by God's own hand,

When righteousness and peace shall reign supreme o'er every land ;

When all shall know the blessed God, shall know and love Him too,

And earth present the scene again which angels love to view.

No longer Satan's wide domain—creation ruined, marred,

But all earth's kingdoms shall become “*the kingdoms of the Lord.*”

No proud usurper then shall rule, no power acknowledged be,

But Christ, and He alone, shall reign, while earth keeps Jubilee.

How cheering is the prospect fair to all who now bewail,

And mourn the wide-spread evils which so mightily prevail ;

Who grieve to hear that Name blasphemed, the only Name they prize,

To see poor sinners hate the cross, and mercy's voice despise.

Yes, *it will come!* Then, O my soul, take courage, all is well !

The glories of the Son of God creation yet shall tell !

The groanings of the earth shall cease, all sin be done away,

Come, Lord, disperse these midnight clouds, and usher in the day !

Thy “temple” fair, uprising now, each saved a “living stone”—

Thy “bride,” all beautiful, gathering now for Thee, and Thee alone.

Creation ruined, stained with gore, all wait, O Lord, for Thee !

Return ! that heaven and earth may keep the holy Jubilee !