

their infidelity may not hurt readers whose faith is established, it is apt to harm others, especially perhaps young men. So it is with many magazines and newspapers conducted with ability, and valuable in other respects, but edited in an anti-Christian spirit, and in which from time to time there appear anti-Christian articles or observations. In some of these publications, as well as in other publications avowedly anti-Christian, it is affirmed, and many of their constant readers are led to believe, that Christianity is a "fable," and that belief in it is "dying out," if it is not "dead." Some go so far as to assert as true the absurdity that Christianity is a hindrance to civilization and to the good of the world, instead of being (as it is) their great promoter. No errors could be greater than these. While it is true that some eminent men have in this century announced themselves as anti-Christians, some eminent men have done the like in perhaps every age of the Christian era; but there never was a time when a larger number of the educated men of the world were Christians than is the case to-day. In speaking of eminent men who have been or are believers, need I remind you of such eminent believers as Bacon, and Newton and Brewster, and Faraday, and Agassiz, and Dana, and Morse, amongst physicists who have passed away; or as Lord Kelvin, Mr. Mivart,