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In this volume, Professor Totten appears in a new role, or rather, resumes an old one. For, as the author of "Strategos—The American Kriegspiel" (1880), of "An Important Question in Metrology" (1884), and of the "Facts, Fancies, Legends and Lore of Nativity" (1887), his labors in general literature were well known and recognized with honor long before he took up the special line of Anglo-Saxon History, in its relation to Prophecy and to the Destiny of Our Race.

This later line of work has occupied a series of years, 1880-1897, and from its prolificness (now numbering a library of some nineteen volumes and seventy-two monthly magazines), has led to the impression that his thoughts and pen had relinquished permanently all other lines of operation. It is from a thorough misunderstanding of his object in these later works, and of their tremendous results, that the Press and nominal Pulpit of our day has impressed upon the Public an unjustified antagonism to all of his later efforts to be heard, and consequently, those who are familiar with the entire library he has issued, will welcome the present volume both for its thoroughness, and for its opportune appearance. It is written in a popular and patriotic vein, and, as usual with the Professor's work, explores and opens up a field not previously occupied by others.

It was at Lieutenant Totten's suggestion, that in 1882, the Government struck off the Centennial "Great Seal Medal of the United States." Ever since that event, which made him "an authority" in the premises, the Professor has been collecting data and illustrations, and elaborating a comprehensive history of this important instrument. This is the work now at last issued. It is copiously illustrated, brimful of new facts, and probably clears up all of the mooted points related to the Seal. It brings, moreover, no end of "new matter" before the public, and discloses the features of what is undoubtedly one of the most wonderful and significant pieces of *Armorie* possessed among the nations. It is the compendium of American Heraldry.

Next to the Flag, the Great Seal is the source and final appeal of National Symbolology in our land. Republican ideas to the contrary notwithstanding, the fathers of this nation went directly to the Science of Symbols for ideas wherewith to emblazon an ideal, and Professor Totten's work fully demonstrates that they wrought more wisely than they knew. The

issue of this volume marks the first attempt to set its various and interesting chapters in consecutive and complete array. The work is a standard one, and will certainly be appreciated by all classes of patriotic Americans. It is loaded with rare illustrations, and is a thoroughly accomplished undertaking in every sense of the word.

Most all of our citizens are quite as familiar with the Arms and Crest of the United States as they are with the Stars and Stripes that form its heraldic companion, but few are aware of their deep significance and mysterious origin. The designs that appear upon the Obverse face of the Great Seal comprise these Arms and Crest, and this volume is the interesting story of their origin and evolution.

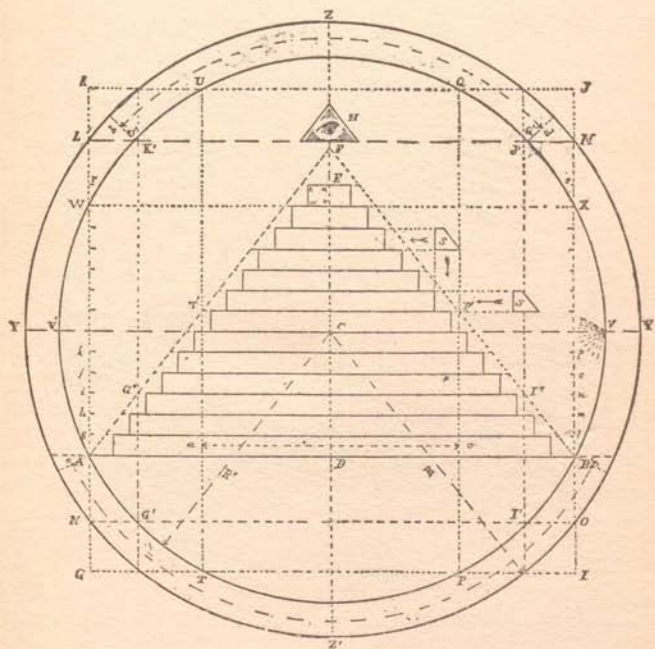
But probably not one in one hundred, even of Americans, are aware that this august instrument also possesses a Reverse face. This latter is a masterpiece of harmonious symbology. It is occult and mysterious. It demands explanation. It is in this very connection that Professor Totten's long schooling along just the lines required, equips him with the material to accomplish the work thoroughly and well. Were his name left out of the authorship, it might not even appear who the writer could be—but its interest is heightened by the fact that its perusal, in the full knowledge of its authorship, may perchance set this writer more at his merits in the eyes of his own countrymen. At any rate, the History and Heraldry of the Seal of the United States is now written, and is dedicated to the Sons of the Revolution that started the Anglo-Saxon race along the home stretch of the course whose prize is the Olive-branch of perpetual peace.

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## PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN.\*

The following Prayer for the Queen of Ephraim, or others similar thereto, based upon that for the President of Manasseh, will be used pretty generally by Episcopalians throughout the United States, on June 20, 1897. Of course they belong to the Anglican Church, but so do the great body of dissenting Protestants belong to the Holy Place of the same great Israelitish temple, whether it be by them taken as literal or spiritual, and in all of them we doubt not the same spirit will move appropriately.

"O, Almighty and Everlasting God, King of kings, Lord of lords, we praise Thy Name for the memorable years of the reign of thy servant, Victoria, the good and ever faithful Queen of Great Britain.

"Keep her, we beseech thee, under the protection of Thy good providence. Sustain her in the cares of her great office. Grant her health, prosperity, and long life, to lead her nation in the way of righteousness.

"May all things be so ordered and settled by her endeavors upon the best and surest foundation, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established in Great Britain for all generations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Almighty God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, pour Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon the people of the two great countries of common race, tongue, and faith, Great Britain and the United States.

"Bind them together, we pray Thee, with cords of mutual respect, justice, and charity. Sustain their institutions, nourish their arts and letters. Inspire their Churches, lead their statesmen, and guide their people in the way of righteousness and peace.

"May the two nations vie with one another in striving to do Thy will and in working mightily for thy righteousness, that so among all the nations of the earth Thy kingdom may come and Thy name be glorified.

"Grant this, we beseech Thee, in the name of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

\*"Acting for the Bishop of the diocese in his absence, and at the request of the Standing Committee, I hereby authorize the following collects to be said in the churches on the first Sunday after Trinity, the 20th day of June."  
These are the prayers set forth by Bishop Capers, and although their use is in no wise obligatory, it is expected that the rectors in all of the parishes in the diocese will gladly incorporate them into the services on the day named.

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C. A. L. TOTTEN,  
EDITOR.

## A CARD.

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THE OUR RACE NEWS LEAFLET aims to be an Independent, all-round Searcher after and Publisher of the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth. We are beholden to no sect or party, and doubt not that you may cull some valuable facts therein.

We greatly need more regular subscribers to this little monthly. If we can bring our constituency up to even a single thousand we shall be able to give better service and increase its volume. "Many mickels make a muckel," so help us with yours and perchance we shall be able to help you with ours.

C. A. L. TOTTEN.

# THE OUTLOOK.

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## THE END OF THE AGE.

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The issue of this Leaflet has been unavoidably delayed. We can do but one thing at a time, and the most important matter at this juncture has been to press Study Number Nineteen to completion. As most of our constituents are upon both lists, and the majority of the scattering subscribers are waiting for the Study rather than the Leaflet, we trust that our selection will be approved, and are confident that it was well made.



There are moments here when the exigencies of so vast and varied an undertaking as ours become well nigh discouraging. The constituency is too small, and the expense of realizing the ends in view in the best manner are relatively so great that we cannot employ even a messenger boy as an assistant—we do this whole work with our own hands.\* It will be readily understood, therefore, that when we plead overwork as a cause of delay in any particular matter, that we are referring to facts. A few *recent* subscribers to the News Leaflet only, have complained. They do not appear to have read

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\* Except, of course, composition and printing,

any of the *Studies* nor to be in touch *at all* with the real *spirit* of this work. They have our sympathy, and our assurance also that we are in process of consummating our small contract with them. In the meantime we suggest that they fill up their waiting moments by purchasing the *Studies*. They are by far the most important works we are engaged upon, and we are frank to state that it is our own conviction that they contain more of what may be termed *radical* "present truth" than is to be found in any other current volumes that are within their reach.

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We are too well fortified in this position by our own knowledge and by thousands of written testimonials to feel any hesitancy whatsoever in stating this plainly, and we conjure those who are dissatisfied with the slow evolution of work upon new and current matters, and who have neglected to *post* themselves upon what is contained in the *back* numbers, to fill up their library and get down to *real* work. They will find the matter (even in Study No. 1) new enough to cover all their present needs and it will be new to most of our contemporaries for many days yet. As for our recent subscribers, let it be stated at once that:

We will meet them half way, their subscription to either of the current publications makes us their friends whether they understand us or not, and if they will only send us a list of what back numbers they actually have and own for reference of the OUR RACE Series and Leaflets on their shelves and a remittance, no matter how modest, we will forward a *generous* equivalent for it, out of our back stock, and afford them material wherewith not only to fill up these unfortunate delays, but to fill up their knowledge with solid facts established upon accompanying *proof*.

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Now we are very earnest in this matter, for the dissatisfaction of a solitary reader of our works is more of a concern to us than the body of enthusiasm that we receive and share from all the rest who need no special explanations. We and these latter know to whom we owe whatsoever is valuable in these teachings. Surely not to the writer any more than to their own gratuities, but to God who has put it in our way to see some matters with *progressive* clearness, and in theirs to assist their publication.

It must be understood that our line of work is *unique*. Its foundations are all published, and its fruits are quietly *ripening*. To be posted upon any one of the main contentions we have advanced in these works, and to be conscious of the possession of the proof thereof, with Scriptural and Historical references cited *in loco*, is worth more to us than all we have freely put into the matter,

and as we are assured by hundreds, is worth more to them than what they have so freely added to the sacrifice.

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Take for instance the 62 week Avocation and the one year Ministry of the Saviour. This has been established in this Series of Studies beyond all peradventure. It is the very groundwork of solid Biblical vindication. Its original exploitation will be found *no where else*, unless it has been borrowed without credit from our pages. We have planted the OUR RACE Ensign upon this new continent, and maintain that it is the most significant discovery of the Victorian Age.

Again, the Anglo-Israelite truths are set forth in the pages of the back numbers of our Studies and Leaflets as *no where else*—because they are set forth therein consecutively, minutely, and upon a rectified *system* of astronomy, chronology and history not attempted elsewhere. [This is not at all to the discredit of such of our contemporaries as do work on the basis of fact and do not feel called on to set forth proof. Our task is that of establishment, theirs of promulgation and may God go with all their issues.]

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We have not bushwhacked in these premises with a shotgun, but have searched the horizon as with the rifle of a sharp-shooter; we have not worked upon the basis of acceptance merely, but have labored to establish the premises of our conclusions at every step and at any expense.

Of course it is all hard reading—unless one is in *dead earnest*, and as tired of soft reading as we are—but then how great the satisfaction of positive knowledge accompanied with reliable proof, with citations of authority, and harmoniously summed up. This labor of ours (we do not now speak in the "editorial person," but mean of yours and ours) has not failed. It has had and is going to have a hard battle—that is all; a battle against every class that poses as an educator in these perilous times. The Pulpit hugs to its *traditions*, the Press to its *innovations*, and the people to their *inertia*; the branches of the divided house pursue the squabble among themselves over useless\* dogmas, and the daily Press reports nothing without *coloring* it with its own editorial policy; the People, meantime, blunder on between their own confusion and the warring factions that increase it.

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Is not all this a "madding crowd" to escape from which is worth

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\* Because founded upon a host of errors forced into a "harmony" that is delusive.

the study of a life? As for ourselves we had rather have the scarlet strand of truth in our grasp after honest investigation, and be willing to pursue it through error thick and thin, than sit at the feet of any of the made up Gamaliels of the modern age without daring to ask questions and to demand satisfactory proof.

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But enough of all this: we ask about sixty of our five hundred subscribers to put themselves in our place, and ourselves in theirs, and then pass judgment. Were we in their place we would *fill up* these delays by *BUYING* back numbers and posting ourselves upon the topics discussed. Were they in ours they could not do much better under the circumstances and we believe that they would either stop work altogether or double discount our own methods. It is much easier to *judge* and to *criticise* in a rocking-chair than to practise and moil perpetually at the front under constant fire from real and declared enemies, and we could wish no worse experience for the few who suggest entirely too much, and do nothing but demand their money's worth, than that they had half the burden and quadruple the reward—so that we might take a turn at the desultory task of exercising patience.

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During the past week of years we have had frequent occasion to maintain that times were *not* growing better, and to reiterate our opinion that they *would* not and *could* not improve under existing circumstances. And not only have all things borne us out, but (in spite of the played out whistles of partisan editors who seek to drown their own fears and those of others by optimistic tunes) numerous witnesses in high places are now adding their own warnings to the evidence in hand. The late presidential candidate, Mr. Bryan, with his large following of discontents—nearly half the voting strength of this land (!)—are of course upon our side of this question, although they attribute the situation to a very different cause. President McKinley's recent appeal to his own party "to keep stout hearts and steady heads" is a negative admission of the very facts contended for, and Mr. John Wanamaker's open avowal (May 5) that "the country is not prosperous," is a bit of positive evidence that is more to the point.

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But who needs this high class evidence as to a fact so patent? Times are well known to be hard every where, and with every one save where some fortunate venture is satisfying a very present need. If Tariff uncertainty is the cause of discontent we are in a bad way



to realize the promised return of prosperity, for the government is losing some \$3,000,000 per week "for revenue only" by the delay, while in trying to please every body in the schedule it is likely that but few will be satisfied. Prosperity was promised in November; it is not in sight in June. If the delay in remonetizing Silver is the real secret of hard times (which we deem to be ridiculous) we are in a much worse way, for here that question is practically shelved for the rest of the century, while abroad and since our election Japan and the South American Republics are hastening to save themselves from financial ruin by a resort to the Single (Gold) Standard. What might perhaps (?) have been attempted yesterday will be far more difficult to-morrow in the face of a whole world settled upon Gold for international purposes.



The fact is neither of these elements is at the *bottom* of the matter, but an utterly godless mood is rampant among the masses. Law has lost its dignity, morality its tone, the church its hold. It is *fin de siècle* degeneracy that has settled on us like a pall, and it is our own fault, for we have insufficient religious surplus as a people to carry us safely over the trying times that are at hand. "Of Israel" though we be we have dwelt carelessly, and will be punished in measure with the rest.

These be the days of judgment, the critical ones, with worse coming. We do not believe the punishment will be lightened anywhere until it brings about a radical *reform*. As for England and America we opine that they will be shown the magnitude of their own national sins and be forced to turn unto the Lord, and recognize Him as their own and only (their literal) Saviour, whether other nations do or not, and what is going on is to our mind a means towards bringing us in particular to a state of humble recognition of our origin and destiny.

Modern society needs a thorough renovation: its politics is full of *fraud*, its pulpit full of *bigotry*, its press full of *oppression*, and its parlors full of *sin* and *selfishness*. Never in the records of our country was crime of heinous species so prevalent as now; it would waste space to enumerate, to scan the headlines of a daily paper is sufficient proof. Never was it so difficult for truth to find a fair publication. Our own readers know this as well as we, and we as a class know it better than any other class upon the earth.



Now these facts should act as encouragements to us in spite of all this gloom. They are positive proofs of the general accuracy of our position, and to the degree that they are rejected by our neighbors are they true in particular. Hence our own responsibility to press on and complete this undertaking. Had this cause with its multi-

furious golden details been accepted right and left, how could its own premises have been fulfilled? When was truth ever caught up at sight and built into the edifice of a nation's life?

But it is sad to feel ourselves so much alone among our Advent brethren. For "Israel" they have little use, for Jerusalem still less, for Chronology none save as vaporized into some theoretical disquisition on "the King of the North." As to a literal continuation of *human* life beyond the Restoration and Establishment of Daniel's People as the Fifth Empire, they are mostly all at sea. It is utterly beyond our wisdom to divine a way to direct their attention to the facts that are so patent to us. Their editors eshew our topics as they would the themes of Mr. Ingersoll. It is a strange situation all around, and were it not a solemn one it would be an amusing one. It is a serious one for them, for as they have chosen *scorn* as a weapon they will find it in their measure meted back with solid interest tomorrow. They will never enter the kingdom they delight so to proclaim until they have given more evidence of liberality in their search for truth than hitherto their leaders have evinced. Seven-eighths of the Old Testament is a dead letter to them, and nine-tenths of the New—their quarrel from camp to camp is about a dogma or so that in the face of this bulk of Truth are of small consequence. God will take care of his children (those whose *hearts* are his) whether they are right or wrong as to mere *dogmas*, but will never have respect to such as preach but one thing and investigate nothing else:—*i. e.* who can give no reasons for their faith that are not *one-sided*.

## 1260 YEARS AGO TO-DAY.\*

### THE TURKS CONQUERED JERUSALEM—PROF. TOTTEN'S COMMENT.

To the Editor of the *Register*, Sir:

Seven years ago to-day (to wit on March 20, 1890) I began my present work by the publication of my first book in vindication of the Bible "as written and for the purpose written." In that time I have issued seventeen volumes and about sixty-eight monthly News Leaflets, along lines that focus upon the English-speaking race as the literal, lineal and blood descendant of the ten lost tribes of Israel, in contradistinction to Judah or the Jews, who were never lost, nor divorced from the old Mosaic Law. The work led me into a deep study of history, and into a scientific recalculation of a rigid chronology that should be agreeable to astronomy. These works have fallen as still-born upon the Christian world as if they had been printed in China. The theologians have been too much occupied with undermining faith in the Bible even to examine aught that took up its defense along the old-fashioned lines, and the historians and scientific world have presumed to condemn my work unread or else to ignore it altogether.

At this date, therefore, we stand at the end of the first seven years of this battle for "the faith once for all delivered to the saints," and it is a remarkable date in every way.

Seven "times" (or, periods of 360 years each) ago, or 2,520 years ago, to wit, in the Spring of 623 B.C., Nabopolassar began the Babylonian empire, which was the head of gold to Nebuchadnezzar's image of Gentile rule. In the first half of that period, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome successively occupied the holy places of our race, and when that period was up, to wit, 637 A.D., the Turk came into possession of Jerusalem, Spring equinox of 637 A.D., probably on March 20th. It is now 1,260 years since that date, and what do we see? Enough to awaken some interest in prophecy.

To-day the Powers are closing in about Crete (March 20, 1897). To-day comes the report of a compact between Russia and Turkey, and it is my firm belief that we are at the initial date of the long-predicted beginning of the end.

\* From the *New Haven Register*, Saturday, March 20, 1897.

The Saviour states plainly that Jerusalem was to be "trodden under foot until the times of the Gentiles are over," and if they began with Babylon, and were to run  $7 \times 360$  years, equal to 2,520 years, and have been bisected so remarkably, then I am justified in my faith that we stand at the edge of a seven-year era, destined to be full of stirring events all in the line of the fulfillment of the Bible as written—the higher critic to the contrary notwithstanding. I now look for things to follow thick and fast, for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, or for about 1,260 days, and then bisect, and to continue  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years longer in turmoil. Edom (or the Turk) is the end of the age, but Jacob (Israel) is the beginning of that which followeth after. The Eastern Question is the "Controversy of Zion" and from now on we shall see movements in the East that look towards the ultimate restoration of Israel to her place. These are not "predictions," but are fully justified interpretations of prophecy. I am not original in this work save in the sense of having used sharper tools than some of my predecessors. And finally to justify myself let me say I do not believe in the end of the world (and never have) as imminent; but that the end of the (Gentile) age is at hand, and likewise I am confident that the most remarkable incident to be expected in its proper place in this sequence of events is the second advent of the King of Israel to assume the literal Sceptre of David and set up a rule on earth in which the poor man will rejoice. All these things are now at hand in their order, and by the close of this century I am satisfied there will be few left who are not speechless with similar convictions.—C. A. L. TOTTEN.

## "THE CONTROVERSY OF ZION."\*

INTERVIEW WITH LIEUT. TOTTEN ON THE  
EASTERN SITUATION.—CHRISTEN-  
DOM'S ELASTIC LIMIT.

BELIEVES THE WORLD IS "AT THE TIME OF THE END."—DANIEL AS A PROPHET.—PALESTINE THE STRATEGIC KEY TO THE SITUATION.—COMING WAR TO DRIVE THE TURK FROM THE LAND—RESTORATION OF THE JEWS.—THE SECOND ADVENT OF JESUS CHRIST, AND THE MILLENNIUM.

Lieut. C. A. L. Totten, so well known throughout Christendom because of his books and writings on Holy Scripture was

[\* From the Bridgeport *Farmer*, Wednesday, March 24, 1879.]

in town yesterday making some social calls. \* \* \*  
 To the question: "What do you think of Crete?" Lieut. Totten replied: "\* \* \* The Eastern question is nothing but the 'controversy of Zion,' as the Scriptures put it, and what we are at is 'at the time of the end.' \* \* \*

"Briefly, I believe that we are at the elastic limit of Christendom; that the sentiment of civilization demands an immediate solution of the Eastern question, and that no matter what the powers aim at preventing, there will soon begin a sequence of events, with Turkey as a focus, that will blot her off the map.

"It ought to be well known to Christians that the Saviour said 'Jerusalem shall be trodden under foot until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.' It also should be known to Bible students that Daniel measures the times of the Gentiles by an image that was 1260 inches high, and that stood upon a pedestal that was of equal height, *i. e.*, 2,520 inches over all. Now 2,520 inches are 7 times 360 inches or an inch for every day that Nebuchadnezzar was insane. That king was a mere type of what Daniel foresaw at the scale of a year to a day: and Nebuchadnezzar set it all up in his image of gold at a scale of an inch to a year. The point is this: Babylon's sway over Jerusalem lasted about 90 years; that of Persia about 201; that of Greece about 303; and Rome's 666 years, or 1,260 years in all, which brings us down to 637 A. D., at which time the Caliph Omar captured the city. Now that was 1260 years ago, for 637+1260=1897 A. D. It is absolutely time then for us to expect the treading down of Jerusalem to cease, Daniel to be vindicated, and the Saviour's words to be proven. The higher critic, who doubts Daniel's credentials as a prophet, is about to have an object lesson that will overturn all of his sophistries.

"That which is coming is called in the prophecies 'the controversy of Zion;' if of this one wishes to gain a closer insight and a concise prediction of what shall be the trend and manner and issue out of these events (which are still in the future, but I vouch are near at hand), let him read the foremost political chapters in the Bible, Ezekiel xxxvi. to xxxix. inclusive. Strangely enough, I think providentially, for God rules over everything, they have been left out of the lessons read in the Greek, Anglican and Jewish churches; thus they have been hidden where but few find them—the searchers—for but few in these days heed the Prophets.

"These chapters are the proclamation unto Israel returning homeward, and the clarion notes of God's defiance unto 'Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Rosh Meshech and Tubal,' which is Russia. They speak in no uncertain tones to Anglo-Saxons, and also to those who, never turning back since

the days of Peter the Great, have moved steadily on towards the promised land as if it were to them the promises pertained.

"They tell us that the Russian hosts and those of the horde of nations that will follow her will reach that Land, but only to find an everlasting grave, just as Senacherib did even in the valley of the Strangers. General Upton in his 'Armies of Asia and Europe,' plainly stated his conviction that the final battle-field of the Eastern question bade fair to be the famous plains of Esdraelon. He used to be the Colonel of my regiment. I have talked dozens of times with him on this topic, and he was surprised when I verified his judgment by pointing out the interpretation of these chapters of Ezekiel.

"Skobelev, Russia's famous White Chieftain long ago foresaw that the solution of the Eastern question was Jerusalem. He hid it under the word 'Constantinople,' but he knew that the Cossack bow and arrow held at Mount Ararat and drawn back tight to Orenburg, rested at its tips at Odessa and Merv, but the arrow pointed straight at the holy places of Israel. Now when the Russian lets go of this arrow, Constantinople and India will feel the strain, but the loosened arrow will move down the valley of the Euphrates right through Armenia and on to Jerusalem.

"The Czar and the Greek Church have always aimed at getting possession of that country. Palestine means more to them than Rome does to another large section of Christianity. They have aimed for centuries at solving the Eastern question by getting possession of the center of the web. Even Napoleon a century ago got the drift of this Russian policy, and published it in the will of Peter the Great, that famous document which so many considered a forgery, and may have been so, but is Napoleonic any way. Napoleon believed that once in so often, Europe had to be refreshed by a horde out of the northern parts.

"Russia holds the roof of the world; the meridian of her civilization runs along the arrow I have just depicted, and when Russia breaks out this final time, all thinking minds have expected it to be along this meridian; that is, down through the Caucasus into the Euphrates and to Jerusalem.

"If Russia obtained possession of Palestine, the Eastern and Western questions of the old world would be settled. She would cut England off from India, and dominate European politics from Constantinople. It is the strategic key of the whole military situation.

"It makes no difference to me in this solution (for it is not an original one, but the diplomatic one, for Derby and Disraeli also thought upon these lines) how these things are brought about. Greece may begin the struggle, Turkey or Russia may

start it, but it will round up as written in the Scriptures, and the best way for any one to post himself is to read those several chapters of Ezekiel that I have referred to above: not forgetting that Daniel blocked the whole matter out in his second and seventh chapters, and that the Saviour limits Gentile rule with the domination of Jerusalem.

"This coming war will drive the Turk out of the city and the land. The next inevitable step will be the restoration of the Jews to that country, and the great event towards which the whole matter rushes is the second advent of Jesus Christ to restore the kingdom to Israel, and start the Millennial rule. There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind as to the general correctness of this solution."

## PROPHECY IS FULFILLING.\*

### PROF. TOTTEN POINTS OUT SOME CHRONOLOGICAL PUNCTUATIONS.

It is more than strange, and it is quite as much of a pity as 'tis passing strange, that the Press and Pulpit of a land so Protestant as ours, and therefore one that is presumed to be at least familiar with Prophecy, are none the less completely blind as to its fulfillments. All this is the more remarkable when it is well known that time and again, their attention has been directly called to what is now taking place abroad in its relation to the Eastern Question so called—but which is in reality the controversy of Zion. Some weeks ago, as not even the coincidence seemed to attract the attention of others, I pointed out the significance of the date March 21st, selected by the Powers for the blockading of Canea. This is the vernal equinox, one of the four great punctuations of the Solar year. At that time it was shown that 1260 years before or at the vernal equinox of 637 A. D., the Mohammedans captured Jerusalem, exactly bisecting the 2,520 years that extend back to 623 B. C., which was the date of Babylon's rise as the Head of Gold. Now it is explicitly predicted by the Prophet Daniel that the times of the Gentiles were to be seven "times" of 360 years each or 2520 years in all, and to have seen the Eastern Question so wonderfully punctuated as it has been in the past, is certainly a warrant for the faithful to expect the consummation to be on time in all of its phases.

\* From the *New Haven Register*, Monday April 19th,

We all know how the declaration of war in the East has dragged, since March 21st, and it has been a matter of surprise on all sides that this has been the case. At last, however, comes the news, "April 17—The Porte recognizes the state of war," and April 17-18—The first great battle of the war lasts thirty hours. Now, what I desire to call to mind is this—these dates are the Passover-Easter dates. April 17 was "Preparation Day," and April 18 was not only the Passover Feast day of this current year, and so kept by the Jews all over the world, but is the Christian Easter-Day of the Western church, as well. Now, I wish to emphasize this, and to state my belief that these tremendous chronological punctuations will continue. The Greek Church has its Easter at a different date; watch it, and watch June 22d, which is Summer Solstice, and September 23d, which is Autumnal Equinox. These dates and their cognates cannot pass this year without, for some cause or other, the attention of the world being called to them. I do not say this as a prophet, but as a believer in the prophets. I believe that the time of the Turk is drawing to a close. "Jerusalem shall be trodden under foot until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." The Turk will have been in the city 1260 years this year, the exact circumstances of his first year of occupation are not known. It is said the city fell in the Spring, but it was not occupied until the Fall. When Sophronius, the Greek patriarch, met the Caliph Omar and showed him the site of Solomon's Temple, and heard him order a mosque to be built there, he exclaimed beneath his breath, "The abomination of desolation stands in the holy place." That was 1,260 years ago—and behold a sign: "The eagles are gathered together," query, where is the carcass?

Once more, then, I maintain that these be tremendous days, and that prophecy is fulfilling to the instant all about us, and that the "end of the age" is nearer now than ever, and surer than ever, because begun.

"This generation shall not pass away until all be fulfilled." We know this because we are told "when these things begin to come to pass" the closing drama of the Gentile times is on the stage and will be played out to the finish. I am firmly convinced that the Eastern Question solved will find Palestine restored to the Jews under the protectorate of the whole Anglo-Saxon world, which is Israel.—C. A. L. TOTTEN.



## COMMENTS.

The object to be gained in re-printing these local-press Letters and Interviews is not only to furnish our own correspondents with the facts themselves, but to set matters straight elsewhere in relation to the comments they seem to have excited; for the articles in question have been completely ignored, while the ill-digested comments upon them have been so garbled by the Associated Press and Editorial systems of modern journalism, that some notice thereof is now necessary.

The newspaper methods of this generation always defraud the people of whatsoever facts are at issue, and do little more than color misreported things with the prejudiced tinctures of their own snap judgments, so that no one among their constituents can be sure that even the so-called "news" is correct at first reports upon any topic whatsoever, let alone the placing of any dependence upon the soundness of such editors as consider it smart to condemn a matter according to their own ignorance and bile without submitting to the public jury the evidence and witnesses against the invidiated victim. There seems to be no conscience (unless one "seared with a red hot iron") in the average misnamed newspaper. Its editorial columns criticise and condemn what its quasi news columns as a rule never state fully and correctly. In the meantime its advertising columns will often be found to be in debt to the matter under moral stricture! Even in common local politics the only safety for such as do not intend to be bamboozled out of their votes by papers devoted to either side, is to take and read those of both sides, adhere to neither, be independent of all party affiliations whatsoever and let everything that savors of machinery go to political perdition.

There is no man on earth who has a better founded right whereon to make such strictures than we have, who for now more than seven years have been deliberately lied about and held up to unearned ridicule in almost every quarter of our own country by men in the press, pulpit and public, who we are satisfied have never examined fairly a solitary volume of our published works, and who are perhaps as guilty of ignorance that such things as these volumes exist as they are of what the principles of a decent form of professionalism is or ought to be even among thieves.

As a rule our critics have merely taken their cue from each other in the general scramble to "down" any one who clings to a faith for which their own ancestors died, and to a systematic Biblical and Historical vindication that was actually honored by both of the Newtons, by all the fathers of the church, by a system that is Protestant and by one that has always been Catholic in the proper sense. We doubt if they could tell who the two Newtons were.

As a matter of fact we are predicting nothing, but are merely endeavoring to follow (test) the predictions of the accredited Prophets upon lines that have always been regarded as strictly orthodox, and

than which we believe (with all other well-informed students of prophecy) none others to be more so. The only advantage over our predecessors for which we contend is the possession of more accurate premises whereon to base a judgment, and therefore it is not our method that should be condemned, unless it is contended that all antiquity was daft, but our rectified premises that should be overturned. But to these the very scholars of the day are unwilling to grant even a re-hearing, and perconsequence the necessarily un-scholared retailers of prejudiced opposition have no other recourse than to their own ignorance whereon to couch a hastily formed opinion. As a result the truth has little or no chance to be heard upon any topic that the so-called learned fear.

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America became free by resisting the principle of "Taxation without representation," but from lack of vigilance in the premises and through a tyranny worse than that from which our ancestors rebelled, we and all other later seekers after truth are curtailed in all our rights. Who, for instance, would not rather pay a heavy tax for solid truth than have the vender of all manner of untruth licensed to do all the ill he can?

Adulteration dominates the cut-throat methods of our day, pervades all the departments of modern civilization from pulpit to press, (not so much of a gulf between them after all) and, between fraud upon each side of the street, the simple-minded people cannot fail to fall. (We speak of things in general—widely known—*exceptions* are self conscious and known to their neighbors. We vouch for many.)

In no branch of exchange is this so boldly and unscrupulously exploited as in the modern and so-called "new journalism," and it is but lately that the public sentiment has been directed against its cruder phases by papers which apparently have only lacked opportunity to magnify the same propensity. We bespeak a loftier *morale* throughout the land. The *New York World* and *Journal* have of late been pointed out as merely intensified examples of what is thus opprobrious, the spirit of the evil is universal and public sentiment should reform it.

As an active member therefore of the Press Club of my own locality, as one in good standing and fellowship with all of my confreres here, and as one who is by none of them misunderstood or underrated, as a writer who has never been adversely criticised by this particular local press, that alone is in a positively assured position for getting at the facts and at least familiarizing itself with the solid texture of my work and its single-hearted aim, its certainly expensive and voluminous results, I protest (whether the terms be regarded as respectful or not) against such treatment as I have obtained from outside journalists.

It is more unfair to the public than to me and were I the only one injured I should continue to scorn the infliction I have suffered for a week of years; but it is my neighbor who is really defrauded and

mised, and it is time to ask for some justice unto him, at least from journals outside of New Haven. In the course of my studies I have issued some eighteen volumes of closely harmonized Biblical hermeneutics. Probably as many hundred copies of these works have been sent to the Press for review. The solid notices I have received, or the reviews that have been sent back courteously as marked copies, even to my publishers, can be counted upon the fingers of the writer.

Even my own clippers cannot obtain them, for either the literary departments of these journals have not the ability to review my data and argument, or else, (the which is more unfair) they will not do so. In the meantime, the advertising bureaus of these same papers and magazines are constantly dunning us for advertisements of the very works that they neglect to notice. It almost seems as if the claims of some who have been more sorely pinched than we, are based upon the truth, to wit: that one department damns you with faint praise and the other duns you with adulated suggestions until you pay your dollar a word for editorial ozone, for it is manifest that the notice taken of literary work in editorial reviews increases with the square inches of advertisement paid for.

The fact is the people are not allowed to know that our own labors are by no means confined to the few occasional newspaper articles that the papers thus garble and hold up to undemonstrated ridicule. As few of them notice my works, it is unknown therefore that they comprise (not to enumerate them all) the entire History of Israel, and of its literal successor the Anglo-Saxon Race; comprehend separate histories of Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome; the itemized Life of the Saviour, the History of the First Christian Century, and such an extension of the Ptolemaic Canon, as makes it invaluable to the student and brings it down to date.

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It is almost with hopelessness, therefore, of justice at the hand of my own generation, that the new Study upon which I have been laboring since 1882 is now cast forth upon the waters of criticism. I am liable to have some editor assassinate this recent "History of the Great Seal" with a remark that "As the Alaskan herd is expected to peter-out by the end of the Nineteenth Century, Professor Totten should be sent to the Pribylov Islands to interview the only Great Seal in the country, and to take its dying statements"; for it was in exactly this spirit that the editor of the Charleston, (S. C.) *Journal* consigned my "History of the First Christian Century" to the waste paper baskets of its constituency, to wit: with a remark born of non-investigation and to the effect that "We have received the 16th volume of Professor Totten's *prophecies*. Those desiring to know the times and the seasons which the Father has reserved in his own keeping, can obtain the same from the Our Race Publishing Company, New Haven, Conn."

Now we brand such treatment as literary assassination. Such out-

rageous condemnation of literary work (that has sacrificed more at the start than such editors will ever make at standard first-class journalism, and that since then has expended thirty or forty thousand dollars in publishing a library that has already opened up more unexplored literary country than any other library upon the Christian shelves) is not only phenomenal but a sign of these degenerate times. There is a time to speak, and a time to hold one's peace, and the next generation will admit that the way the self-styled "Liberal Journalism" of this one has tried to asphyxiate my own honest even if unsuccessful labors, is without a parallel in literature. Those who are guilty of such unprofessional littleness have my compliments net, and my defiance. We can wait, for when the final inventory is taken, their own labors will be found to have been stamped obsolete and unsaleable as soon as each daily edition has been thrown into the melting pot, while as for ourselves, we have always had the satisfaction of knowing that none of our back numbers show any signs of becoming obsolete.

This shoe will fit those who put it on and will be put by the public on to those whom it fits. There are exceptions to whom we owe a considerable degree of fair treatment; unfortunately they are about as scarce as "hens' teeth," but they do obtain.

The religious press is as scurrilously mean in these premises as the secular; indeed, somewhat more so, for the latter has naturally taken the cue from those who are supposed to be "skilled in the art," and as the religious press does not state my contentions at all, but ignores them, the secular press naturally takes it for granted that I am writing in the vocative.

By employing a professional clipper, I have kept close touch with the pulse of all this incidental adverse criticism, or positive oversight and misrepresentation, and have been able to trace the trail of wickedly worded squibs across the continent, as they have been copied from journal to journal, or telegraphed to all at once with no more respect for the honor of true journalism than the average partisan newspaper pays to the truth in politics. For instance, among many other papers the *Times* (Troy, N. Y., Mar. 23rd,) said: "Even Mr. Totten has made quite a number of them (predictions) changing his dates when the expected failed to come to pass," which I have traced, by literal repetitions, from away down in Greenwood, Miss., (*Weekly Flag* of April 9th) to as far North in the *Register* of Benton Harbor, Mich., of the very same date—word for word. It would have been useless to chase this falsehood, nor would anything have been gained by challenging the proof. We have predicted nothing and changed none of our general judgment as to what is now taking place, although we reserve the right to do so as long as we preserve our honesty and are capable of changing our minds with new light. In the meantime, these judgments have stood since 1889 upon broad principles, and will need no essential alteration until after 1923. More than 90% of our work has been purely historical. Its range is around

the past, and 75% of it does not come down beyond the year 100 A. D. As a fact we have been endeavoring chiefly to fix the premises of prophecy, and our judgments are better founded upon these harmonized premises than those of such as will not even examine a harmony on its merits.

Again the quoted articles themselves (pages 89 to 94) give exactly what we *did* say, and it is safe to believe that none of these ubiquitous commentators based any of their strictures upon the facts as stated, but rather upon some condensed squibs, which got on to the wires through a series of third-rate circumstances, and which from the general knowledge of the methods of transmission possessed by all newspaper men, should have been secure from any editorial comment whatsoever, or else should have been admitted only into the columns of reports for what they were worth.

For instance, apparently upon the strength of these letters, which however we must presume they never read, and actually on the strength of a set up press despatch which they rarely question, a prominent New York paper started a small personal to the effect that, "Professor Totten *claimed* that he *predicted* the present Greco-Turkish war some time ago from data in the Bible, etc., etc." This ridiculous falsehood was quoted, among other newspapers, in Rome, N. Y. (*Sentinel*) and in Baltimore, Md. (*American*) on March 23rd, and reached Salt Lake City, Utah (*Tribune*) by April 27th, and was rounded up at Portland, Oregon (*Oregonian*) by April 29th.—Where and when did I say this?

The fact is the Press, in all matters that occur away from its own home-locality and of which it is in gross ignorance, is always more anxious for sensationalism than for fact, (I voice the experience of all public men,) and is only anxious for an opportunity to express itself without any desire to impress any one for good; nor can it repress the temptation to ridicule patriotic things, dignified things, serious things and sacred things over any opportunity that occurs to furnish "stuff" to fill its columns.

Such news as the above overloads the space of public journalism every day. Probably 75% of all the new matter and telegraphic items, for which the people are filched of some millions of dollars a day in nickels, are as utterly unreliable as the items we have nailed, and the rest of these papers are made up of junk, plate-matter and "stuffing," paid for by the pound and expressed from New York, of puffs paid for by the *line*, and of advertisements paid for by the *word* (high priced). As one paper remarks of our work therefore, we remark of the bulk of that which is thus retailed to a slow-to-wake-public, "The air has bubbles as the waters have, and these are of them."

But the Press is liberal enough, (we welcome a saving clause) upon matters that it undertakes to understand, and as a newspaperman we are loath to believe that it intends to be unfair upon all

topics that it does not understand. It thinks unto itself that it is wise upon things that are beyond its stature; but we contend that not one topic in ten thousand ever does obtain even simple justice at its hands, because of the methods by which in the effort to get at the gist of matters for the condensed telegram, they are so averruncated as to be useless even to furnish texts for editorial comment, and editorial comment, divorced from the straight statement of the matter criticised in the same or some previous issue, is an accessory to fraud because unfair.

### DIGNIFIED CRITICISM.

But there are some standard journals in the land that do not treat these topics with entire disdain; for instance: here is an editorial from the New York *Tribune* of May 21, 1897.

#### DANIEL AND THE EASTERN QUESTION.

People continue to wonder what disposition of the Greco-Turkish question the Powers will make, but, according to Lieutenant C. A. L. Totten, the book of Daniel tells just exactly what will be the outcome of the present difficulty. The Lieutenant is always picturesque in his elucidations of Biblical prophecy, but he has never been more so than in this matter. After expressing his surprise at the blindness of the pulpit and the press, he proceeds to show that Cana was blockaded by the Powers 1,260 years after the Mahometans captured Jerusalem. Now, multiply 1,260 by 2 and you get 2,520 years. This brings us back to 623 B. C., which was the year when Babylon rose as the "Head of Gold." Does the reader ask what is the significance of all this? He is easily answered. The prophet Daniel declares that the period of the Gentiles was to be seven "times" of 360 years each, or 2,520 years altogether. So, evidently, something must happen this year. Indeed, the Greeks are firmly convinced that something has already happened.

But the Lieutenant goes into further particulars. On April 17 and 18 the first great battle between the Turks and Greeks took place. Was this date accidental? Certainly not. April 18 was the Jewish Passover and the Christian Easter. This discovery is doubtless important, but we are sorry that its significance was not explained by Mr. Totten. What especially does a battle on Easter Day indicate? Does Daniel throw any light on the question? These are matters in regard to which the public, it seems to us, ought to be enlightened. But the Lieutenant is clear enough when he comes to his main conclusion. "I believe," he says, "that the 'time of the Turk is drawing to a close. 'Jerusalem shall be trodden 'under foot until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.' The Turk 'will have been in the city 1,260 years this year. The exact circumstances of his first year of occupation are not known. It is 'said the city fell in the spring, but was not occupied until the fall,'"

Here, then, we are getting down to the bed-rock of fact. The "times" of the Gentiles will end some time this year; if not in the spring, then in the fall. The Turkish Empire will go to pieces, and Jerusalem will again be occupied by the Jews. On these points the Lieutenant is absolutely certain, for he has found them in the Book of Daniel. Therefore he declares: "I maintain that these be tremendous days, and that prophecy is fulfilling to the instant, all about us, and that the 'end of the age' is nearer now than ever, and surer than ever, because begun. 'This generation shall not pass away until all be fulfilled.' We know this, because we are told 'when these things begin to come to pass,' the closing drama of the Gentile times is on the stage and will be played out to the finish. I am firmly convinced that the Eastern question solved will find Palestine restored to the Jews under the protectorate of the whole Anglo-Saxon world, which is Israel."

We have no disposition to controvert this view of the Eastern question. It may possibly turn out as the Lieutenant says. Yet we cannot forget that he is only one of a long line of men who have variously interpreted the Book of Daniel and the Apocalypse. As none of these interpreters agree with each other it is obvious that they cannot all be correct. Is it true, as cynical scoffers say, that no one knows what these strange books mean? Or has Lieutenant Totten at last found the key that will unlock their puzzles?

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This reads like "Ike Bromley" and as if he was almost persuaded; at any rate it is not only a fair digest and a wise one, but quite as generous as Criticism and Editorial Comment need be and to it we reply:

Most noble Festus, we are neither mad nor entrapped with folly, but are convinced that we *have* solved the combination of Daniel's Puzzle and we are burdened with an additional sorrow that none of those who ought to investigate *our* solution (the *theological* authorities and editors) will put even its outlines before their constituencies. You sit as a Roman judging Civil things rather than ecclesiastical ones, but *they* have no excuse for ignoring the momentous matters we have harmonized, and that are of their own trade.

We do not know that any standard religious periodical has ever said as much as what is set forth in this editorial. But we must qualify even this writer's conclusion more or less.

We make this year (1897) merely the *beginning* of a sequence: "Rome was not built in a day," nor will it fall in one. It has been falling ever since 1530-1779 A. D. with notable punctuations at 1793, 1798, 1815, 1848, 1870; Mohammedanism has been in its decline ever since 1844. (Compare p. 90, line 8-12.)

This particular Greek war is a mere incident in the general drama. It is impossible to put into a short article even the digest of what it has cost us some \$1260 to set forth in our comprehensive exposition of the entire book of Daniel.

The fact is our task is more than we can compass; but on the honor of our word as a soldier and a gentleman we firmly believe that we *have* discovered the truth of this book of Daniel, and we furthermore believe that we could demonstrate the accuracy of our discovery before the Board of Examiners at our own Alma Mater (West Point)—*i. e.* upon the premises that were accepted by our ancestors. In other words, we are satisfied that we have been enabled to harmonize the premises that they accepted, and to vindicate their judgment.

We are not writing "rot," nor voicing any mere personal theory. Our lines of investigation are those that Sir Isaac Newton pursued, and that Bishop Newton regarded as sound; our data is more correct and our conclusions more reliable merely because the light of modern discoveries to which we have endeavored to be fair is more piercing. It took the Saracens several years (from 637 to 640 A. D.) to drive the Romans out of the ancient Greek domains referred to by Daniel. We are now but 1260 years from the original conquest of Palestine (a date of beginning) and the 19th century must close before the full conquest of Alexandria has been measured by the same "Reed." We do not expect that Mohammedan rule in Asia will *cease* before this century ends, and moreover, we do not presume to set dates, by day or by year, for reasons already set forth, and our chief desire in all our work has been to beget honor for the Word of God, as the literal message of Inspiration, and to enlist the attention of those who are perhaps better fitted for the final solution of this problem than we are.

Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's own Vision (Dan. II.) and Gabriel's exposition of *Daniel's* own Vision (Dan. VII.) are the only parts of that prophet's work that apply to the matter in hand. They are "types," and deal in broad scales; they give us but small authority to itemize dates beyond units, but are safe guides to preparation, particularly in the light of consummation. If we knew the absolute facts and dates as to either Nebuchadnezzar's or Omar's conquests our faith would warrant an explicit enumeration, but all the authorities (we mean the best *Historical* authorities) avoid specific dates; hence an interpreter cannot afford to use unqualified judgment. For instance, Woodward and Cates (best authorities) say: "Omar I. goes to Jerusalem (Hez. 16 or 17) 637 or 638" A. D. "Mosque of Omar—built after 636" "Jerusalem seized by Abu Obeidah Jermiel close of 636—entered by Caliph Omar (16 A. H.) 637." Halprin says: "636 about, close of conquest. The Saracens complete the conquest of Syria and Palestine;" Haskil says 637; Humbert 638. Hayden (p. 992) says Omar born 581, died 644, but under "Jerusalem" has "captured by Omar 655:"—no doubt a typographical error—*i. e.* 11 years after Omar's death! Now these dates preters of Prophecy do have and must exercise an elastic margin: 637-8 A. D. are the limits. We favor 637 because 1897 is so loaded



with the symptoms of accomplishment that we are justified in being *previous* in warning in preference to being inculcated of cowardly silence.

### AMONG THE HARD SHELLS.

(Is "Our Hope" Almost Persuaded?)

By the way: here is a strange sort of an article to be published in "Our Hope" (June 2, 1897) seeing that *its* management, some years ago, stated in an editorial that "There was NO second return for Judah in Jehovah's count," and declined to publish our own reply thereto. The author of the present article is one of the oldest Adventists in America, and, if we read aright between the lines, he is almost persuaded that the Anglo-Saxons, after all, are literal Israel, and that a restoration of Ephraim and Judah is at hand.

### THOUGHTS ON THE EASTERN QUESTION.

BY ELD. HIRAM MUNGER.

I wish to ask students of prophecy this question: If it took 315 years to fulfill the fourth verse of the eleventh chapter of Daniel, why expect the forty-fourth verse of the same chapter to be fulfilled in one or two years, as some do? I also submit the following which I wrote for the columns of the *Springfield (Mass.) Republican*, April 21st, last. Though probably familiar ground to many of OUR HOPE readers there may be some to whom it will give light.

As *The Republican* is the first secular paper that opened its columns for a prophetic people to speak through, beginning in 1842, and never has refused since, I wish by its favor to call the attention of prophetic Bible students to a few items of prophecy that were given under the law to be fulfilled in the Gospel or Gentile age: which will loom up before the Eastern Question is settled.

This prophecy began with Abraham, who received from God a warranty deed of the land of Palestine for an age-lasting covenant, and through Christ the dominion of the whole world. We find in the 105th Psalm that this covenant, made to Abraham for 1000 generations, was confirmed with an oath unto Isaac, and that this same covenant was given unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant, saying: Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance. The 11th chapter of Hebrews plainly teaches that Abraham, Isaac, Moses and all these died in the faith, not having received the promise, God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. It is plain that our hope depends on the promise of Abraham, for Paul says: If ye are Christ's, then are ye the seed of Abraham, and heirs to the promise, and your promise is Abraham's promise, and

that is the land of Palestine for 1000 generations. But Israel by breaking a conditional covenant, given after the Exodus, received a punishment of seven times, which fully ends this year, and we shall all know who Israel is when we find out the nations that take Turkey in Asia, for the prophets only deal with Turks in Palestine.

I might take up history and show who Israel and Joseph were, and tell you who would be likely to take Turkey in Asia, but as it will be but a few months before the great prophecies concerning the restitution of the holy land to Judah becomes plain, past history, perhaps it is as well to let Israel herself show all the watchmen, who will soon see eye to eye who she is. This little brush between Greece and Turkey is only the opening of the great wars that will change the map of Europe as it has not been changed for many years. We are certainly at the close of the Gentile age, and we have a definite point to go by, for as long as the holy city is trodden under foot by Turkey, just so long the Gentile age lasts, and as soon as Judah gets the land of Palestine by a congress of the nations, then it is you begin the next age.

And if you ever have another age, it must depend upon the fact that the land of Palestine changes its present possessors; and still more, if you ever have any heaven, it will be because God keeps his oath with Isaac and Israel. If the Jews don't have the land of Palestine, as promised by God, then you Gentiles will never have any heaven, for if there is any mistake about the Abrahamic promise, then you have no promise at all, for our promise is conditional: If you are Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs to the Abrahamic promise of 1000 generations. It seems from this that you must go to Turkey now, if you go to heaven when you die. For it appears to be that God has given but one promise to his elect, and that is the land of Palestine. I should like to have any Bible student find any other promise given to man only this one; and if this is the only promise there are many people whose ideas are not in very good harmony with Scripture.

HIRAM MUNGER.\*

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We have elsewhere shown (in Study No. 13, pp. 226-229) that the 13-year Locusts came *on time* (1894), according to the true Chronology. It now remains for the 17-year locusts to *verify* our work. If the locusts of Egypt were of the 17-year breed then they are due by July, 1897.  $199 \times 17 = 3383$ ; and  $2513 \text{ A. M. (the year of the Exodus)} + 3383 = 5896$  and  $= 1897 \text{ A. D.,}$  which is our current year. Now as a matter of fact entomologists are expecting this particular breed of locust at this time. We quote the following from a New York paper published last April.

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\* Our advent contemporaries (the self opinionated ones) would do well to open their columns oftener to some of the real old wise men in their own group.

## LOCUST YEAR, (1897).

The cry now is that the 17-year locust is due in this part of the world this year. By June and July you will doubtless hear his rasping screech throughout the land. An exchange says: "His last engagement with this section was in 1880, when myriads of these troublesome insects did considerable damage to vegetation." It is a mistake to suppose that the 17-year locust is a serious scourge. They subsist on roots and fibres when in the earth, in the grub state, but eat but little, if anything, when above ground. The chief damage which they inflict is by the scoring or ringing of twigs on the trees, making grooves in which to deposit their eggs. They cut a wide swathe in this line for about six weeks, when they perish, and their larvæ fall from the trees, enter the ground as a grub, which is transformed from one stage to another until a cycle of 17 years rolls around, when he again makes his debut as a screeching locust. The year is thus a *Turkish* year, for the Mohammadans are the *Locusts* of Symbolic Inspirations and they are very busy now-a-days.

## TIMES ARE HARD.

In Connecticut alone Bradstreet's Agency reports 9 more failures in May, 1897, than in May, 1896, and that these were for a deficit of \$288,750 between liabilities and assets as against \$65,450 in May, 1896. These were one-third *more* and for more than 4 times as much; thus the stringency has been (is) four-thirds of 4 or more than 5:1. In Mr. McKinley's own state the figures of debt and failures since January 1st, 1897, will reach \$50,000,000: in his own county assignments to the amount of \$438,500 have been filed between Jan. 1 and June 3, 1897. Now these matters, in our opinion, have nothing whatsoever to do with him or his administration; they are inherited from the past without respect to party, and are due to the lapses of modern life. Tariff has as little to do with the matter as Silver; we are inheriting the whirlwind of our own imprudence. All the laws of trade have been violated and the cycle of depression is the most serious and prolonged, relatively speaking, that the world has ever seen. (Compare Study No. 7, p. 207-11, etc.)



But look at it from another standpoint, and with the predictions of St. James in mind: It is reported that twenty men own \$354,000,000 worth of real estate in the city of New York, while twenty thousand men are but a fraction of those in the great metropolis who are suffering for lack of bread and raiment. These are terrible figures even if exaggerated, and represent the average living wages of 1,000,000 able-bodied men for one year; *i. e.* of one-seventieth of our entire population. What a serious responsibility accompanies wealth!

## CHRONOLOGICAL PUNCTUATION.

June 20th this year is marked for sundry notable things—among which is *not* the end of the world! The world has a grand era before it, a millennial one which is to be Sabbatic in every sense; and no matter how rapidly things move towards its threshold, they will take *time*. But Victoria's Diamond Jubilee (beginning June 20) is not to be taken as a thing of small moment in the progress. Her age has been phenomenal in Israel. Any one can read its records in the public press this month. Solomon in all his glory saw not a tithe of what "Victoria the Good" has seen as to the advancement of OUR RACE, and of all Races, and as to the culmination of God's plan. It is vain to attempt to compass this topic: even an Anglo-Israelite may be surprised at its scope, and we who have so much new light for which to be thankful can take courage and resolve to have continued *patience*. God may move slowly (from our standpoint) but relatively how fast things culminate in days so near the end of Gentile times as these!

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June 20th is also set for the date of Andree's daring attempt to reach the north pole by balloon. Professor Dyche, one of the best authorities on Polar topics in America, openly avows his doubts as to his success and fears the explorer will lose his life. All the elements are against him; the winds are uncertain and may carry the balloon just where Andree does not want to go. Beside the great danger of the ice fogs, the taking of observations is declared to be impossible. The longest day at the Pole is June 20th; it is well chosen for the attempt. But can Andree unlock "the treasures of the snow" if Job was silent at Jehovah's question? If we lack *Faith* we shall have *Facts*. Two of our own West Point companions, Schwatka and Garlington, and a fellow army officer, Greely, together with De Long, Peary, *et-al*, in our own day have added their records to the fruitless effort: we cannot therefore express confidence in this new attempt—but it marks the date. You will note that it is a quarter date, the Summer *Solstice*, and that because of this expedition, and Victoria's Jubilee, and other things not known, it and all other quarter days now-a-days are to be watched. They are the punctuations of the true chronology and as the time ripens must always be important. Watch them *all*. They keep time whether the world keeps it or not.

## MAN PROPOSES GOD DISPOSES.

It strikes us that the "Powers" of Europe have brought about a state of affairs that they can by no means control. Their united action against Greece was a clear support of the Crescent as against the Cross, and was the main cause of the temporary disaster to Hellenic arms. The end however is not yet. The Turk has been

inflamed with success and there is every danger in the situation. He no longer regards himself "Sick"; has mobilized some 500,000 troops; apparently holds the balance of power; came very near making a descent upon Egypt, and there are even rumors that a "Jihad" or Religious War is to be proclaimed by the Sultan of Turkey as the Caliph of Islam. There is war in the very air; Europe is a perfect magazine in which every one seems to be holding a tinderbox for safety! All this is the very irony of Peace; for nothing makes headway towards it, and all things conspire towards Edom, which is the End of the Age.

*How* it will all eventuate is an idle surmise, but we are satisfied that the *times* of Edom are about to run over. Hence we should continue to watch the quarter days of the Solar and Lunar years with continued interest. But let it be remembered that these periods punctuate the times of other nations than "the Sick man,"—they dominate "Israel's" affairs, and those of "Judah"; yea and the times of the Gentile also, so that the best way to catch their import is to watch everything that happens thereabouts and to codify one's own conclusions. The equation is a complex one; all of its terms are integrating at once; there will be short work in it soon enough, and plenty to occupy the mind between times. But let it be understood that what is going on is not to be found in Daniel. There are chapters and chapters *elsewhere* in the Bible that bear upon the matter and to confuse the X, XI, and XII Chapters of Daniel with current affairs is as serious an error as to misunderstand the IX Chapter. We therefore counsel all our friends to review the Daniel chart, (Leaflets Nos. xli-xlii) and the Olivet Discourse (Leaflets Nos. xxxv-xxxvi) and not to forget that the *full* measure of the 7 times has several years longer to run. (See Study No. 11, pp. xiv, 92 etc.).

## A SERIOUS SITUATION IN THE CHURCH.

(*Whose fault is it?*)

A local journal states as follows:

"We notice that the clergy of New York city are shocked at the small per cent. of the people of that city who are church-going people, and they are wondering what has caused the decrease in percentage of church people. Our idea of the situation is, the churches do not keep up with the times. If a minister branches off in a path which is less dismal and more acceptable to his parishioners, he is usually "churched" or disciplined, for it. We may be wrong about it, but we believe orthodoxy must unbend itself if it catches the rising generation."

We disagree with the solution. The churches have capitulated too much already to the spirit of the times, and those who have branched off to "keep up with the times" have not been disciplined enough. The truth needs no "unbending"; it is erect; it should ask no quarter and give none, and fear no man's face. The rising generation is a

falling one, and its guides have compromised too much with Mammon, so there is judgment at the very door of the Sanctuary. Having catered to the Higher Criticism it is reaping its natural reward—empty pews.

Arbitration has not *failed*. American sentiment is for it overwhelmingly. It is an American principle. We here in Manasseh—the land of Peace—have always stood for it. The treaty, however, has failed; there must have been sound reasons. Senator Bacon says “We simply know that the provisions of this treaty are such as would have defeated the very object for which they are alleged to have been conceived.” Well, we care not so much for the treaty as for the *principle*. Senator Bacon’s resolution is for Universal Arbitration. He hopes to put an end to war; his plan is for us to declare for the peaceful settlement of all disputes with whomsoever they arise, and to stand by the resolution. This is broader than any treaty, but merely recognizes a principle we have already tacitly established. We hope it will pass, but are confident that America and Great Britain will have to come together on a special Racial basis soon.

A sign of the times—their animus—is to be found in Carnot’s recent (*London Truth*, June, 1897) remark as to the aspirations of France. “We have drawn the Czar to our side. Mark my words: great events are in course of preparation. We shall recover what we lost—Alsace-Lorraine. It may not be in my Presidency, but I think I shall live to see it, and that before many years have sped.” Another sign of the times is the necessitated acquittal of Berlin’s chief of police, as to the court scandals of Germany. He knows too much. The trial exploited all the politics of the Empire—rotten as elsewhere. What are we to expect in days when the most responsible (and therefore the most lucrative if dishonest) offices are conferred as “plums” upon men who have no other merit than the reputation of political acumen and chicanery and the possession of a “pull.” It is our firm conviction that 75 per cent. of the public offices in our days are held by men who have *sought* them but were not sought by them. The People rarely have a choice, no matter how they vote.

### ISRAEL HOMEWARD BOUND.

Mine ears have heard the tramp of Israel’s home returning hosts,  
They come in serried columns from the earth’s remotest coasts,  
The tribes are seeking Zion, and they’ll find the Lord of Hosts.  
Old Israel’s marching on!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah, Glory Glory Hallelujah, Glory Glory Hallelujah,  
Old Israel’s marching on!

A topic that has been looming into prominence ever since we began the issue of our Studies, and whose speedy rise into public notice we have deemed to be imminent from the very start (*vide*

Study No. 1, pp. 217-230, 238; and No. 2, pp. 119-137, etc.) is now at last assuming proportions that justify the faith and substantiate the hopes of Anglo-Israelites to the echo. We refer to "Zionism." Dr. Herzle of Vienna, who is its chief oracle in Europe, is now in America, and delegates have already been chosen to attend the Munich convention, which meets on August 25th under his auspices. Representatives of Judah will then be present from all over the world. It is just 1260 years since the Mohammedan seated himself like an abomination on the Holy places, and this coming convention is but one of the Signs that show his times are up. The real aim of the movement is to make Judah a nation once more. The movement is specifically an orthodox one (non political at present!) and looks chiefly to securing land rights, colonization privileges, and an asylum in fact in the land of their ancestors for this down-trodden people. Jews in America and Great Britain little realize the hardships that are suffered by their brethren upon the continent, especially in Russia, Austria, and even Germany. And it is from these parts in particular that the bulk of the Exodus, in so far as Judah is concerned, is expected to come. Since Dr. Herzle has secured the Sultan's favor, under whose sovereignty he desires to establish this Jewish state, he has received encouragement from several other European monarchs and an amount of support from prominent Jews that is now well calculated to set the matter forward upon solid lines.

The opposition of the so-called reform Jewish party (chiefly American and English) is of small moment. These so-called liberal Jews (higher critics!) do not believe that the Biblical prophecies are to be taken literally, or that any considerable number of Jews could be induced to go to Palestine. Their opposition, however, will count for little, and the coming orthodox convention will be one of the most significant that has been held since the fall of Jerusalem 1,828 years ago (in August, 69 A. D.; *vide* Study No. 16, p. 330.) The convention will be in session upon Tishri 1st and its deliberations will not only be watched with intense interest by the entire world, but will help to punctuate accurate Chronology and begin the fulfillment of tremendous prophecies. Unfortunately there is a large class of Adventists in our country who (like the Reformed Jews) have no use for the literal fulfillment of God's word when it clashes with their own hobbies and private interpretations. For ourselves, however, we deem it safe to rely upon the verbatim fulfillment of the covenant God made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and of the oath he swore unto David. Again therefore we repeat and accept the prophecy of Esdras: "Edom is the End of the Age and Jacob is the Beginning of that which cometh after," and anticipate its speedy vindication. They must be blind indeed who while they pretend to see so much cannot perceive the real significance of Signs so patent in such times as these. We are not referring to the world at large, who have a natural solution to all such things, but to group after

group of professed Adventists who (in spite of such patent demonstration of what is going on and to go on to consummation, because not only plainly predicted but now plainly begun) still persist in deceiving themselves and misleading their own flocks. But never mind, they will hear the Battle Hymns of Israel soon and then perhaps their ears will assist them to turn their eyes towards the light.

In the meantime, to orthodox Christians of every sect these tremendous movements speak volumes of warning, for they are the predicted antecedents of the literal Second Advent according to the consensus of opinion in all ages of the Church. The Turk is symbolized in the Scriptures as the Euphratean flood, and his gradual loss of power is likened to the drying up of the Euphrates. Coincident with this phenomenon we are warned to look for "Israel," for the drying up of the symbolic flood is expressly stated to be a preparation or a prelude to the return of "the Kings of the East." As the return of Judah alone from the Babylonian captivity was a step in order to the first Advent, so this second return is in direct relation to the Second Advent of the King—this time to rule.

But Judah cannot make this *second* Return without a manifestation of the *other* ten tribes, who to this day have never returned from their expatriation, and are by no means (Josephus) now incorporated among the Jews. The Restoration, therefore, comprehends "Israel" as well as "Judah," for there are the two kingdoms with whose origin and destiny seven-eighths of the Bible are concerned. And as identifications of Israel at the time of Judah's manifesting irredental tendencies, are plainly set forth in Holy Writ, it should require the exercise of but a moderate amount of judgment to pick out the People who are intended. They must be a nation, and a company of nations inhabiting the Islands and the Desolate Heritages of the Earth, belting the world with their colonies, whose ports are not closed day or night, highly civilized, rich in all manner of wealth, divorced from the old Mosaic law, but under a new and better covenant, not necessarily keeping it nobly, but under it practically, a Sabbath-keeping people, at least by law, called in Isaac's name (Saxons!) and dominant among the nations in arms, resources, influence and might. Verily the prophecies cry out to us, and the stone men of the stone kingdom yet to be, ought not to hold their peace. Somehow or other this Jewish movement will round up under the united auspices of England and America. The Lion of the tribe of Judah floats over London Keep—how shall the tribes go back without it. The Unicorn of Israel must accompany Ephraim and the tribes his fellows. But Manasseh, the brother of Ephraim, who was to be a Great People in the latter days and dwell alone in independence, is involved in all this matter. And then, so far as Israel is concerned, the line of David must be found, sceptred, and in great renown—and, verily, this very month the entire world is hastening to pay homage to the Queen of Israel. How wonderfully all things now conspire, and, alas, how blind men are!



We regret that Col. Jesse Harper<sup>\*\*\*</sup> has not yet reissued his valuable work upon "The Millennial Age" which ran out of print some time ago, but he *has* issued recently a lecture entitled "The United States and Turkey: Angloism and Islamism." It is written in his usual epigrammatic style and is well worth perusal.\* The Eastern Question is the cynosure of so much varied thought that the pith of opinion can only be gathered by culling generously all over the field. One of the great mistakes of Advent journalism is its rejection of collateral opinion. Each sect has its own organ and seems determined upon supplying its constituents with nothing that makes against their own tenets. There is no principle that is so fatal to successful investigation as this, nor is there another as cowardly. It is the very soul of anti-truth, it indicates a fear of counterfactuals, and is the *practical* suppression of what needs to be fairly met. Had for instance the *pros* and *cons* of Anglo-Israelism been fearlessly discussed by all of our contemporaries, they would now be in far less confusion as to what is actually taking place about the Holy places. As it is their interpretations of the Book of Daniel are quite as wild of the facts, as are the chapter captions in the authorized versions of the Prophets. In both the spiritualization of the very plainest prophecies as to Israel's future are attributed to "the Church" and generally absorbed by that branch of it which they themselves represent. This is personal interpretation pure and simple, and Rome herself is not as guilty of dogmatism—for they preach liberality and do not practice it while she makes no pretensions to liberality.

Whatsoever of light has come<sup>\*\*\*</sup> to us has come through omnivorous investigation, hence we have gathered no little strength even from the perusal of these very journals that we are now criticising; but we are quite as free to avow that had we been spiritually fed upon any one of them alone, our atmosphere had long ago been well nigh exhausted of its ozone. We therefore counsel our own friends to read right and left, to vary their meat, and not to have too much of it *fried*. Take a meal in courses, and with varied sauces, at least once a week.

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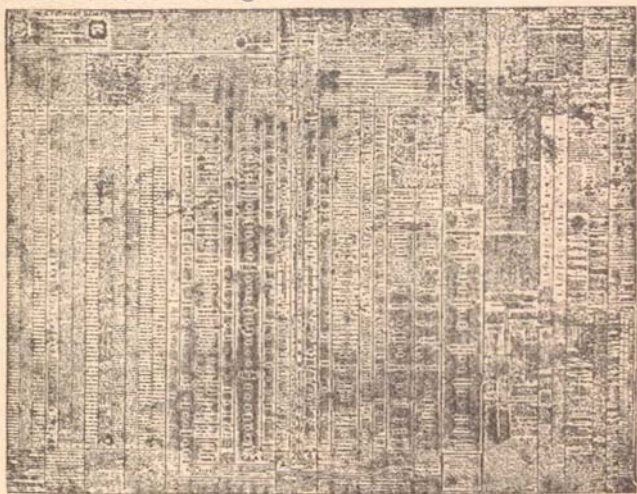
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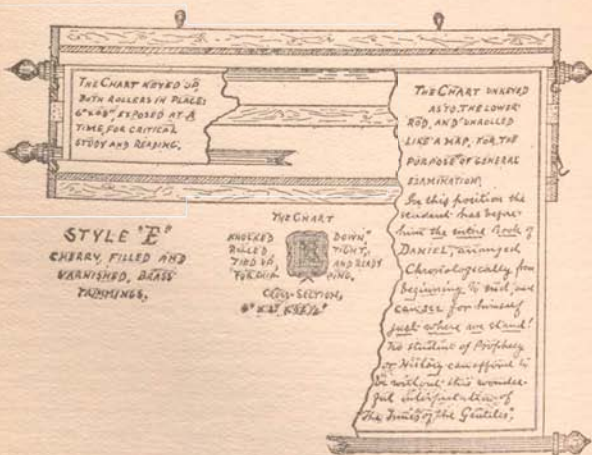
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