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"And he," says Rev. R. Gilbert, "who waits to see the 'good time coming,' when holiness shall become popular, may outlive Methuselah."

Rev. Robert Atkins, of Liverpool, England, speaks on this matter thus : "Preaching in ceiled houses, Sabbath after Sabbath, to the same congregation, appears to me but little better than mockery, when the awful state of Christendom arises before me, overshadowed as it is with the cloud of Almighty vengeance. . . . Apostasy, apostasy, is engraven on the very front of every church ; and did they know it, and did they feel it, there might be hope ; but, alas ! they cry, 'We are rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing ;' and this blasphemy is added to apostasy."

Dr. Talmage thus describes the destructive, violent classes of to-day : "He owns nothing but a knife for universal blood-letting, and a nitro-glycerine bomb for universal explosion. He believes in no God, no government, no heaven, and no hell except what he can make on earth ! He slew the Czar of Russia, keeps Emperor William of Germany practically imprisoned, killed Abraham Lincoln, would put to death every king and president on earth, and if he had the power would climb up until he could drive the God of heaven from His throne—the universal butcher. In France it is called Communism, in the United States it is called Anarchism, in Russia Nihilism. That last is the most graphic and descriptive term. It means complete and eternal smash-up. It would make the holding of property a crime ; it would drive a dagger through your heart and apply a torch to your dwelling, and turn over this whole land into the possession of theft and lust and rapine and murder." (Sermon, June 6, 1886.)