

Christian believers, because of difficulties which we  
not yet explain." We want more of what Paley  
literary moral fortitude, in the power to keep a diffi-  
culty in its proper place and refuse to allow it to  
disturb our confidence in ascertained principles.  
Christian men, know whom we have believed.  
We have experienced the reality and the richness of  
God's revelations of Himself; we have tested and  
proved that the Scriptures of the Old Testament are  
inspired by God, and we have the sure conviction  
that it, together with the New, is God's word, and  
that God's word cannot fail, and so we can wait in  
confidence for the solution of the difficulties which may  
perplex us.

While the victory is assured, the conflict may be  
long and severe. The most serious symptom at  
present is the indifference of many.

Do Christian people realize what is at stake in the  
present controversy? "We are fighting for our all,"  
Athanasius, when, almost single-handed, he main-  
tained against the Arians the true and real Godhead  
of Jesus Christ. And we, too, are fighting for our  
faith. For consider if it be granted that the principles and  
methods of the Higher Critics are valid, what must  
be the result? The principles applied to the Old Testament  
must logically be applied to the New. Some, like  
John Gore, would place the New Testament on a  
different footing from the Old. The distinctions made  
between the Old and New Testaments are not tenable, as Principal Hodgson, himself also a  
Christian Critic, pointed out in a startling address  
before the English Congregational Union. Dr.  
Robertson Nichol says of Dr. Cheyne, the editor  
of the *Encyclopædia Biblica*, that "a mind so eager,