

nought, is not only a compensation for the sacrifices made and the labours performed, but also an encouragement to the faithful not to be weary in well doing. No one can read the reports of Church work and progress which we constantly publish without exultation and gratitude and no one can survey the fields of labour which are opened up, and the ever-increasing facilities for Christian work which Providence is placing in the hands of the Church, without feeling a renewed stimulus to generosity, to activity, and to zeal. The harvest truly is plenteous; and the Church should go in and reap. It is doing so; and many a jubilant shout is raised over our well merited success. The possibilities of the future are boundless; the prospects of yet higher success are brilliant indeed; and in urging, in guiding, in stimulating the whole Church to perform manfully its duty—to go up and possess the good land—the *Guardian* will fulfil in part its mission, and will make itself one of the recognized agencies of God and the Church in the glorious work of human redemption.—*New York Guardian*.

PROPHECY.

SOME of the prophecies are hard to understand; some not hard but easy. There are enough of the latter kind to make evident that prophecy is "foretelling," so that the book in which they are written is God's book, and not man's. And when we notice such, and their plain fulfilment, we have another and a tangible proof of the existence of God and the revelation of his will. Among the pro-

phesies easy to be understood are those which are written in the twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy, to which we refer the reader. They profess to have been given through Moses in the land of Moab, just before the entrance of the Jews into the land of their fathers. But if it could be proved that they were not of so early a date, they were published long before the destruction of Jerusalem, and therefore long before the fulfilment of the threats. In this chapter the Jews were told what would be their punishment if they apostatized from the great and glorious name of the Lord their God. They were to be cursed; they were to be smitten before their enemies; they were to suffer from war and pestilences and famines: they were to be carried away captive; they were to be scattered among all the nations of the earth; their punishments were to be of long continuance; and many like things were to happen to them which we read in this chapter. Have they not been fulfilled? Are not the continuance of the Jews as a nation, and their punishments and their scatterings seen now? And did we not have, during the past year, in their persecutions in Russia and Germany, the evidence of the continuation of their troubles even as they were prophesied in this chapter? Here, then, is a prophecy plain and easy to be understood, And what does all this teach, but that the Lord is King, and that his words shall be fulfilled in their proper time? In this chapter we have "the sure word of prophecy" fulfilled in a manner that every reader can understand. God's word is true.—*Southern Churchman*.