

broken by the stone cut out of the mountain without hands and dispersed by the wind of the spirit's breath, disappears like the chaff of the summer threshing floor, not to live again till the crowning obiliad of christian evangelization has passed away.

Blessed Period ! The sure word of prophecy lives again in its completed verification. Gentile nations from all quarters cry, "come over and help us." Paul has his heart's desire. In the fulness of converted Jews more than their diminishing, the Gentiles are enriched ! No longer looking for a temporal Messianic rule, Israel evangelized, vies with the foremost in spreading the conquests of the cross ; and Paul, by these precious means, attains indeed to the resurrection of the dead ! The more excellent sacrifice of Abel, the unstaggering faith of Abraham, the incorruptible purity of Joseph, the heroic meekness of Moses, the invincible patience of Job, the unswerving fidelity of Daniel ; in a word, the devotedness of patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs are no longer isolated things of the past, but widely diffused vitalities of the millennial-present, *a living again and reigning of the saints with Christ !* Amen. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus !

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## BEFORE THE LOYALISTS.

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### CHAPTER VIII.—THE RESTORATION OF THE STUARTS.

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Richard Cromwell succeeded his father, the great Oliver, but he was not the man for the emergency. The nation generally seemed to acquiesce in the settlement of his government ; but the Republicans, the Anabaptists, and the Levellers, attempted his overthrow. On the very day that Richard succeeded to his father's place, there was even a conspiracy among some of the officers of the army. He was advised to have Fleetwood and Desborough, his own near kinsmen, arrested, but he said he was afraid of blood, and at the end of five months resigned his position, and retired into private life. There were several efforts made to establish a Republic, but they failed. At length the Presbyterians got into power, and signalized their advent by the declaration that the Presbyterian shall be "the one and sole religion," and then called in Charles to rule over the nation. The Rev. Johnson Grant, an Episcopalian, says : "With the Restoration fell the power of the Independents. All the world will allow that, in point of religious liberty, their conduct when in power fulfilled the promises made by them when they were in obscurity. They exhibited a noble and memorable example of a sect, who, in possession of the citadel of establishment, forgot and forgave the injuries they had sustained, abused not their authority by the oppression of their brethren, and were content to hold a second place, preferring others before themselves in honors or emoluments." But at the time of their downfall, their principles had become known in the world, and their ideas were one day to push themselves up through all the ramifications of society, and some of these ideas rule the England of to-day, and are destined to rule evermore. During the short-lived protectorate of Richard Cromwell a Synod had met, and with great unanimity had adopted articles of faith, and is called in history the Savoy Confession, which was afterwards adopted in New England, although the