Church upon the original basis, it was as
the prophet Isaiah describes it, in language
which some would be inclined to say had
been written quite recently, if they did not
believe in prophecy. “Behold, the Lord
maketh the earth empty, and maketh it
waste, and turneth it upside down, and
scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.
And it shall be, as with the people, so with
the priest; as with the servant, so with his
master; as with the maid, so with her mis-
tress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as
with the lender, so with the borrower; as
with the taker of usury, so with the giver of
usury to him. The land shall be utterly
emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord
hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth
and fadeth away, the world languisheth and
fadeth away, the haughty people of the
earth do languish. The earth also is defiled
under the inhabitants thereof; because they
have transgressed the laws, changed the or-
dinance, broken the everlasting covenant.
Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that
dwell therein are desolate: therefore the in-
habitants of the earth are burned, and few
men left.” The storm of desolation and de-
struction has barely commenced; and all
who would avoid it must come back to the
original platform, beginning with faith, re-
pentance, and baptism for the remission of
sins, and live according to the principles of
that Gospel that was revealed from heaven,
with apostles and prophets, with powers
and blessings, accompanied by the gifts of
wisdom, of knowledge and understanding,
to bless, and save, and exalt mankind, and
which will spread among the honest in
heart of every nation, kindred, tongue, and
people, until the kingdoms of this world
become the kingdoms of our Lord and His
Christ. May God bless us, and enable us to
live worthy the high honor of being associ-
ated with such a work and participants in
its blessings, in the name of Jesus. Amen.