

We are by no means called upon to believe, as in any degree necessary to the assurance of our confidence in Christianity, that Moses left the Pentateuch exactly as we have it: or that Isaiah, wrote all that is included under his name: or that the traditional authorship of the various Psalms, in their present shape, is always correct: or that Jonah and Daniel wrote *with their own hand*: the scriptures which bear their names.

The Deuteronomic records, assuming their inspiration, would be no truer if written by inspired Moses than if written by inspired Jeremiah, or inspired Ezra, at the close of the Captivity. The books of the Old Testament are the product of the Divine Society, *i. e.*; in their traditional and their written forms, they are the work of members of the Society, who were aided in an extraordinary measure by the Divine Spirit in forming, transmitting, and, finally, writing the narratives, etc., as we now possess them. In other words, we accept the Book on the authority of that Society that was set up by God in the world for the express purpose of revealing His Will and His Word to the human race, and it comes to us with the imprimatur of that Society stamped upon it.

Some of us can remember the attacks, upon the Pentateuch, made by Bp. Colenso. About the same time Baur and the Tubingen critics were denying the genuineness of St. John's Gospel and of all St. Paul's Epistles, except four. Colenso has gone, and Baur has gone, and the Tubingen School is only a name and a memory, and the parts of Scripture attacked by them still stand in their lot amongst the oracles of God.

Lastly.—Destructive critics, (with whom I am far from including Dr. Driver, or Canon Gore, scholars, both learned and reverent, at present unhappily in doubtful company and saying some startling things,) have a fashion of demolishing each others arguments; and when they do not succeed in doing this, God raises up Tholucks, and Neanders, and Westcotts, and Lightfoots to vindicate, on scientific grounds, His own cause and His own Word.

And the Book, the whole Book lives as the Word and Revelation of the living God. It is safe to say that at this moment, the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, are held in honour as the work of the Holy Spirit, by a greater number of people than ever before in the history of the nations. And there are no signs of their authority