

enjoys the highest ecclesiastical patronage, and has done more than any other instrument to poison the public conscience in regard to Dreyfus, as may be readily imagined from the instances already cited.

The violent reprisals demanded against the Roman Catholic clergy by the Radicals and Socialists, by men like Clemenceau, Jean Jaures, Yves Guyot and Pressense, may be here passed over in silence. But it is now the Moderate Conservative Republicans, who are themselves liberal Catholics, who accuse the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church in France of identifying the cause of religion with that of perjured generals and forgers, and who charge most shameless falsehood to attain their ends. M. Jonnart's letter to M. Cornely, which appeared on the front pages of the *Figaro*, the *Temps*, the *Matin* and other Republican papers with strong editorial commendation, is producing an effect which recalls that of Gambetta's memorable declaration from the tribune : " Le Clericalisme, voila l'ennemi ! " C. I. Z.

THE "CHRIST" OF JOSEPHUS.

THE Rev. S. Baring-Gould, author of many religious and historical works, says :

"It is somewhat remarkable that no contemporary or even early account of our Lord exists, except from the pens of Christian writers."

This is the first sentence in his "Lost and Hostile Gospels," 1874. On page 3, after quoting the celebrated passage in the "Jewish Antiquities" about Jesus who "was (the) Christ," he says :

"That this passage is spurious has been almost universally acknowledged."

But Josephus recognized another "Christ." In his "Jewish War," Book 6, chapter 5, section 4, he says that the prediction in the sacred writings of the Jews concerning a governor of the habitable earth was fulfilled when Titus took Jerusalem. "The Jews," he says, "took this prediction to belong to themselves in particular, and many of the wise men were thereby deceived in their determination." And then he adds : "Now this oracle certainly denoted Vespasian, who was appointed emperor of Judea." In other words, Vespasian was the promised Meshiach, the Christos, the anointed, the "Christ."

Josephus appears to have been a renegade Jew, and Prof. Edwin Johnson maintains that he did not live in the first century, but some time after the revival of learning ; that he was an apostate Jew who aided the Basilian or Benedictine monks in the fabrication of Christian literature.

Truth Seeker.

ANTICHRIST.

Who on earth at the present day would pretend to settle any scientific question by a text from the Bible ?—Ingersoll.