

Bible is now seen to be the word of God, not merely in its central message, but in many auxiliary utterances. With his growing knowledge of the contents of the Bible, the more evidently do its new truths fit in perfectly into the complex of former known truths and become inseparably associated with them, and thus the proof of the divinity of the Bible from experience increases; and hence, by accumulative evidence, derived from his increasing knowledge of Christian truth, the Bible at last assumes to the mind of the Christian the character of a standard or norm of religious and moral truth. He expects to find it nowhere defective. He is ready to yield it his confidence when it speaks of spheres beyond the reach of experience, of heaven and hell. Nor is the individual Christian left to stand alone, either in the possession of his experience, or in coming to the judgment he makes upon the Scriptures. The experience of others, and their judgment touching the Bible, are in harmony with his own. That the conviction of the authority of the Bible develops with the development of Christian experience is seen in the general reception of the Scriptures and their constant use in the Church, in spite of the attacks made upon them. The Church goes on employing the Bible as the word of God, without question as to what men say. Such a fact speaks volumes for her inner certainty, which is independent of 'external arguments. Having stated his argument, Prof. Foster illustrates and applies it in reference to the various doctrines which the Church has generally held, insisting that the system of doctrine which is found in the Bible receives confirmation from its comparison with the contents of the specifically Christian experience. But space limits forbid our following the article further.

Editorial Reviews of Books and Periodicals.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges. The Epistles to the Thessalonians. By the Rev. GEORGE G. FINDLAY, B.A., Professor of Biblical Languages in the Wesleyan College, Headingley.

The Epistles to the Corinthians. By the Rev. J. J. LIAS, M.A., Vicar of St. Edward, Cambridge. Two volumes.

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