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MODERN PROGNOSTICATIONS.

THAT great convulsions of nature, signs in the heavens and on the earth, trouble and distress of nations, war, tumult, pestilence, famine, earthquake, tornadoes, tidal waves and troubles from various sources will affect mankind in the latter times to a degree never known in previous ages, is plainly foretold in the Jewish Scriptures, corroborated in the revelations of God contained in the Doctrine and Covenants. All these things will surely be fulfilled, and be noted by the wise as signs of the times and heralds of the glorious change to come in the "end of the world," that is, the overthrow of human governments, the establishment of the kingdom of God, and the advent of Him whose right it is to reign over all the earth.

Forewarnings of these events are given to many who are in a condition to receive, the premonitions and by vision, dream, the manifestations of the spirit of truth, and various methods, the minds of those who are spiritual may be prepared for the events about to take place. But there are many who are asleep in the earth seeking to be deceived, and they have power to lead astray the susceptible who are not guided by the spirit that comes from on high. There are to be "false Christs and false prophets" in the latter days, as well as the true revealers of the Divine will, and "even the very elect" are almost in danger of being led astray unless they hold fast to the keys that have been given to them.

We have noticed that one of the great failures of prognosticators in this and former periods has been in regard to times and seasons. The events foretold may transpire, but fixing the time has led into error. It is seldom that the exact date of a future occurrence is predicted by the inspired servants of the living God. "It is not for you to know the times and the seasons" have been said to many besides the early disciples of the Nazarene. A coming occurrence may be clearly made known and yet it may be truthfully said, "of the day and the hour no man knoweth."

The revelations of God, ancient and modern, abound with references to the judgments to be poured out in the latter days, and they who are influenced by the spirit which portrayed these things to the prophets will be looking for their fulfillment, with an approximate knowledge as to the generation in which they will surely transpire, while others, who have no guide on which to depend, will be deceived by the errors of false prophets and the date-fixing of others.

We are led to these remarks by the numerous prognostications made in different quarters concerning disasters said to be near at hand. Our readers will remember that President Arthur received a communication from a Canadian astronomer, predicting a terrible cyclone in March. As it may be interesting to many, we here insert the prediction given by Professor E. Stone Wiggins, L. L. D.:

MONTANA, Nov. 27, 1882.
To His Excellency, President Arthur, President of the United States, Washington:

May it please Your Excellency:—On the 23d of September last I announced through the Canadian press that a great storm would occur in March next that it would first be felt in the Northern Pacific, would appear in the Gulf of Mexico on the night of the 9th and, being deflected by the Rocky Mountains, would cross this meridian from the west at noon of Sunday, March 11, 1883. No vessel, whatever her dimensions, will be safe out of harbor, and none of small tonnage can hope to survive the tidal wave and fury of this tempest. As the wind blow from the south, the planetary force will be sufficient to submerge the lowlands of the American coast, especially those bordering on the Gulf of Mexico and washed by the Gulf current, and the Atlantic coast, for several hundred miles along the east side of the Rocky Mountain ridge, owing to the great atmospheric pressure in these regions, will be a great universal destruction. The New England States will also suffer severely from the wind and floods. No point outside of harbor in the whole area of the Atlantic, especially north of the equator, will be a place of safety, for this will be pre-eminently the greatest storm that has visited this continent since the days of your illustrious first President.

In view of this event, therefore, I take the liberty of representing to your Excellency the advisability of ordering all United States ships into safe harbors not later than the 5th of March till this storm be passed.

This prediction has caused considerable discussion, and the weather wise have decided that the astronomer has made a big mistake as to the course of wind currents. March is a blustering month, and there may something occur to give support to the Wiggins prophecy. It March passes away without any extraordinary atmospheric disturbance, Wiggins may retire from the prophetic. But that he has some followers who repose confidence in his warning is evident from the annexed, which was published in the New York Herald as an "open letter to the President of the United States."

"May it please your excellency to listen to the voice of wisdom that crieth aloud and uttereth her voice of warning to guard the nation against the impending rain, so scientifically predicted by the great astronomer of Canada. A great planetary storm is being proclaimed. Science, the handmaid and ally of religion, has come to the front and, in unmistakable words, signified the approaching danger. Let not the eyes of discernment turn this ear of understanding be slow of comprehension. The awful devastation has been upon us, in a manner it is impossible to describe, but the wind blows where it listeth; meteors have appeared and vanished; tidal waves have lashed our shores; atmospheric

pressures have been almost beyond endurance, until now, in the nature of a grand culmination will be reached, and the great disturbing forces will hurl destruction broadcast to be repaid at leisure. The great syndicates which have been formed in the land, to control the national interests occasion rumblings as of distant thunder; trial forces glimmer in the forked lightning of the highest order; volcanic readjustments belch forth fire and smoke, still the clouds thicken and the darkness deepens.

In the month of months, in which the furies delight to make one grand onslaught, the nation is to encounter a tempest the like of which has not been since the time of the illustrious Washington and may never be again. From the shores of the Pacific to the Gulf Stream of the South, from the borders of the Atlantic and the land of the Pilgrim Fathers the clouds of strife are gathering; the battle will rock in the center of the continent. Would it not be the part of wisdom to call in the men-of-war and anchor the Ship of State in a harbor of safety, shielded and protected by the strong arm of public confidence? Shall it be said of this people, "And there were voices and thunders and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty and so great. And the great city (Washington) was divided into three (political) parts, and the cities of the nation fell."

REV. A. A. CONSTANTINE,
West Summit, N. J., Dec. 14th, 1882.

This New Jersey effusion drew forth a communication from a New York man, who claims to have had visions, dreams and impressions from "spirit guides," and to have sent letters to President Garfield and Secretary Blaine, before the Guileau tragedy, warning them of trouble. He says:

"As a 'psychometrist' I can sense these things very readily. For the past twenty years I have predicted another civil war for this country. Not only this country, but every nation and people on earth will feel the horrors of war, famine and pestilence, earthquakes, floods and terrible convulsions of nature. The greater part of this will take place during the next three years.

The last king or queen ever to sit upon the throne of England shall now. Soon the only form of government will be the republican for all people.

Mountains will sink, valleys rise, rivers leave their channels. The downrains will be the sign of the overthrow of their oppressors.

"The 'show of promise' is set in the heavens, and when this terrible storm shall be purged the atmosphere, then will dawn the millennium, and the sun of righteousness, with its genial warmth, will soon cause the earth to bloom again with the flowers of God's love."

Respectfully, W. H. DRAKE.

We have yet another prognosticator to introduce; he hails from Cincinnati and writes as follows, that his "fellow mortals may be led to escape these great judgments."

"A great financial panic will sweep like wildfire over the United States some time in 1883, which will plunge all industries, paralyze all business and throw out of employment every man, woman and child in the country.

The working classes will become so desperate that they will rise up like a flood and sweep away both Church and State and all the land with violence.

Satan, in seeking the world like he did Job, will next bring the great whirlwind of Jeremiah, xxv.; 23, which will lay "from one end of the earth to the other, and from the earth to the earth."

Joel, ii., 1-11, contains some dreaded particulars of this destructive whirlwind.

Satan will soon wheel a fleet of seven evil spirits to this land. One will plunge into the sun, producing a great outbreak of solar light and heat. The moon will be as light as the sun and the light of the sun will be increased sevenfold. The other six will affect the rivers, the sea, the earth and the air.

Tremendous snowfalls, hailstorms of enormous size, awful floods and flaming fire will come to complete the dark picture.

There will be great earthquakes in divers places. The air will be in divers places. The air will be in divers places. The air will be in divers places.

The Lord is to form a vast camp around the great pyramid of Egypt, and at the sounding of a great trumpet the angels are to gather his elect from one end of heaven to the other (see Joel, ii.; Isaiah, xlii.; Ezekiel, xlvii.). All who will turn to God with their whole heart and love the appearing of Christ will be supernaturally protected from the time of trouble.

over, that is from the autumn of 1882 to the spring of 1883. After that a new set of events open up which will lead to the consummation of the world.

THE STUDENTS OF DIVINE REVELATION and the observed of the world's condition, history and prospects, it is interesting to note the impressions made upon the minds of mortals by the powers that are unseen, both good and evil, true and deceptive, and to see the frequent mixture of fact and fiction, prophecy and guess-work, old inspired predictions revised and dashed up with a seasoning of sensational prefigurings and unreliable data.

such marvelous exactness, and so minutely true to life, that were I an atheist, I would draw an exact portrait of every actor in that historical epoch. Never, while life shall last, can the memory of the picture be effaced.

In connection with this marvelous history, it was clearly shown that each actor, in the work of religious liberty, was assigned his part in the drama of the world, and so completely was this understood, that none were allowed to interfere, in the least, with the labors of others, for the history of that event clearly manifested, but the labors of Wesley, Watt and others, and their efforts for general religious freedom. While I continued to gaze and marvel at the wondrous work before me, all on a sudden the scene vanished, and a new era, resultant, however, from the forces of the religious agencies before mentioned, burst upon my view. The history of American independence, with the coming, transit, passed before me. The Constitution of the United States was emblazoned upon an immense banner, in letters which could have been read at a great distance. Civil and religious toleration was general throughout the land. Man rejoiced in the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of conscience. Prosperity reigned. Angels smiled. Heaven approved. The fetters of political and religious intolerance, forged by the monarchs of the eastern world, were sundered. Shall it be said forever? Such was my thought. I was full of joy at the sight. Big tears of joy rolled down my cheeks, when, on a sudden, my attention was directed to a personage standing by my bedside, and who was attired in a white and flowing robe, and who, I perceived, was the same personage whom I had seen in the vision of the past. I looked and beheld a scene most revolting to my senses, from the fact that it was the very reverse of the prosperity and religious freedom I had before witnessed. I saw the representatives of one branch of the republic holding in their hands fetters they themselves had forged. The personage, again addressing me, said, "Knowest thou the meaning of these?" I answered "no." 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