

faith of the Middle Ages and the ecclesiastical order which had rested on it was broken up, the confusion, alarm and distress were, and well might be, great; to the men of that time the foundations of the religious world seemed to be removed. Yet a limit was set to the possible extent of the destructive process by the unshaken and universal belief in Revelation and in the authority of the Bible. But what limit is there to the destructive process now?

The Current Events which attract notice and excite discussion are, to a great extent, those of an abnormal kind; controversies, conflicts, accidents, changes, and demands for change: the stream of daily life, with its industries, its affections, its peaceful efforts and practical improvements, flows unnoted all the time. Thus, in the general picture presented, the abnormal is out of all proportion to the normal. This defect **THE BYSTANDER** has had in common with other journals. No doubt, being on so small a scale, and lacking the varied knowledge and accomplishments which can be found only in a well-appointed staff, it has had defects from which other journals are free.