

tions. Theology, as the science of God and man, and "the relations between God and the universe," is the deepest, highest, widest, grandest and most difficult, and yet the most interesting of all sciences. A man may be a world-famous politician, poet, physician, scientist, author, or philosopher, and yet be as ignorant of the great principles of Christian theology as any educated heathen—as a Cicero, a Plato, or an Aristotle. Theology is a science by itself, and outside of the professor's chair, and "freshmen," there are few real authorities on theological questions. Dr. Watson's theological views are worthy of honest, thoughtful consideration, not because he is a great story-writer, but because he is an earnest, sincere and scholarly minister of Jesus Christ. His views are not new, but old. He is thoroughly conscientious, and deals with and lays stress on the subjective side of theology rather than the objective. He deals with the ethical rather than with the theological. His theology is Christocentric and evolutionary. To the science of theology he gives a high place. It is, he writes, the "queen of sciences," and they "who join in the Philistine outcry against theology" "are unworthy of their profession." "One can hardly imagine a greater sin against light within the Church than any indifference or enmity towards theology, or a more flagrant outrage against the idea of a University than the omission or exclusion of one science alone, and that the queen of all, and the one in which all others cohere and are crowned." It has sometimes been said, in defence of Dr. Watson's theological position, that he writes no system of theology; that he does not present a system, and should not therefore, be criticised as if he had. Dr. Watson would consider that a gross insult. Every man has a system of theology, unless he is an imbecile, and Dr. Watson has his, as well as other men.

He takes the position of every true theologian—that theology is an absolute necessity. "Theology," he declares, "is an absolute intellectual necessity." The ancient Greek, Roman, Egyptian, Babylonian, Indian, and other heathen theologies declare this fact. The world's history declares it.