

der heaven, nor in the whole history of ages, except the Pope, to whom these divine descriptions can be applied : it can only be the Pope !”

*First character.*—The very NATURE of this power is prefigured in the little horn. Plainly, according to this prophecy, he must be a King-Priest ; for it is said that he shall be different from the other kings, and all that follows is meant to shew us in what he will differ, and to exhibit him at once in a religious and in a political aspect. What does he ? he blasphemes, he persecutes the saints ; he claims power to change times and laws. As a king he is unimportant and weak, it is a little horn ; but as a priest-king he is high and mighty,—he has power for centuries to oppress the saints ; his words are lofty,—he governs the world. But (looking only to this first character) I ask where will you find, under the whole heaven, a king-priest, unless at Rome, or among the mountains of Upper Asia in the Grand Lama ? In the whole history of this world, where, except in the Papacy, will you find a King-Priest who has pretended to change times and laws,—who has reigned with power, and who has waged a secular war against the people of the saints ?

*Second character.*—You have again here the GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION of this power. Where is the little horn to be looked for ? Where is its holy seat ? Where are to be its territory, its patrimony, the States of the Church ? What is to be the theatre of its misdeeds ? Nothing can be plainer than are these in this prophecy. It is given to lead you directly to the Roman empire,—to point out Rome as the seat of the Holy See, the States of the Church as being in Italy, and the scene of the operations of this mischievous power as being the vast empire of the ten Latin kingdoms. You know with what care John elsewhere has shewn it to us in Rome, the seven-hilled city, the reigning city, the Babylon of the last days. You are aware, too, that the Roman Catholics, as well as we, all acknowledge that the Babylon of St. John can be only Rome. If, then, this power is to be a territorial state, its territory, according to Daniel, is a Roman state ; if it is a church, it is, according to Daniel, a Roman church ; if it is a priest, this priest is, according to Daniel, a Roman priest ; and if it is a great apostacy, that apostacy, according to Daniel, extends over the countries between the Rhine and the Danube, the Greek empire, the Adriatic, Mount Atlas, and the Mediterranean,—that is, all the empire of “the fourth beast.” In other words, it is to be looked for in France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Savoy, Italy, Bavaria, Austria, and part of Hungary.

*Third character.*—The ORIGIN of this power, and the mode of its growth. How comes it into the world ? Slowly, by degrees, by continual progress, as the horn grows on the head of a young bull. Mark well, that these ten first horns (or the ten kingdoms established in the Roman empire by the Barbarians) appeared to the prophet’s view as already quite formed ; but it is not so with the eleventh horn ; it appears to him as coming up after the others, in silence and without observation, as a horn increases. And ask all historians if here you have not the exact history of the origin of the Papal tyranny ; and if it has not become threatening, riotous, and terrible, without its being possible for them to tell in what year it began.

*Fourth character.*—The CHRONOLOGY of this apostacy, by which