

are true Christians with sound doctrines and suitable organizations—they lie in the midst of the Protestant community, which only require to have their spiritual machinery set in motion, while around them lies the world with all the appliances of their religious systems, rotten and ready to yield almost at a blow. What is wanted? Power—spiritual power in the Protestant churches, a power resulting from evangelical truth, made the vehicle of the Holy Spirit's influence. Were there now to appear in any reformed community a fresh energy, such as that which marked the ministry of Wesley and Whitfield—a something that should bring out evangelical truths fresh cast and re-stamped—it is probable that the free churches would instantly be revived, thence all the Protestant communities be renovated, and an action upon Anti-christ take place, before which it might fall.

On the whole, then, I am of opinion that events are putting the world and the churches into a state of readiness for the preaching of the Gospel by the Protestant churches, and more especially by those which are disenthralled from the authority of princes, prelates and priests.

I conclude with a practical reflection. "The isles wait for God's law"—the world is being made ready for the preaching of the truth,—how much need have we to pray for an efficient and improved ministry. The revival of the churches seems to require a revival in the preachers of the Gospel—men knowing and ardently loving God's truth, of sanctified affections, and zealous for the salvation of souls. Is it not necessary to this result, that the seminaries of instruction for the