

sat upon the white horse, who is called Faithful and True, whose name is the word of God, rode forth victoriously to the conquest of the world. The Christian Church is the favorite child of an ever-watchful Providence.

In the prosecution of the subject, the agency of Providence will be illustrated by means of a variety of historical events, connected, directly or indirectly, with the history of the church: such as the art of printing and paper-making. The invention of the mariner's compass. The discovery and first settlement of America. The opening to Christian nations of India and the East by the Cape of Good Hope. The reformation of the sixteenth century. The expulsion of the Moors from Spain. Transfer of India to protestant hands. The destruction of the Spanish invincible armada. Philip II., and Holland. The gun-powder plot. The usurpation of Cromwell. The hand of God in the origin and progress of modern missions. And the present condition of the world as prepared by Providence for the universal spread of the gospel.

Such a view of history, it is believed, will magnify in the reader's mind the *great moral enterprise* which God, through his providence, is achieving in our world; and conduct to the conclusion that *Christianity has, from the beginning, had an onward progress.*

She has seen days of darkness, of persecution, of apparent retrogression, and sometimes has seemed almost extinct. She has had her nights, long and gloomy—her winters, protracted and dreary. But is the night less conducive to man's comfort and prosperity, or the earth's fertility, than the day? In the morning man goes forth, in the dew of his youth, fresh to his labor; and the earth, smiling through pearl-drop tears, appears in fresher beauty and vigor than before. Or is the winter a blank—or a retrograde move in nature? It is a vicissitude that has its uses in the economy of the great whole, no less salutary and promotive of the great good, than the