

full of instances in which churches, once pure and sound, fell from the faith into heresies and immoralities. It would be no more than the truth to say that we find instances of this in Asia, in Geneva and in Brooklyn. But the question strictly and honestly stated is this, taking the English-speaking world as a whole, in it is the Old Faith dying to-day?

We happen to be at present in a good position to find an answer to this important question. The month of May in Britain is the harvest month of its churches and religious societies. During that month, in their May meetings, the various Evangelical societies of Britain received annual reports, and gave forth to the world a statement, honest we presume, of their agents, their finances, their work, their failures, and their success. What do these reports say then as to the hold the old creed of Abel, of Abraham, of the Apostles, of the Reformers, has on the hearts, and the heads, the tongues, and the ears, the purposes, and the pursuits of the Anglo-Saxon race?

WHAT ENGLISH CONGREGATIONALISM SAYS IN REPLY.

Some months ago there met in the town of Leicester, England, advanced thinkers of the type of the pastor of Plymouth Church, to consider what steps might be taken to broaden in the direction of Rationalism, the basis of religious communion in that body. On the 7th of May last, in Islington, the Congregational Union of England replied by adopting, by a majority of 1,000 to 20, the following resolution:—

“The Assembly appeals to the history of the Congregational churches generally as evidence that Congregationalists have always regarded the acceptance of the Facts and Doctrines of the Evangelical Faith revealed in the holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as an essential condition of Religious Communion in Congregational churches; and that among these have always been included the Incarnation, the Atoning Sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, his Resurrection, his Ascension and Mediatorial Reign, and the work of the Holy Spirit in the renewal of men.”

WHAT PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLIES AND MODERATORS SAY IN REPLY.

It was only last year there met in the city of Edinburgh a General Council of delegates, representing 19,790 Presbyterian min-