

yacht, "New Theology," with a grand new theologian proudly grasping the helm, attracting the same kind of attention and waking the same class of enthusiasm among its friends and competitors as the "Shamrock" and the "Columbia" did outside of New York Harbour!

To the left of this modern ark, I see the ships Unitarian and Agnostic, with Scepticism as to divine quest at the helm. To the right the armed cruisers Sacerdotalism and Romanism, accompanied by a floating battery named "Infallibility." Thus we have an entire fleet of religious crafts, and we ask the question: How many of those have lost their reckoning, and how many never sailed by the pole star or the sun? Amidst such complexity of doctrine, the responsibility is upon us to find the seat of authority in religion. From whom can I receive the last word in matters concerning the spiritual life, this is the query of the hour!

You are aware there is a mighty struggle to keep supposed authority in the hands of the priest. Hence the secret of the wide-spread agitation at present convulsing the Church of England! May the struggle be regarded as "a mere coaxing back of the last chord of divine power?" Multitudes are getting weary of a religion of which they know scarcely more than as a mummy wrapped up in musty robes, malodorous rags of superstition! They are weary of a Christ of whom they know scarcely more than as a statue chiselled out of the cold marble by Sacerdotal sculptors. There can be no authority where there is no divine life. Nothing is authoritative to me but as Jesus Christ speaks truth to my spirit through His Holy Spirit. All authority is vested in Him who is the first, the last, the living One, and who has the keys. The sum of what has been said may be given thus: The present crisis places upon us:

(1) The responsibility of "a true focus." This means a proper adjustment of lenses, in order that the rays may meet on the true object of all revelation, the Lord Jesus Christ. No theology can be scriptural or beneficial or living which is not *Christo Centric*.

I have to view truth not as it is in psychology or conscience or in the Church Catholic, but as the truth is in Jesus, "the