

lasting impression upon this country, for the simple reason that the spiritual revival has assumed other forms among us, and it has come without the rupture between theology and religion. However, it becomes us to look with respect upon this latest outgrowth of German Protestantism. A movement cannot be void of merit which accepts with enthusiasm, as being a sign of a new life awakened by God, the confession of Luther, "My heart is too happy and too large for me to be at lasting enmity with any of my fellow-creatures."

(2). A sentence or two will suffice to explain the dislike which Ritschl had for sentiment. On his way to college at Bonn he became acquainted with the Wupperthal pietism, and had the opportunity of hearing a sermon by Krummacher at Elberfeld. At once he conceived an antagonism towards this form of religion. He had an aversion to pious talk, and was almost unfilial in his manner of accepting his father's advice. The same tendency was exemplified in the seminary at Halle, where he was criticised by a "pietistic" student for having treated his subject without sufficient warmth or devotional spirit. In writing about this to his father, he affirmed that "pathetic unction and detailed expression of the emotions which the death of Christ produced" would never be heard from him. He regarded the frequent use of such words as lovely, kind, beautiful, as quite out of place in the characterization of religion, however effective they might sound.

It is therefore not difficult to understand how a nature like this would assume an antagonistic attitude to every form of mysticism. Ritschl regarded the immediate communion of the soul with God as impossible, and the raptures of a Madame Guyon would repel his colder and somewhat unsympathetic nature. All revelation of God comes through the mediation of Jesus Christ.

It is difficult to understand how a movement, which insists so strongly upon the reality of religious impressions, and so often claims the individual experience as a final judge, should continue to oppose the best features of mysticism; but Herr-