

full of darkness and tumult and muttering thunder, now luminous and beautiful, alluringly transfigured. In psychological romance it holds up the mirror to human nature to disclose features darkened with inconsolable regret for lost dreams. In poetry it tries to set to music the pathos of a race without a God. But amidst many signs of doubt, he finds three tokens of the return of spiritual health, the acknowledged discontent and pain of unbelief, the practical recoil of some of the finest minds from the void of absolute scepticism, and the persistent desire of many doubting spirits to serve mankind by love, self-sacrifice and ethical endeavor. !

After sweeping away a number of insufficient remedies which have been proposed for the restoration of belief, he asserts that the message for the doubters of to-day must be the gospel of a person, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God and Saviour of mankind. The whole book is a fresh and powerful re-statement of Christ's ability to heal the disease of doubt and His method of accomplishing this. The personality of Christ is the central fact of history. It has proved itself the most powerful of forces in impressing on men a vivid sense of the reality of the unseen, in delivering them from the power of sin, and in quickening in those once the vilest of the race, noble and holy impulses to offer themselves on the altar of their kind. The profoundest of all human wants is still the want of God. The revelation of God in Christ satisfies the intellect because it consummates and crowns that gradual unfolding of Himself in nature, of which personality is the ultimate reality. It satisfies the heart because it assures us of our kinship with Him, and of His infinite, practical, helpful love for us. !

His chapter on the Human Life of God is well worthy of a close study by everyone, whose soul craves the power to speak comfort and inspiration to the sad heart of humanity, amidst the grinding cares of life. Its keynote is the startling reality and humanness of the life of the Incarnate Son, who, for our sakes, beggared and emptied Himself and took upon Him.