

But, as Professor Kirkpatrick says, the question is really not what men of the first century believed, but what men of the twentieth century can believe; and his criticism on the religion that I would "retain" is that, whilst it may sustain a few exalted minds in the hours of health, it is not suited for the masses and that it will fail in the hours of sickness and death. Now in answer to this I should like to say that, if there is anything that for an absolute certainty will give way in the hours of stress and storm, it is a belief which we have no right to, which we have inherited from tradition, and about which in the secret recesses of our minds we have doubts. But doubt about the fundamental features of what may be termed evangelical theology is becoming more and more widespread. Even when the doctrines are not directly attacked, the calm acceptance of quite different principles in all matters of mundane interest tends to spread an air of unreality over the teaching in the pulpit, to make the beliefs there assumed and inculcated appear as "those things which are not really believed."

If, however, a man truly believes that Jesus Christ was the revelation of God; that what he taught of God was true; that God's Spirit spoke through his words and deeds; that he was not conquered by death, but still lives,—what higher, what better, and what more ennobling belief could a man possess?

After all between Professor Kirkpatrick and myself there is no essential difference in aim. Both of us wish our fellow-citizens to become good men and women, and both of us think that that end will be best attained by their retaining a belief that the Ruler of the Universe—in whom all must perforce believe—was indeed the God and Father of Jesus Christ, and that man's life does not terminate with the grave. Professor Kirkpatrick appears to think that this end can only be attained by adhering to orthodox tradition. I, on the contrary, am convinced that the spread of education is more and more undermining the belief in orthodox tradition, and so rendering it unfit to perform its purpose. That this is