

notwithstanding our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit, bearing witness by and with the word in our hearts." A principle more simply formulated in those familiar lines our children sing :—

"I love to tell the story,
Because I know 'tis true ;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do."

That is the key which opens the lock with all its tumblers and wards ; the Bible finds me, I yield to its power.

But is not this the very subjectivity deprecated in the earlier part of this paper ? No. Historical truth and testimony are in no way dependent upon my wants, will, longings. Spiritual truths in their acceptance are. Whether William Tell really split with his arrow the apple from off his boy's head or not, does not depend upon any opinion of mine as to its probability or seemliness ; if the story be true, no subjectivity of mine can make it otherwise. If Christ Jesus appeals to my heart and says, "Trust Me," the response determines my further relation to Him with all the consequences involved therein. I must, for myself, place confidence in, or withhold confidence from the power, force, or personality that controls or creates my environment ; and only as I thus confide or distrust can my confidence be assured, or proved to be misplaced. Existence is experienced, not proved, and truth is recognized by the truth-seeking heart. "My sheep hear My voice." Is it *cogito ergo sum* ? "I think, therefore I am." The *ego* is already in the *cogito* ; the thought has been already predicated of the *I* ; the "therefore" is more than anticipated by the consciousness, "*I am thinking* ;" and he that cometh to God must first recognize His existence, believe that He is. This cannot be matter of demonstration, but of consciousness. Briefly thus : Rising from the consciousness of will, of mental causation in ourselves, we recognize will, causation around. Does the evolutionist, with his protoplasm in hand, point to the same and say, "You think yourself the child of God ; come and see the slime of which you are the spawn ?"