

calls idolatrous blasphemy. The other two did their best to meet reason with reason, and with what results ?”

“ I think,” said Lady Snowdon, “ I could tell you the results in Canon Morgan’s case. I took notes of the good man’s sermon. Mr. Brompton, you spoke just now of your own experiences of clericalism. I am myself the proud sister of two clerical brothers. One is a Cardinal, the other is an English Broad Churchman. Canon Morgan is simply my Broad Church brother over again, except that the Canon is braver, and very much more sentimental. He’s like all these Broad Churchmen, who, with greater or less decency, give the whole case away which they have sworn, and which they are paid, to defend : and that stuff about a Redeemer who has risen in the form of the example he sets us, and about the Church which ascends till it is lost in the general constitution of the Universe, and which certainly in that case loses itself so well that we can none of us find it, is merely the denial, dressed up in a surplice, of everything special and distinctive that traditional Christianity means. Forgive me, Mr. Glanville, for interrupting you ; but I feel as if Canon Morgan was so nearly my own brother that I have the family privilege of treating him as he deserves. I won’t, however, deprive you of the Bishop, though I think he has given his case away almost as much as the Canon.”

“ Yes,” said Glanville, “ but he doesn’t think he has ; and that makes his case more interesting. He, no less than Mr. Maxwell and Father Skipton, is determined to maintain that the events we have just been considering are facts of history, just as the Norman Conquest is ; but unlike them, he doggedly sets himself to do this in the face of a mass of knowledge which, through only grasping a part of it, he admits to be as genuine as the world does. And how does he perform his task ? Most of the Biblical miracles he throws to the wolves as fabulous ; but out of the collection he picks a small number, identical in kind and intimately associated with the others, and declares that these are the supreme facts of history. Thus, though he knows as well as we do that the Book of Genesis is legendary, he still