

THE ACCENT OF CONVICTION.

THERE are many things in religion of which we know very little. Every theologian finds hidden depths which he has not explored. Besides the great questions of theology there are mysteries of divine providence which the child of God does not understand. You are sailing over a vast ocean whose trackless depths hide their secrets; still you need not despair, for there has been revealed enough to ennoble your life and to lead you to Christ and heaven. There is always need to emphasize the spiritual life. Some people lay undue stress upon the difficulties to be found in the Bible, and forget to lay emphasis upon the vital truths which enlarge and ennoble manhood and the abundant life in Christ. It is helpful to meet a man with positive knowledge in relation to spiritual things. When the ocean steamer reaches the entrance of the St. Lawrence River, a pilot steps on board and takes charge, and you feel safe under his guidance, because of his large experience; and Paul inspires our hearts by his ringing note of faith and courage as he says, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded