

general resurrection and judgment, the renovation of the earth, and eternal blessedness will follow.

Among the Preterists, there are several shades of opinion. In this class of Interpreters are to be placed Grotius, Hammond, Prof. Wetstein, and many other German scholars. Many Roman Catholic writers have favored this scheme. It appears to have had its origin with the Jesuit Aleasar, and was advocated by Bossuet. Prof. M. Stuart, following Eichhorn, and others, may be said to belong to this school; but he combines three catastrophes, including those which are still future. The Futurist scheme was adopted by the Jesuit Ribera, for the purpose of refuting the Protestant application of Antichrist to the Church of Rome. Romanists were stung with the clear evidence the Revelations afford on this point, and must needs do something to blunt the keen edge of this weapon, and hence have so readily adopted these two counter schemes. Of late years, this scheme has been brought into note by Mr. Maitland, and Mr. Burgh, who have been followed by Mr. Newman. It has been strongly advocated by the Plymouth brethren. The system involves several absurdities, either as compared with itself, or with the general tenor of Scripture. The doctrines of the Pre-millennialists have had many able pens employed in their advocacy, both in the churches of England and of Scotland, and some elsewhere. The able and learned work of Mr. Elliott is of this class, although he does not carry things to so great an extreme as some of his contemporaries. The eloquent Dr. Cumming has warmly followed