

of Victoria ; in Bath the temple of Apollo ; at Leicester the temple of Janus ; at York where St. Peter's now stands, the temple of Bel-lou ; in London, on the site of St. Paul's Cathedral, the temple of Diana ; at Westminster, where the Abby rears its venerable pile, a temple of Apo'lo."

We now ask, who were the worshippers in those temples ? Answer : Our fathers ! Has the wisdom of this world made the change ? Or have any of the petty organizations of the day changed society and caused those temples to be abandoned and houses to be erected for the worship of the living God ? No. But the Church, the pillar and support of the truth, has diffused the light of revelation abroad, turning nations from idolatry, and the people to righteousness, and causing thousands to rejoice in the hope of undying bliss beyond the grave.

But though much has been done, there remains much yet to be done. The great mass of mankind are yet under the influence of the "wicked one." And the church herself, living so near the world, has allowed herself to become somewhat corrupted in theory and practice. But with the Bible as a transcript of the Divine mind in her hand, she has the means of rising above the world, "as fair as the Moon, as clear as the Sun, and as terrible as an army with banners." The weapons of her warfare are suited to the enemies, she has to encounter. Principalities and powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places, are combined against the truth. No pains are spared to destroy confidence in the Bible, and to put down the Church.

"Scepticism as formerly, is made up of ignorance and lives on sin." The world is filled with deception, and thousands seek relief to their troubled minds by seeking like Saul of old, when he had abandoned God, and God him, *to call up the spirit of the dead* ! to ask the future fortunes of our race.

But as God's power to slake thirst lies in water, and his power to allay hunger lies in food ; so his power to turn men from their sins, that they may be saved from all the direful consequences of sin, and made to rejoice in hope of eternal life, is in the Gospel.

Brethren, our King has decreed that his Saints are the *salt of the earth*, and he depends upon you with the Bible in your hand to keep the world from putrefaction ! Let not the salt lose its saltiness, or the world will be lost. Have you ever thought how great was your responsibility ? Remember, you are not of those who close the Bible and say "Lord, the work is thine, take it into thine own hand and save the world as thou wilt." "Enlighten the world and fill it with the knowledge of thy will." "Send down power from on high and turn men to righteousness." But you are among those who say that the word of reconciliation is given to the Church. Remember, then, Paul says "Do all things without murmuring and disputings ; that you may be blameless and harmless the Sons of God, without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life." Does the destiny of the world depend so much upon the efforts of the Church ? Then