

Faith is impregnable when it is fortified by experience. To one who has passed through the Gospels into fellowship with the Living Saviour of whom they testify, it matters nothing though criticism denies their historicity. He believes in them because he believes in Jesus; and he believes in Jesus because he knows Him.

'Whoso hath felt the Spirit of the Highest
Cannot confound nor doubt him nor deny :
Yea with one voice, oh world, tho' thou deniest,
Stand thou on that side, for on this am I.'

Experience is personal and individual, yet it carries conviction even to those who are strangers to it. It was an alien experience, which he had never felt force of alien experience : and could not understand, that first case of Bunyan. arrested John Bunyan and never let him go. He has told the story in his immortal autobiography : 'Upon a day the good providence of God called me to Bedford to work at my calling, and in one of the streets of that town I came where there were three or four poor women sitting at a door in the sun, talking about the things of God ; and being now willing to hear their discourse, I drew near to hear what they said, for I was now a brisk talker in