

He also forgets to mention that the two eggs from which all our modern liberty and progress have been hatched, were laid during these dark times—the Magna Charta of English Political Liberty and the Habeas Corpus Act, the guarantee of British Personal Liberty. Of course, having made up his mind as to the mission of Swedenborg, he has a case to substantiate, so he (probably unconsciously) avoids all truth which would conflict with the final triumph of his argument. The Book of Revelations (xx. and xxi.) presents a lovely picture by means of grand symbols. The outlines are quite clear. "An angel descends from heaven having the keys of the abyss, and a chain on his hand; he lays hold on Satan, casts him into the abyss, locks and seals the mouth; a lengthy period then ensues (called a thousand years), during which Christ and His saints reign; then the nations will make a final attack on the kingdom of righteousness, when they will be defeated, after which the New Jerusalem will descend." The state of the world to-day does not seem to warrant us in supposing that the New Jerusalem has descended, but many devout Christians imaging the period generally called the Millennium to have commenced. However this may be, the duty of every Christian is clear, viz., to make this world a better, happier and purer place by the grace of God.

Another point he touches upon is marriage. Under this head he attacks ordinary Christian ideas on the subject as represented in the Church of England Marriage Service, of which he says: "The Church of England has a very coarse tone in its service." Knowing how that service begins with a plainly worded warning against a carnal or coarse estimate of marriage, we were at first astonished at the charge, but remembering how Swedenborg's "Conjugal Love" has been accused of the same thing, we saw at once it was simply the "So are you" kind of argument. Considering that the fact