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THE SCRIPTURES AND REVEALED RELIGION.

The Christian religion is not a mere system of ideas. It rests on a basis of historic facts. The great central fact of the Gospel is thus expressed by Jesus himself : " God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life ;" and by the Apostle Paul thus : " This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." With the appearance of God's Son in human nature were connected a series of mighty works, a body of Divine teachings, the appointment of apostles and the establishment of the visible church : all which are matters of historic record.

Nor is this all. It is the constant doctrine of Christ and his apostles that he came in accordance with the Scriptures of the Old Testament, and that his religion is the fulfilment of the types and prophecies therein contained : " Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets : I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." " All things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me."

The facts of the New Testament connect themselves, therefore, immediately with those of the Old, so that the whole series constitutes an indivisible whole. The Bible is, from the beginning to end, the record of a supernatural revelation made by God to men. As such, it embraces not only