

very fair and correct report of the same in the last issue of the *Times*. The Lecturer was both pleasant and plausible; but to any one who looks below the surface of his sophistry, it is plain that he wishes his audience to take for granted the very point in dispute, that the Pope is the successor of Peter. He quotes from Matthew xvi.: "I will give unto thee the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven." This, and all else that Christ has said, and everything else that is written of Him, and of or by the Apostles in the Scriptures, we, without hesitation, believe and accept. But he asks us to take it for granted that Christ in effect also said to Peter, "You must leave the Keys of the Kingdom behind you when you die; but not to any of your fellow apostles who may survive you, but to the Bishop of the Church which is to be formed at Rome; and when he dies, the keys are to be given to the Bishop who succeeds him, and so on in succession until the end of the world; and these Bishops shall be called by the name and title of His Holiness! the Roman Pontiff! the Vicar of Christ! the Universal Bishop! and they shall have dominion over all other Churches throughout the world; and in the fulness of time he shall take unto himself (or it shall be given him) the title and power of a King; and he shall live in royal state, and he shall appoint Cardinals or Princes of the Church; and he shall claim and exercise authority, not only over all Christian congregations and communities, but over kings and nations; and shall have the right to curse, excommunicate and cast out of the Church, and condemn, not only in your name, Simon, but in my name, and in that of the Father, and of the Holy Ghost, all who question his authority, which he derives from you, and to condemn them to everlasting torments: and to curse them in their bodies and their souls, in their head and their feet, and in every part and portion of their being; and in order to enforce his authority he shall enlist armies, and although I say *now* that my Kingdom is not of this world, else would my servants fight—your successor shall have power to say, 'My servants shall take the sword, and fight in defence of my Kingdom;' and although I say unto you, 'Be not ye called Lord,' *He* shall have the power to say to his Bishops, 'Ye *may* be called Lord;' and although I shall say, through the Holy Spirit in one of my apostles, that a Bishop shall be the husband of one wife, *he* shall have the right and the power to say that *no* Bishop shall have a wife; and although I shall appoint bread and wine to be eaten and drunk by all my disciples in remembrance of Me, *he* shall have the power and the right to ordain that the elders and deacons only, whom he shall call priests, shall drink of the wine in remembrance of Me—and the flock shall eat, not of a loaf that can be broken, but a small wafer, and this, he shall say, is the Lord's Supper.

"And he shall establish a Council, which he will call the Holy Inquisition, and he shall cause prisons and dungeons and instruments of torture to be made, and by these means he shall be able to purify the Church, by punishing those who will not have him to reign over them.

"And he shall command the faithful everywhere, to pray to thee and to my other apostles, and especially to my mother—although, to one who cried out to me, 'Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the breasts which thou hast sucked,' I answered, 'Yea, rather blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it'—and shall crown her Queen of Heaven, and shall command all the people to pray to her, telling them that she can hear them from all places of