

dent improbability of a second Pentecost being vouchsafed to men. (1) They who are sufficiently conversant with scripture to be aware that the 23rd chapter of Leviticus discloses, under the figure of successive feasts, a sort of ground plan of the Almighty's dealings with mankind, will know that the interval between the typical Passover and Pentecost represented precisely the corresponding interval between the real Passover and "the day of Pentecost fully come"; they will be aware that the ordinance relating to the harvest foreshadowed that "end of the age" which the Lord (Matt. 13, 39) declared "the harvest" to be, and that the consecutive feasts of the *seventh month* foreshadowed the successive events which will usher in the seventh thousand years; such persons will know that the Almighty did not indicate a Pentecost in 1830. (2) "Unlearned and ignorant," as the apostles of Christianity were alleged by their enemies to be, they were not so ignorant as to be unable to read the scriptures in the languages in which they were written, and it requires faith of a more robust character than we can boast, to assume that the living God would entrust apostolic power to men who are incompetent to rid the scriptures of the results of ages of corruption. (3) Everything in scripture, in the corrupt churches, in the career of the Jews, and of the nations, tends to indicate that we are approaching a climax of evil, that "the mystery of lawlessness is already working, (only there is at present one who restraineth) until it become developed out of the midst, and then shall the lawless one be revealed, whom the Lord shall slay with the breath of His mouth, and shall destroy by the manifestation of His presence." This climax of evil we take to be abetted by the antics of sacerdotalism, and albeit men must be allowed to give credence to as many "old wives' fables" as they please, that is no reason why their neighbours should pay for their delusions, in the way of extending to them such gratuities as are involved by granting them exemption from the payment of municipal rates. The sermon delivered in the above-named church will appear in the following number.