

knowledge and that of the ordinary man to-day? The word "revolution" is not too strong to describe the difference. In the realm of science, the age is new. But theology is not independent of science, and a new age of science implies, to some extent at least, a new age of theology.

Or suppose we utter the words History, and Historical Criticism. Here again, though the gulf that divides us from 1st, 4th or 16th century may not be so obvious, it is scarcely less deep than that which separates modern from ancient science. Moreover, people know less about it, and it is possible for them to disregard modern history and criticism in a way in which they can scarcely disregard modern science. But in this matter too, nearly all theologians will agree that a revolution has occurred. And if so, then all the more urgently is it laid upon the theologian to make as clear as he can the facts and the implications of the facts. I must confess that often when I read books that circulate only among theologians, written by theologians in good standing in their own orthodox communions, I wonder what the "common people" would say did they know or understand the critical background of the writers. But is it not time that in some suitable way the common people should be told these things? To give a sense of the newness of this age in matters connected with the Bible alone, I need only write such words as Moses, Pentateuch, Psalms, Old Testament History, Synoptic Problem, Fourth Gospel, Miracles. Our age is very new, and to refuse to recognize the fact is not the part of an instructed scribe, nor will it advance a Forward Movement.

Or yet once more, suppose we questioned some devoted missionary of one hundred years ago concerning his views of religions other than Christianity, and of the objects of his missionary labours. Would he not have said something like this? "Christianity is the only true religion in the world. All others are absolutely false. Now since no one can be saved without the knowledge of Christ, all heathen are doomed to the everlasting pains of hell-fire. My task as a missionary is to snatch as many of these brands from