among unbelievers, where there is wailing
and gnashing of teeth. These things I say
not of myself, therefore, as the Lord speaketh
he will also fulfill.

And they who are of the High Priesthood,
whose names are not found written in the
book of the law, or that are found to have
apostatized, or to have been cut off out of
the church, as well as the lesser Priesthood;
or the members, in that day, shall not find
an inheritance among the saints of the most
High: therefore, it shall be done unto them
as unto the children of his priests, as it is
written in the second chapter, and 61st and
62d verses of Ezra: And of the children of
the priests: the children of Habsiah, the
children of Koz, the children of Bazzillai: which
took a wife of the daughters of Bazzillai the
Gileadite, and was called after their name:
These sought their register among those that
were reckoned by genealogy, but they were
not found: therefore were they, as polluted,
put from the priesthood.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Signs and appearances are such, that even
the most unbelieving dread coming events;
and no wonder, for when the Lord comes
out of his place to rebuke the nations, all
hearts are faint, and all knees do tremble.—
Every man has a right to do as he pleases,
being an agent to himself, but we ardently
hope, while such important signs, and extra-
ordinary commotions, as:—
The Cholera spreading over the whole earth;
The plague breaking out in India;
The Revolutions of Europe;
The dissolution of South Carolina from the
Union;
The gathering of the saints to Zion, and
The assembling of the Jews at Jerusalem,
are passing in rapid succession, that some
will turn to God and live. Such strange
movements of men; such dreadful sickness;
oh! such fearful looking for the wrath of
God to be poured out upon this generation,
together with the evidence of holy writ,
ought to convince every man in the world,
that the end is near; that the harvest is pe,
and that the angels are reaping down the
earth!

It is certainly a day of dilemmas: The po-
itical party that has just been crowned with
victory, shudders at the prospect before it. —
Horror, with all its fearful gloom blackens
in one place, and commotion, or rebellion, with
all its crimson warnings, reddeens in another,
showing, if ever there was a time when the
sword of the Lord hung by a single hair, over
the heads of them that have seated themselves
round the feast table, it is now. The man
that undertakes to run from the pestilence,
rings to danger; and he that would leave Eu-

erope because her kingdoms are crumbling to
pieces, to come to America, beholds the links
in the chain of Freedom break, as the new
ropes in the hands of Sampson: and he looks,
but looks in vain for peace, for the hour is
high, when it shall be taken from the earth.

In the east there is trouble; in the west there
is fear; in the north there is no peace, and in
the south there is consternation. Well may
we exclaim, all things must change: but vir-
tue shall endure forever.

THE BOOK OF ESTHER.

In the remainder of the book of Esther,
which the ancient men of the world put down
as doubtful, may be found the following:

Then Mardocheus said, God hath done
these things.

For I remember a dream which I saw con-
cerning these matters, and nothing thereof
hath failed.

A little fountain became a river, and there
was light, and the sun, and much water, this
river is Esther, whom the king married, and
made queen.

And the two dragons are I and Aman.

And the nations were those that are as-
sembled to destroy the name of the Jews;
and my nation is this Israel, which cried to
God, and were saved: for the Lord hath saved
his people, and the Lord hath delivered us
from all those evils, and God hath wrought
signs and great wonders, which have not
been done among the Gentiles.

Therefore hath he made two lots, one for
the people of God, and another for all the
Gentiles.

And these two lots came at the hour, and
time, and day of judgment, before God among
all nations.

Extract of a letter from brs. P. Dustin
and C. Beebe, dated Cole county, Mo. Dec. 11,
1832.

We have meetings daily, and the people
have quite an inquiry into the plan, to get
knowledge of this great work. We have been
provided for our daily support every where
we go, as much so as if we were their rela-
tives. We wonder and marvel how the
heavenly Father inclines the hearts of the
children of men, to feed us. Brethren, no
one need fear, nor be afraid, to go out into
What hath pride profited us? or what good hath riches with our vaunting brought us—
All these things are passed away like a shadow, and as a post that hasteth by: And as a ship that passeth a sea, so the word goeth forth; it is heard no more, neither which, when it is gone by, the trace thereof cannot be found, neither the pathway of the sea in the waves: or as when a bird is flown from the air, there is no token of her way to be found, but the light air being broken with the stroke of her wings, and parted with the noise of motion of them, is passed through, and therein afterward no sign where she went is to be found:

Or like as when an arrow is shot at a mark, it parteth the air, which immediately cometh together again, so that a man cannot know where it went through:

Even so we in like manner, as soon as we were born began to draw to our end; and had no sign of virtue to shew; but were consumed in our own wickedness.

For the hope of the ungodly is like dust that is blown away with the wind; like a thin film that is driven away with the wind also; like as the smoke which is dispersed here and there with a tempest, and passeth away as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but a day.

But the righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High.

Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them.

He shall take to him his jealousy for complete armour, and make the creature his weapon for the revenge of his enemies.

He shall put on righteousness as a breast-plate, and true judgment instead of a helmet.

He shall take holiness for an invincible shield.

His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword, and the world shall fight with him against the unwise.

Then shall the right-sounding thunderbolts go abroad; and from the clouds, as from a well-drawn bow, shall they fly to the mark.

And hailstones full of wrath cast as out of a storm-bow, and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the floods shall cruelly drown them.

Yea, a mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away: thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill-dealing shall overthrow the thrones of the mighty.

Hear therefore, O ye kings, and understand; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth.

Give car, ye that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations.

For power is given you of the Lord, and sovereignty from the Highest, who shall try your works, and search out your counsels.

Because, being ministers of his kingdom, ye have not judged aright, nor kept the law, nor walked after the counsel of God; horribly and speedily shall he come upon you: for a sharp judgment shall be to them that be in high places.

For mercy will soon pardon the meanest; but mighty men shall be mightily tormented.

For he which is Lord over all shall fear no man's person, neither shall he stand in awe