

review the theology and ethics of the earlier ages, the Sinaitic revelation of God, the severity of early judgments, polygamy and slavery, the avenging of blood, the eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth vendetta, the identification of God as the doer of evil with the real agent under his permission, the imprecatory psalms, and other imperfections bound up with the hardness of human hearts and the conditions of the world's education, Dr. Fisher finds Christ the true revelation of the Father, and in the epistles and gospel of John, last of all the sacred writings, he sees the clearest dogmatic statement of what God is and of what the Godlike man is and is to be. President Patton of Princeton, in his letters on the revision of the Confession of Faith seems to regard the Presbyterian Church as a sort of Calvin Society, so that if you don't follow Calvin wholly you must go out and betake yourself to a Wesley Society, a Luther Bund or some other human organization, like a Browning coterie or a Tennyson Club. Such dogmatism, such degradation of the Church of Christ, is simply monstrous. The bible is the religion of Protestants, and not the bible according to Calvin any more than the bible according to Darwin, nay nor even the bible according to Moses or David, with all reverence be it written, but the bible according to Christ. Dr. Fisher is right; may his true words have power and prevail.

Dr. Harper's Old and New Testament Student always contains something suggestive, and the most suggestive thing about it is trade. Now trade is very necessary in this world, but you don't bring it into the drawing-room. Fancy Messrs. Silks and Woollens at an evening party displaying their stock of haberdashery and offering to take the measure of their hostess for a new dress! This is just what the Student does. It implores you, as its dear friend, to extend its circulation; offers you fifteen volumes of those rare biblical works, the writings of Dickens and Scott, for one dollar if you pay up; pushes the American Institute of Sacred Learning; and tells you how badly off the world would be without the Harpers and the Rev. C. Venton Patterson. This may all be necessary in order to turn an honest penny, but it invests the study of the bible with a lack of dignity. When Justin Martyr was seeking the true philosophy, which he at last found in Christ, he met with a Peripatetic who was so very anxious to settle high terms for his instructions that Justin left him, convinced that no real good could be obtained from so sordid a soul. Perhaps this is a trifle severe for the Student, and in any case ought to be borne not by the Harpers but by the Rev. C. Venton Patterson, A.M.; nevertheless the fact remains that the petty interests of trade and those of higher learning do not harmonize. So soon as my research is regarded by me as a merchantable commodity, it deteriorates. There is a good deal of bibliography in the Student, and large quotations of other men's opinions. The Inductive Bible Studies are Sunday-Schooly. How is it that Dr. Harper does