

before the end of predicted by our Lord, and the latter-day apostacy foretold by His apostles have now begun to set in, and that the disintegration and confusion thereby produced will become so intolerable that men will seek to escape from it by placing themselves under some hand strong enough to protect their temporal interests from disorder and ruin, and that hand will be found in ANTI-CHRIST. But the instructed Christian, seeing in all these things as they come to pass, the exact fulfilment of many a saying of prophet and apostle, will turn with increasing confidence and singleness of purpose to the Living Oracles, and loving Christ he will keep His Word, even as he who loves Him not contemns His Word, little thinking that the Word he thus despises is the Father's who sent the Son, and that it will judge him at the last day, for "THE GRASS WITHERETH AND THE FLOWER FADETH, BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD SHALL STAND FOREVER."

I will now with a few strong words from Gladstone's pen bring these remarks to a close :

"I have placed in the foreground of these observations the high sounding title of "The impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture," because they convey in a positive and definite manner the conclusion my observations aim at sustaining, and enforcing as a great rule of thought and life. They lead upwards and onwards to the idea that the Scriptures are well called Holy Scriptures ; and that though assailed by camp, by battery, and by mine, they are nevertheless a house builded upon a rock, and that rock impregnable, that the weapon of offence which shall impair their efficiency for practical purposes has not yet been forged, and that the sacred Canon, which it took (perhaps) two thousand years from the accumulations of Moses down to the acceptance of the Apocalypse to construct, is like to wear