

saying, know the Lord, for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord."—Isaiah, xi, 9 ; Jeremiah, XXXI, 34.

"The kingdom of God" upon earth is not something external, so as to be perhaps altogether beyond our reach ; but "the kingdom of God is within you," as declared by Jesus Christ ; and again by the prophet Daniel, "the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." Dan. VII, 18, 27. Therefore those who really desire "the kingdom of God" upon earth, have now but to "come out" of Ecclesiastical Christendom, and thus manifest their earnestness and zeal by practically protesting against the prevailing "lukewarmness" and indifference, in the service of God, for the benefit of man.

Such great truths, as I have here so plainly stated, if faithfully and clearly explained by individual clergy to their respective congregations, would either have the effect of enlightening them in some degree ; or of arousing their opposition. In the latter case these grand truths would be immediately brought to the attention of the world generally ; (for the press could scarcely fail to notice any such serious or active opposition) and the world generally would then have the opportunity to pronounce for, or against, any such grand humanitarian doctrine, or policy, which is here advocated ; and the more the question would be discussed in these days, the more inhumanity and error would be exposed, and condemned ; and the more the truth would triumph, and the more the upholders of the truth would be recognized as the benefactors of their race.

Modern progress is evidence enough that the time has now at last arrived for "the kingdom of God" upon earth, as foretold by the prophet Isaiah, when (in predicting railways) he declares, "every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain ; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together ; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isaiah XL, 4, 5,

Modern railroads, steamships and telegraphs, &c., evidently remove the physical difficulties, which have hitherto been in the way of the predicted universal righteous government of "the kingdom of God" upon earth ; accordingly the Almighty is again represented as declaring at this time, "I will gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come, and see my glory."—Isaiah, LXVI, 18. Modern progress does thus actually, and very effectually, "gather all nations" together into one vast congregation, as it were. The prophet Daniel, speaking of this time, declares also that now "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Dan., XII, 4), which must be admitted to be sufficiently characteristic of our time.

The Great Modern "Babylon" is already "divided into three parts," as predicted (Rev., XIV, 19) ; the larger part being still Catholics, who recognize "the Church" as the supreme authority, in matters of doctrine ;