

to be their ransom, and his holy word to guide mankind, that they must now no longer look to him to guide them in any earthly matters, but trusting in the wisdom and foresight they have acquired, work out their own well-being on earth, and that they are capable of doing it.

The *Press* of the country is becoming startled by the endless columns of crime they daily and weekly select from, and the frightful mass of criminal incidents from which they cull. The late developments in regard to the character of those upon whom the country depends for the prevention of crime, the securing and punishment of criminals, is only exhibiting here and there a spot of the corrupt condition of things. It is well known that, unseen to the, untravelled and unobserving portions of society, we are fairly living in a sea of corruption, iniquity and crime, but slightly in advance of the antediluvian nations, which will, however, be more generally understood hereafter. It has been remarked by the *Toronto Leader* that this wide spread demoralization is strong evidence that we are merging into a condition of things which indicates a state of society in the last stage of corruption, others, endorsing these views, enquire: "Whither are we drifting," others look upon the future as mysteriously dark and uncertain. Does this increasing exhibit of crime and robbery, incendiarism, murder and iniquity of every conceivable phase, rouse society to cut it short? Alas! no; the all-pervading feeling is that it is no one man's business to interfere, and yet they think that a government to be a good one must be just such a one as they possess, in which the criminal has given him the privilege to rule, the ultimate result of which is the very rottenness of society so much to be lamented. If it was to

the lower grades of the people that the dangers so apparent were solely confined, there might be a ray of hope to cheer those who enquire of the (b) Watchman, "what of the night;" but, alas! in church and state, in religion and politics, all is equally misty, and the accumulating evidences of unbelief as to what mankind should believe in matters of religion, and the dark records of crime continually increasing, and the utter want of confidence in all who have the political destiny of the country in their hands, naturally leads all three of those divisions of society to be careless of what people think, and increasingly careless and hardened in blindness, iniquity and crime, through which we have now presented to us the sad spectacle of our people striding headlong to utter demoralization. The (c) bands and cords of society are sundered and cast away; as Ishmaelites, every man's hands are against his neighbor, (d) every man doeth that which is right in his own eyes and there are none that hindereth.

If, for example, we commence with the government of the country, and descend from the head to the feet, and take Canada or British America as an example, we will first find a country larger than Europe with a head appointed by the British Government who, in England, was only noted for being a whipper in of the British House of Commons and got his appointment for the services thus rendered. Every thinking man knows that the qualifications for the position he occupied in England were disqualifications for any governorship of any colony of any empire in the universe. The

(b) Isaiah, chapter xxi. 11. It will be seen hereafter that all the quotations here given are prophecies of these things.

(c) Isaiah, chapter ii. 10.

(d) Judges, chapter xxi. 25.