

now they find that the history of the Bible was right, and that the Emperor had handed these places over to the Senate, and therefore that the ruler was a proconsul, and not a procurator. You may take for granted—proven, as we say, arguing before the judges—that anything that the higher critic says is wrong, and everything that the Bible says is right. (Laughter and applause.)

Possibly more remarkable than all is the fact that the Great Teacher himself referred to the principal of these Old Testament events and especially, as it were with emphasis, to those that are now made the subject of question and by some the subject of ridicule. He affirmed them as being absolute truth: not slurring and passing them over. It seems to me to be to-day almost blasphemous the mode in which these matters are dealt with. As if it were possible that He, who was the Light of the World and came to be the Teacher, and of whom it was said that "He taught as one having authority and not as the Scribes," referred so invariably to that "which is written" that "all Scripture must be fulfilled"; that "not a jot or tittle of it should fall to the ground," commended those that searched the Scriptures because they testified of Him; and showed that Christ was in all the Scriptures, could be misleading us. Never be bothered with higher criticism. Remember that Satan is the father of the higher critics (laughter), and he began at an early date his attack against the Word. He appeared in the Garden of Eden, and, in answer to Eve, quoting the Word of God, replied, seeking to shake her faith in it, "Thou shalt not *surely* die." In the wilderness he made an attack upon the second Adam, mis-quoting the Word. He is, with one exception, the most skilled and the highest of the higher critics. (Laughter.) Where he can he seeks to contravert it entirely, and, where he cannot do so, he seeks to misquote and weaken its effect. Yesterday a man said to me in London, "How is it that we have got the critics, and the higher critics, and now the highest?" "Well," I said, "my friend, I have never thought that out; the only answer I can give you at the moment is that the more gas a man gets in him the higher he goes up." (Great laughter.) But you know, friends, the higher he goes up, the bigger the fall. (Laughter.) Now, solemnly again, let us take our place reverently at the feet of the hallowed Master and drink in from His lips the teaching of Him that is the Light and the Life as to the absolute truth of this Word. Let us never forget that, if we let go the Old Testament the New