

the foreshadowing of those mighty changes which have received a more full development during the expiring year, and which will yet receive a more full and complete development in ensuing years.

Both the rise and fall of ancient Greece and Rome, were each the work of centuries; but in those times, the fall of an empire, seems but comparatively the work of a day. Indeed, we talk and write about the fall of Empires and the exile of Monarchs, as matters of course—as matters of necessity. The mass of the people act as if their respective governments must be regulated according to their well or ill-understood wishes. *Vox populi, vox Dei*; the voice of the people is the voice of God, is the watchword. However, it is only the nation that takes the Divine testimony—the Bible, for its guide, that is able to withstand the ‘crash of empires.’—We have certainly seen enough to teach us that the God of Providence, will continue to shake and sift the despotisms of earth, and make way for the righteous nation that keepeth the truth, to enter in.

Italy, over whose surface thick moral and intellectual darkness has brooded for centuries, has called from among her sons, a Garibaldi; Hungary, a Kossuth; France, a third Napoleon, to change laws and customs—to give liberty to the captives, and set the prisoners free. These active instruments seem to hold tens of millions of the human family at will—leading them to the deadly conflict when required.

The Pope through the means of the Catholic powers, has been shorn of civil power.

In Sardinia, the standard of civil and religious liberty has been raised; the King of Naples has fled, and his people joined Sardinia. Hungary, and Poland are in commotion. Venetia and even Vienna, and the central territories of Austria, are crying for liberty; and if not granted before the close of the coming year, Francis of Hapsburg may have to follow the example of his young ally, the despot of Naples.

That great empire, China, with its four hundred millions of people, and of whom it is said, gods are more plenty than men, is being revolutionized by its own people. Add to this, the combined forces of England and France, are teaching this nation of heathens to respect treaties.

Thus, it will be seen, that the breath of liberty is being breathed throughout the world; knowledge and its happy influences, is about to ascend the world's stage, and become the guide of man throughout all the ramifications of society. Truly, 1860 will long be held in remembrance; it is an eventful year; its alphabet stands forth in legible characters, and will be found written upon the sands of future years.