

CHAPTER VII.

CONCLUSION.

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Now, reader, we have come to the close of these "thoughts for the present disquiet." They have been but poor imperfect thoughts. As so often happens with one's most enthusiastic projects, the fulfilment has fallen far short of the design. But let that pass. Let us glance back for a moment at the results of our study.

We have examined the difficulties of our "disquieted thinker," and found that many of them resulted from prejudice and mistake, from his having accepted without investigation many of the popular assumptions about the Bible. We have seen that the right way to make a theory of Inspiration is not by deciding beforehand what God *must* have done, but by carefully examining the Bible to find out what He *has* done. In following this method we have been forced to modify some of our commonly held notions about the Bible. But I