

the soldiers of Cornelius. Of Cesarea nothing remains. But Joppa is still what it was three thousand years ago, the port of Palestine. Here come and go the ships; and here the caravans of merchants gather to receive the goods which they are to send to the far East. Whatever goes to Jerusalem is received at Joppa.

LORD'S DAY READINGS, NO. 1.

For the Christian Banner.

I have a strong desire to be heard through the Christian Banner, upon the dangers which now beset the reformation; sunken rocks and rocks exposed; deeps—and great deeps; shelves, lee shores, enchanted islands, and other obstructions in great numbers, now fearfully enhance its peril. Woe to that man occupying the place of a watchman, who cries *peace, peace*, when God hath not spoken peace. Woe be to the charlatan and theologaster, who, to compass his own selfish ends, to gain immediate popularity or large compensation for small services, falsely cries peace and safety, flatters the people into carnal security, where decay and destruction are imminent, and can only be prevented by faithful warning and timely reformation. To my mind one of the most ominous of the manifestations of the *want* of system among us, is a disposition too prominent, to daub with untempered mortar. “One buildeth a wall and another daubeth it.” Efforts are directed too much with the view to immediate effect, appearances of success elate, and satisfy the mind; and bring it under the hallucinations of a false hope. For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof:—the holy scriptures charge against having too many masters. We have too many pretenders to preaching and teaching. We need a just location and a sure dwelling for those who are able and willing to devote themselves entirely to the work of the ministry; and are anxious to watch for souls as those that must give an account. We need a just trial, and scrutiny, in admitting to the labors of the ministry. We need a higher and deeper sense of the requisite qualifications in those that desire the bishop's office. We need a deeper sense of justice in all our doings. We need men for teachers that have a better acquaintance with the deep things of God. As a people we need to become more spiritually minded, to be more delivered from the visible—to be drawn