

Prophecies of the Holy Word,—far from it ; I only mean, that I cannot attempt to inform you what will be the issues of the Eastern War from my study of the Sacred Oracles ;—that I cannot confide in the truthfulness of any of the theories of interpretation which have been put forth,—some of them may be in part correct, but I have no satisfactory evidence thereof. Providence is the unerring interpreter of Prophecy ; and the man, or the nation that shall be found at the post of duty, “doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God,” will be prepared for all the disclosures of that Providence, startling and unexpected as they may prove to be.

As a student of History, reasoning from the principles which History develops, and from the position and power of the nations interested in the War, I shall modestly, under different suppositions, enquire into its probable results. I have already indicated the opinion, that if Turkey were left to fight her battles unaided by the Western Powers, she must ultimately be wholly subdued ; and that then if Russia were permitted quietly to fortify her position in the East, and to add the vast resources of Turkey and Greece to those already in her possession, Russia would have the finest prospect before her of Universal Empire in the Old World that ever presented itself in the history of man—an Empire that might reach from the waters of the Atlantic that roll in upon the coast of Portugal and the sands of the Bay of Biscay, to the eastern shores of Japan, which are laved by the Pacific waves ; and from the North-west Cape of Siberia to Cape Comorin, on the coast of Malabar.

England and France, as I have already shown, could not, unless smitten with judicial blindness, permit Turkey to fall if it were in their power to prevent it. But England and France will put forth the whole