

thought of Greek philosophy. There is truth in this, for Justin Martyr and Clemens Alexandrinus were philosophers; Origen sat in the Neo-Platonic school under Ammonius Saccas, side by side with Plotinus and Longinus; and the three great Cappadocians studied in the Pagan schools of Athens. The early opponents of Christianity, such as Celsus, found fault with the Bible as a book lacking philosophical system. Such system the Christian teachers thought to impart to their presentation of its truths, and Dr. Hatch thinks that in doing so they spoiled the revelation. He, therefore, longs for the time when the philosophy will be discarded and the life come back again, when the Spirit of God shall breathe upon the fossils and make them stand up and walk, for a "Christianity in which men will be bound together by the bond of service."

In a brief street conversation the other day, Dr. Murray of McGill, refreshed my memory with what Sir Henry Maine, in his books on ancient law, says concerning the influence of Roman law on Christian belief. Law and philosophy have moulded out theology. Men brought to the study of the Bible more than half of what they took out of it. It is not the philosopher or the lawyer who knows Divine truth, but "he that doeth the will of God shall know of the doctrine." Even Old Testament revelations were coloured by the thought and practice of the times. A friend has suggested to me, and I think the suggestion a good one, that the reason why diabolical agency has no mention in the books of Moses is that, if Satan had been revealed as a mighty malevolent being, the degraded Hebrews would have deserted the worship of the God of goodness in order to propitiate the great adversary, and have become like many African tribes, devil worshippers. Some theologians, such as Dr. Watts of Belfast, seem to think that, even now, it is not safe to declare the whole counsel of God. God's truth will take care of itself, but we will not take care of ourselves, if, by our false views of God, we bring an offence into the world and cause its little ones to stumble. Better the millstone and the depths of the sea!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Dr. Murray mentioned in the text. The signature is written in dark ink and is centered below the main text.