

THE COMING GREATEST MAN.

An Interesting Article Showing How the Great is Giving Away to the Greatest.

The people of the nation which, in this nineteenth century, is satisfied with what is "great," is not "up to date;" it may be in, but it is not of the century, does not imbibe its spirit and enterprise.

It matters not what department of life, what sphere of action in the affairs of business, of state, or of the nation, may be investigated, the same spirit and enterprise are manifestly urging men on, on, and yet on. Long since has the "great" been left behind; the "greater" is made the "stepping-stone" of the present as every energy is taxed to attain unto the "GREATEST."

In business circles, are being organized the GREATEST trusts, the GREATEST combines, the GREATEST commercial schemes ever planned by man.

In state, national and international politics, the undertakings are the GREATEST ever attempted—as witness the efforts of the "boss," the czar, the kaiser, etc.

Greater Britain, Greater Russia, all the greater powers, are ever pressing, pushing on; each determined to become the GREATEST power. Each wants the GREATEST "slice of China;" the GREATEST "division of Africa;" the GREATEST empire of the world.

The czar would fain be the GREATEST peacemaker of the nations.

The kaiser would fain be the GREATEST peacemaker and unifier of the Catholic and Protestant religions.

The pope would fain be the GREATEST peacemaker (dictator) of the world—as witness his recent attempt to influence both parties to the conflict, and dictate at once to queen and president.

The civilized nations are thus wrought up to high tension; something must happen, and that right soon. The whole civilized world is intently peering into the dawn of the Twentieth century, looking for the "coming man." His coming will be the greatest event of the world. "Who?" "What?" "Where?" "When?" This is what the world seeks to learn of this greatest man who is coming in the twentieth century. Will he be Russian or English? French or German? Hebrew or American? Will he be Hindu or Buddhist? Catholic or Protestant? Christian or heathen? Will he come with the opening century? or, is he already at work, unrecognized till the hour of destiny is marked on the dial of time?

The waiting period cannot be very long, ere it will be sounded loudly round the globe for him to arrive and the world not know of it? And yet, "tis pity 'tis true," this is just what some of our nineteenth century teachers (?) would fain have us to believe. They declare that the greatest event of the world HAS occurred; that the GREATEST MAN of the world has been here—that "the Christ has come" already. Yes, and they are publishing books to proclaim their theories. But the facts are the legacies of centuries past, and they cannot be overcome by, but rather will outlive, theories. The coming of the greatest man of the world must be the CROWNING FACT of the centuries, the capstone of the immovable pyramid of facts.

Concerning this coming man, we wish to present just here the statement of one of America's greatest students of facts living in this waning century, Professor C. A. L. Totten. To him one of his subscribers sent the following query:

A subscriber (L. P. F.) asks us what we think of a certain book that has been written to prove that "the Christ has come" already; for instance, at the fall of Jerusalem?

Prof. Totten made answer as follows:

We have never seen the volume referred to and could find little time for and no interest in its perusal, save as a matter of study, so as to recognize its arguments for the purpose of protecting others from their persuasion should there seem to be any special need thereof. We are satisfied that we should reject its authority on principle. We are quite familiar with the contention that the second advent occurred at the fall of Jerusalem, but the Chronology of Prophecy defeats it all along an endless number of lines, each of which with no break in its continuity is still running to a common focus in our own immediate fu-

ture! There is no historical record of such an event, the second advent is more stupendous than the first in its scriptural prominence and results, and it is absolutely impossible that it can have taken place without the concurrence of all of its predicted concomitants. It cannot be true no matter who wrote the book. We would have no right to believe the testimony of an angel even, to this effect (Gal. 1: 8). Every eye could not have seen the returning Jesus and the record there of the last. He could not have appeared as the light that shineth from the east unto the west and not be seen by all. Has the devil ever been bound 1,000 years? There is no need of a book to prove that he has not been, nor of one to prove that he is still most successfully at work. Israel has never been restored, the Jews have never looked upon him whom they pierced, nor mourned by detail, and then finally accepted him, etc., indefinitely throughout the entire New Testament. We have no use for "theories" in these premises, and even less use for expositions that undervalue and slight the entire concert of the Scriptures. To us the contention is a parallel to that one which St. Paul so ably met and defeated in II. Thess. 1, II, III. The proper understanding of this as we have shown in a former leaflet (LXXXI-III, pp. 73-5) is that "the day of Christ" could not then have been at hand because the "man of sin" had not been "revealed." He was not revealed until the 7th century (600-700 A. D.), and as his lease of power was to be for 1260 years (Dan. vii. 25) we, only, at last, have, at a date which satisfies and intensifies on any and all of the "conditions," a well grounded conviction that Now "the day of Christ" is and must be close at hand! In view, then, of the particular care taken by God to "provide sufficient and authentic testimony as to the fulfillment" of all the predictions looking towards the first advent, it is absolutely erratic to suppose that an event so superlatively more important as the second advent could have occurred and made no stir, found no one to record its incidents, and that its truth has been left concealed so as to be accidentally discovered 1800 years later! There is much better proof as to the loss of Atlantis than this, and we would have quite as much ground on which to contend that the physical world itself was destroyed by Titus as to suppose that this hiatus between the consummation of prophecy and the evidence of its fulfillment; and this lapse of system as to the philosophy of proof had occurred. The law of continuity is involved in the following sequence: Prophecy—Fulfillment—History—and this is broken by the contention. We reject it.

Until THEORIES can undo FACTS, the above answer will stand firm; and the world continues looking for the "coming man." THE CHRIST at His second advent.

FRANK E. HARRINGTON, Denver.

TESTIMONIAL TO FATHER CHINQUY.

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Rome in Recent Fiction.

It was not without significance how large a Rome plays in recent fiction. Its most eminent heroes and heroines are at this moment heading for monasticism. There are Helbeck of Bannisdale, and Miss Evelyn Innes, and Mr. Robert Orange, and, over the water, that sainted sinner, the M. Durtal of M. Huysmans. M. Zola, too, who began by advocating science, has ended with an attempt to withstand Rome. Readers who take their current fiction seriously should read their Helbeck of Bannisdale and "Evelyn Innes" side by side. The types of Romanism and agnosticism are complimentary in a way that is neither uninteresting nor unamusing.—W. P. James, in the St. James's Gazette, London.

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