

the race, and of the *nominally* Christian, represents the latter as less than a third, neither had he paid much attention to the apostolical declaration that matters should "wax worse and worse," 1 Tim. iii, 13, or to the "grievous wolves" which the same Apostle foresaw, Acts xx, 29, or to the statement of the Lord—"when the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke xviii, 8, or to the first two of the unexplained parables of Matt. xiii, which depict the corruption of the Church in two aspects; had the reverend gentleman done this, he could not have deluded himself by a wholesale application of the grand promises to Israel, to that exceedingly corrupt institution which *bears the name of the Church*. This institution, instead of being what all thoughtful persons, including the advocates of "free-thought" consider it—the most powerful instrument for abetting unbelief—was represented by Mr. K. to be in so prosperous a condition that "all nations are feeling the power of it," "the kingdoms of this world have (already) become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ," "the mountain of the Lord's house is established on the top of the mountains, and all nations are flowing into it," etc.; whether Cook's Church, which figures before us all as "for sale" at this moment, and which was about three-fourths empty, be a portion of the mountain of the Lord's house, we will leave Mr. K. and his "little flock" to decide; for our part, we had arrived at the conclusion that "the mystery (secret) of lawlessness (2 Thess. ii, 7) doth already work," and that it will so continue until "the lawless one be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of his mouth, and will destroy with the manifestation of his presence," ver. 8. Apart from the condition of the commercial Church, on which we do not care to enlarge, and apart from such considerations as those just presented from the New Testament, there are facts of modern

history which are, or ought to be regarded as of the utmost moment, and which if viewed in the light of literal prophecy, cannot fail to interest and to enlighten those who meditate on them; such are the tyrannical acts of Russia, which have resulted in driving vast numbers of the Jews to the land of their forefathers, the edicts of Turkey, which on the one hand, have for the first time since the destruction of Jerusalem, granted the Jews the privilege of purchasing land in Palestine, and on the other, have, (as recorded in No. 8 of this journal,) ceded to them land on Mount Zion, for the express purpose of erecting their temple thereon; with this object in view, they have for several years been collecting funds throughout the world. Looking therefore, as many do, at the corruption of the Church as paving the way for a crisis of evil, referred to above, in connection with 2 Thess. ii, 7, 8, the same persons take to heart the words of the apostle, recorded in ver. 3, 4, of the same chapter—"Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day (the day of the return of the Lord) shall not come, *except there come the falling away first*, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; *so that he as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*" Persons who thus read Scripture, aided by the light of current events, are aware of the many agencies at work in Europeanizing Palestine, and are conscious of the tendency of the powers that be, to regard all forms of religion as *equally worthy of respect*; they do not therefore require to be told that the next aspect of the said powers will be manifested by their treating all religions as *equally unworthy*, and that, in such a manner, the way for the lawless one, the man of sin, will be prepared; such persons must beg to be excused if they demur to Mr. Kirkpatrick's assertion that