

views on the other side of the question. We particularly wanted a sound, brief, and cheap exposition on these principles. Such a work ought to have fallen into abler hands, and with some one having more leisure to perform it: but in the silence of such, I have done what I could to supply that desideratum. And if those who are skilled in studies of this nature think the present production at all worthy of attention, for the reasons assigned, some pains ought to be taken to circulate it.

I might very easily have entered more into elaborate detail, but this would have frustrated my object, viz., that of furnishing such a book on the subject as would, in price, come within the means of any one, and not be too bulky to deter those in active life from its perusal. I am somewhat afraid that my great anxiety to accomplish all this has led to a too great condensation, so as to produce obscurity, and to deprive the style of ease.

Perhaps I may say, without being charged with presumption, that considering matter, size, and price, there is no work where there is so much information on the distinctive features of the portion of scripture it professes to explain as will be found in the work now offered to the public.

In the present day it is important that every one should distinctly apprehend what God is about to do in the earth. He has given us distinct notice of it, and has pressed us to consider it.

I have often wondered that ministers of the Gospel do not make prophecy more a special matter of study. Let us just consider how large and special a