

PERILOUS TIMES

IN THE

LAST DAYS.

2nd TIMOTHY 3-1.---"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

THERE never was a book written, that furnishes such a vast range of facilities for testing its truthfulness, as the Bible. It foretells the way-marks in the progress of this world's history; so that from generation to generation the proofs and memorials of its foreknowledge, shall never be wanting to the man, who, with intelligent eye, looks abroad upon the occurrences of his times.

Not to speak of the internal and experimental manifestation of itself as the Book of God, which the Bible makes to every believer, there is more than sufficient evidence of an external kind, to convince every candid mind, that the Bible is what it claims to be. The hand-book of explanations, describing some vast panoramic picture, may be proved to be correct or not, by a comparison of the scenes in the picture, as the canvas is unfolded, and the descriptions and statements contained in the book. If you found close and minute correspondence between the descriptions and the actual scenes presented, you would not hesitate to conclude that the author of that book had seen the picture previously, and had written from personal knowledge. In the onward march of Providence in the history of the human race, there is being unfolded a vast panoramic picture. It never was unfolded before; and, therefore, no man could describe it from observation. It is made up of two grand divisions--the first, exhibiting the scenes and occurrences of the history of our race, up till the time of the termination of the Jewish dispensation in the death of Christ; and the second, those of that period commencing at the Cross of Calvary, and extending to the last limit of human history on this earth. For eighteen hundred years this second section of the picture, has been slowly but steadily passing on, before the gaze of the successive generations of mankind. All the great and prominent points of interest were foretold and described centuries previously to their coming into view. Many of these are now past, but many also, by the steady revolutions of time, are drawing near, and will