

congregation. It is not yet too late for some of them, who have sufficient courage and confidence in their cause to do it, and we hope they will. Presbyterian Protestants make no claim to episcopal succession or ordination. Consequently they, by their own admission, must be regarded by the Council, and by all who adhere to the hierarchial principle on which the first six councils were constituted, as destitute of any right to a position above that of laymen. Nevertheless, they are the heads *and teachers of large and respectable* societies, equal in point of fact, in our judgment, to those who call themselves bishops or presbyters in episcopally governed Protestant societies, and, therefore, entitled to respect and consideration. No doubt they would receive all this, were they to be present at the

Council as representatives of their religious societies."

The writer, however, thinks that if any Presbyterian should appear at the Council, it must be in the attitude of "persons asking for an explanation of the Catholic doctrines, and of the motives on which they are based," but that the Council will not consider questions already defined by previous councils. The hope is expressed that at no distant period, there may be other councils convened at which greater latitude of discussion will be permitted; and which may be attended with the happiest results in promoting Christian union. In the meantime it regards the statement why so respectable a body of Christians remains separated from the Catholic Church, as possessing "very great interest and great weight."

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### ZADKIEL'S PROPHECIES—1870 A YEAR OF TROUBLE.

Zadkiel informs us that 1870 is to be a "year of trouble." Zadkiel is one who knows, or if he knows not he has been the peculiar favorite of Fate, for the majority of his predictions have come true for some years past. Particularly was this the case during the past year, when his calculations as to earthquakes, tidal waves, etc., have proved wonderfully correct. Zadkiel is a resident of London, where he annually publishes the results of his horoscopic castings. He is, according to general report, well versed in meteorology, hieroglyphics and other eastern science. He has, with the general public, become an authority as to the destinies of the future, and by no class of society are his predictions received but with the greatest respect. His prophecies as to many great events in the past have proved marvellously true. The Crimean War, the Indian Mutiny, and the trouble between Prussia and Aus-

tria were pointed out as probabilities. On each of the occasions on which attempts were made against the Emperor Napoleon he was warned to "Beware." Bereavement for the British Royal Family was foretold for the year in which the Prince Consort died, and since then the Queen of Spain was warned to be watchful of her people, as there was danger some where. The "Sick Man"—the Sultan's attention was directed to Egypt, and since then he has had trouble and misunderstanding with the Viceroy. All these, and many others are wonderful coincidences, and entitle Zadkiel's prophecies to some consideration, if only as a matter of curiosity to watch whether any of the events really happen, whose shadows are cast before on the horoscope of the Prophet. It may be said that the stars or planets have nothing to do with individual or national destinies, but he must certainly be a clever man who,