

fallibility. It is not infallible in its science, history or morality. But regarded as a record of experience of unique value, we win back our Bible enriched for us in more ways than one, by the purging process of Historical Criticism.

In this book of religious experiences, mediated through lawgivers and sages, poets, prophets and apostles, one figure stands forth supreme. "Jesus in the midst." The long development discerned in the Old Testament history, made Israel as it were the womb in which could be conceived, and from which in the fulness of time could be born, the Son of God. Or to change the metaphor, Jesus is the supreme flower born of the stem of Israel, for which Israel's whole previous history was the preparation. Moses helps us to know God, Isaiah helps us, the Psalmists help us, the Apostles help us, but the men who knew Jesus and companied with Him, place Him upon a higher plane whereon He stands alone. The revelation of the Infinite through man in Him attains its completion. And this found its most satisfying description in the famous words of St. John's Gospel. "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father." And yet none was ever more emphatic than Jesus, that not in the acceptance of doctrines about Him, but in a living experience of love and devotion to Him, lay the true Christianity. "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." *He never defined Himself.* but men out of their experiences became convinced that He was "the Word" of God, and "the Way, the Truth and the Life."

(4) The emphasis which of recent years had been laid upon social philosophy, has had its reaction upon our conception of the fundamental nature of the Church. Many of us have come to see that the full connotation of the word "Catholic" as descriptive of the Church has perhaps never been grasped save in the Epistles of St. Paul. Nevertheless, as has been pointed out by the Dean of St. Paul and other writers the *ideal* of the Holy Catholic Church as it existed in the minds of the greatest thinkers of