

our faith from the Bible. Unitarian Christianity is the Christianity of the New Testament. We find it there on every page, and we find there nothing which suggests to us a different exposition of the Divine will. It is common, indeed, to deny us this occasion of rejoicing, and to charge upon us irreverent or violent treatment of the Scripture. We repel the charge, as wholly false. It is upon the testimony of the sacred volume that we plant ourselves, as on a sure foundation. The Bible is in our favor from beginning to end. An English writer, whose works are just now in great repute on this side of the Atlantic, has remarked, in a sentence whose rhetorical point is a poor compensation for its audacious falsehood, that "to be a worthy member of the Unitarian or rather Socinian community, a man must be prepared to reject nine-tenths of the Old Testament and the whole of the New!" "Nine-tenths of the Old Testament!" On what page of the Hebrew Scriptures is there a line that asserts any other doctrine than the absolute unity of the Divine Nature? Where from Moses to Malachi — where from the history of the creation to the last words of Jewish prophecy — is there an intimation that God exists in three persons, or that Christ was an infinite Being? The Jews discovered no such doctrine during the centuries in which they were the sole possessors of these sacred books. And if the principles of sound interpretation, which are observed in regard to every other book in the world by any person laying claim to intelligence or honesty, be followed in the perusal of the Bible, not a passage can be brought thence which militates with our faith. "The whole of the New Testament" must be "rejected!" When, if there be a collection of Unitarian writings on earth, it is what has there