

time after time the tidings reach us that another language has been won for the cross. Dialects of the most difficult and intricate character, or difficult from their very simplicity and scantiness of words, have been mastered and applied to holy uses; human instruments for the work have sprung up in the most unlikely quarters; and the word of the Lord is making its way among all lands, diffusing thoughts before unknown, and dispelling the gross darkness of heathen mythologies. Professing christians, also, of all denominations, are close students of Scripture, and the laws of the new dispensation are keenly searched into and scrutinised. Chillingworth's Protestant motto is better understood—its bearing and value more fully appreciated. Thousands of humble, truth-loving souls are exclaiming, "Speak, Lord, for thy servants hear." The results cannot be doubted. A glorious prospect is before us. The mists of tradition will vanish away. Christian faith and practice will be rigidly reduced to the ancient standard. Customs and laws unwarranted by holy writ will fall into disuse. Infringements on the prerogative of the "King of kings," the only Head of the Church, will be heartily repented of, confessed, and for ever abandoned. Every land will be full of religious men—though there will be no State-churches, and no Acts of Uniformity. Then, too, all church members will be members of Christ. For then, "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea," and Jesus, "Lord of all," will be everywhere honoured and adored—and the divine will replace the human—and the kingdom of God will come with power, swaying all hearts, and penetrating the innermost man—and "the Sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings." "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." "Come forth out of thy royal chambers, O Prince of all the kings of the earth! Put on the visible robes of thy Imperial Majesty; take up that unlimited sceptre which thy Almighty Father hath bequeathed thee; for now the voice of thy bride calls thee, and all creatures sigh to be renewed."*

*Milton.