

posed unfairness on the part of the Bishop, whom she charges with accounting for almost an unbelief by "self-indulgence and vanity." This, however, is unfair to the lecturer, who said most clearly in this very lecture, "we know that there is much sincere perplexity . . . and that from the time of Job a sense of revolt against the dispensations of God has been felt in certain moments by many a true heart that loved righteousness." This is neither denied nor doubted by any student of human nature ; it is a fact that calls for truest sympathy and prayerful help on the part of an earnest, honest thinker.

The strange part of the story, however, is that she makes these theological differences arise primarily, not from intellectual convictions, but from varying temperaments. "A. is naturally of a more fearless and positive temper, liberal in politics, ardent for reforms." He is guided by his bias till he arrives—where? At the questions, "Is there really no rest in God, no peace in Christ? Is death the end?" If his temperament be only of the ordinary kind, Mrs. Ward thinks he will probably become an agnostic. But if he be more than usually strong, he will perhaps come to believe in "a possibility," and that possibility will be—God. In this *possibility* he will find "rest and permanence!" He will "have replaced a Christianity of one type with the Christianity of another." That other will be a Christianity without the Christ who said that the Holy Spirit would convict the world of sin because they believed not on Him. Poor A. will have but little reason to bless the temperament that drove him to a desert so dreary as this. The temperament of C. differs much from that of A. He is "slower and more timid, with a bias against change, strengthened, perhaps, by the politics of his family." To him, at last, there is "nothing less free than thought." Poor plight for both unfortunates!

All this, and much more of the same kind, might be allowed to pass without notice, were it not for the fact of our being informed that "it will be best for her in the future to confine herself, wholly or mainly, to that type of writing which has already won her a hearing." There cannot be any