

love of God with silent prayer the soul of a sinful man who partly tried to do his duty." These were the words that seemed to Sidgwick to express best his own attitude towards his life as a whole, as that of a seeker after a foundation for the moral and spiritual life of man. I only quote them as showing, with those of Paulsen and many other possible men, how deeply the Christian conception of life has affected our modern world, whether we will have it so or not. In reply then to Strauss' well-known question, which he himself answered in an emphatic negative—"Are we still Christians?" Christians, that is, after history and criticism have done their work upon the original sources of Christianity, and after all the truth and all the progress of "Modernism"? it seems to me that we may reply, "Yes," if the question is put in the fullest possible sense, but "No," if we mean by Christianity any one of the limited systems of the past.

The history of Christianity is conserved for the modern world not merely in the doctrines, and systems, and politics that theological students have to master as part of their mental equipment, but also in the hymnal, and the devotional, and the liturgical literature of the entire church, Catholic and Protestant. It is still possible, therefore, for those who have an interest in what they regard as the continuity of Christian teaching or Christian experience to supplement the broadest possible preaching and instruction by the judicious and the "free" use of the higher devotional literature of the past and the present. And the possibility of doing this in their services is one of the great advantages enjoyed by all the great historic churches and communions. It is an advantage too that the educated man of to-day can enjoy in any section of the Christian church—whether Greek, or Catholic, or Protestant. For, in the language of Carlyle: "In spite of temporary, spiritual hebetude and cecity, man and his universe are essentially Divine, and no past nobleness or revelation of the Divine can or ever will be lost to him."

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