

value dearly the freedom to study and to think : I value them for myself, and I would fain see them preserved for the church your Lordship has served so well. But I think your Lordship's views would in the end deprive the church of that freedom which is part of its heritage and a condition of its growth.

Your Lordship will see that I have commented rather upon the broad position and the general statements than upon single details. When any writer or preacher whatever may be his position deals with scholarship or history it is by scholarship and history apart from his position his views must be tested. I am sure your Lordship will prefer that I should have so dealt with them although I trust I have in no way shown any disrespect in so doing.

I have written because I have a strong belief, founded upon training and deepened by experience, that the Spirit of God can still to-day as of old guide earnest seekers into the truth they seek. I believe that the Christ, to whom the Old Testament looks forward as the New looks back, is the Truth as well as the Life and the Light. I cannot therefore imagine that any reverent methods of seeking the truth can be alien to His Church or unsuited for instruments of the Divine study that centres in Him. There may be branches of the Church that dare not wholly trust the unfettered exercise of the intellect, that dread the light of historic criticism, and deaden life by the iron hand of tradition. But to the mind of some of us this is not the "liberty wherewith Christ has made us free:" this is not the lesson of the life of St. Paul : we do not so lightly hold the lesson of the Reformation. We believe, and we have felt for ourselves, that the teaching of some great scholars of to-day (and possibly above all of Dr. Driver in his sermons and commentaries alike) has quickened the Old Testament for us, placed it in closer relation with the discipline of the Jewish world, brought us nearer to the Christ for whom that discipline prepared. Nothing less than feelings such as