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THE MILLENNIUM.

I rejoice that there have recently been meetings in the United States, for discussion upon the subject of the expected Millennium; or the coming and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; and I hope that this call upon us to awake to righteousness will not be disregarded. At the same time I feel some degree of fear, that the *manner* in which our American friends have spoken and written on this subject, may not prove the most judicious; and that it may injure the sacred truth which they desire to propagate. That we are drawing near to the great crisis which shall fulfil the roll of prophecy, is generally admitted by the students of prophecy: but we must not forget that the day and the hour of the coming of the Son of Man are concealed from mortals. It is certainly our business to study the signs of the times, and to labour to understand the chronological prophecies; but these things must be done with fear and trembling, and with much prayer and dependence upon Divine teaching.

The statements of our friends on this subject, in brief, include the following particulars:—

1. The promises made by God to Abraham and his descendants remain to be fulfilled.
2. The prophetic periods of Daniel, and the Revelations, are drawing to a close.
3. That the Jews cannot be fully restored to their own land and established as a separate nation and kingdom, before the coming of their Messiah in glory.
4. And, that their Messiah will appear some time in the spring of the year 1843. No less than eight prophecies of time are adduced on this head; and we are invariably led from each to the same conclusion.