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## ANCIENT AND MODERN STRIKES.

The labor strikes which we every now and then call to our attention, are peculiarly supposed to be an acute growth of modern civilization and peculiar to the nineteenth century. But recent developments of ancient history have disclosed us that, that these outbreaks are but repetitions of revolts of labor against oppression and tyrannical masters, stretching many thousands of years ago, and springing from a civilization antedating the uprising and exodus from Egypt and ancient Israel.

Mr. Marples, the famous Egyptologist, has published a work called "Hieratic Readings." The following is from a condensed report given of the translation he made from ancient papyri, relating to occurrences at least three thousand years ago:

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Our attention has been called to another striking proof of the divine inspiration of the Prophet. It is a speech reference to that portion of the revelation which relates to the feasibility of obtaining a grant of land for the erection of a temple, the application of the country to Great Britain for aid, and other details. The verification of his prediction, or as we relate to that particular war, is now a part of the history of the nation."

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Recently while Brother William H. Dugall was in China, he visited the Kaitai Tibetan Museum, in that city. Among the relics exhibited in that institution is an "extra" which was issued by the Chinese Ministry. Brother Dugall made a copy of it, and by his courtesy we are enabled to give it place here:

"CHINESE MINISTRY EXTRA.  
Palace announcement of 1/15 p. m., Dec. 2000, 1890.

"An edictance to dissolve the union between the State of South Carolina and other States joined with her under the aspect entitled 'The Constitution of the United States of America.'

"We the people of the State of South Carolina, in convention assembled, do declare and ordain, and it is hereby enacted,

"That the ordinance adopted by us on the 20th day of May, A. D. 1776, whereby the Constitution of the United States of America was ratified, and also all acts and parts of acts of the General Assembly of this State confirming amendments of the said Constitution are hereby repealed, and that the Colonies now constituting between South Carolina and other States, under the name of 'The United States of America,' be hence dissolved."

It will be observed that not only did the hostility of the civil war come in South Carolina, but the strife began by the actual rebellion of that state, which, by its own popular and official act, severed itself from the national union.

The present aspect of affairs in Europe, as well as relating to this country, causes increased interest in the prophecy referred to, seeing it foretells in which of these wars will end the dominion of the United States of America?"

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Hoffmann's ideas were so-called Chris-

tian socialism, which exist in the world in comparatively little vileness and yet deserve the attention of all who are interested in the observation of the religious currents of our age. The official name of this is "The Temple Association."

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Having been forced into this position, the protestant professed belief. How can the catastrophist conditions of Christianity, with all its attendant social evils, be remedied?" Mr. Hoffmann saw clearly that both Protestantism and Catholicism were powerless. Their resources were exhausted" and could not be replenished. He also saw that the only means of restoration was to be found in the establishment of the Millennium.

He recognized, however, that this was not the work of man. He felt that God alone could accomplish this great work, and he acknowledged that he had received no revelation, no authority to inaugurate a new dispensation. But notwithstanding his proclamations, in a pamphlet entitled, "Value of Prophecy over Biblical and the People of God," the necessity of forming an association with the object of serving the people of God in Palestine and working for the establishment of the temple of Jerusalem. He was thought that when a sufficient number of faithful had been gathered, the Lord would appear and instruct them what to do for the fulfillment of the millennial cause to which they had dedicated.

In 1855 the little sect had gathered

men enough to send three of

them to Palestine to carefully study the country and its possibilities. These misun-

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