

prosperity and marvelous advancement of our neighbours, the people forming that most progressive nation now on the face of the earth, the United States of America.

Looking up and earnestly praying that the mantle of Gladstone may fall upon me, I make bold to predict that the liberty-loving people called Spiritualists shall, within the first half of the twentieth century, wrest from priestcraft the power by which it binds in slavery to the creeds the great liberty-loving people of the world. I further predict that this great liberty-loving people that now dominate the world, shall, within the next fifty years, be formed into one great brotherhood for the establishment of peace and good will to men. Knowledge of God shall accomplish this, and that knowledge shall come to us through our contact with the spirit world. What is known as the Christian Era is now drawing to a close.

The last century has done much to ripen the thought of the people for the incoming of the new. Social evils so revolting, commercial greed so astounding, national difficulties so appalling—and all this in the twentieth century of what is called gospel teaching by the creeds. Is it not time that men were looking round for a new condition of things to solve the problem? Some men, who, like the old Jewish Rabbis, think themselves wise, are looking to the seats of learning for the solution. They appear to think that the remedy should be discovered in the laboratory of the schools. Others think it should be worked out by sacraments, catechisms, church creeds and penance. While men are thus engaged, shut in by selfishness and superstition, extolling self and saying, "We thank God that we are not as other men," the spirit of the meek and lowly Nazarene is coming, as a thief in the night. The very fact that it is stealthy, in the night, causes many to ridicule, "not knowing the Scriptures." The fact that the coming truth is out of harmony with preconceived opinions,