

4 THE NEW TESTAMENT SITUATION

dogma, to ascertain precisely who He was, what He did, and what He said ; and the cry of " Back to Christ " has been loudly repeated on our own as well as on the opposite side of the German Ocean. But the scholar referred to concludes his survey with a confession that, in his opinion, the travail of a hundred years has failed in its object : not because it is now impossible, by the methods of historical inquiry, to determine who or what Jesus was, but because, when He is found, He is not the person we had thought. We were seeking a teacher and a guide for ourselves, to whom nothing human should be alien and who should be in immediate touch with the aspirations and the problems of the present hour ; but what we do find is one who is nineteen centuries old, who lives and moves and