

book of the day. It is surely the veriest stupidity for the friends of Christianity to allow themselves to be stampeded by every unfamiliar sound, and to suppose the ark of God to be in danger every time the cart is unexpectedly shaken. Such an attitude is worthy only of obscurantists, and is one of the things which is apt to make evangelical Christianity contemptible in the eyes of thinking men. Let us meet it rather with faith in the future of our religion, and with minds open to all truth. Biblical criticism is a genuine science, and must be treated as such. If the results reached by some critics are unwarranted and extreme, then we must confidently wait until they are corrected by clearer thinkers and more patient investigators, as has already been notably the case in regard to the Gospels. If the conclusions reached are true, however startling, no amount of shrieking can make them otherwise, and we must learn to adjust our thinking to the new facts that have been revealed. It has not hitherto been found impossible to do so in other directions without damage to the cause of religion. We may rest assured that the Bible will ultimately be found to be in harmony with the ascertained results of all true science.

