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## Editorial.

### THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES,—IS THE OLD FAITH DYING?

 HIS question, which is being pressed with some vehemence on the attention of Christians at this present moment, is a question of very great importance to every one of us. There are consequences of vast extent in the womb of this question. Before attempting, in the brief space at our disposal, to give the question an answer, we must explain that by the OLD FAITH we mean *the essential and fundamental doctrines of our revealed religion*. These doctrines, revealed first to Adam when, after the sad fall, God instituted his Church by "placing at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim," have in *number and importance* neither increased nor diminished since that day to this, though in *clearness and nearness* they have been advancing, like the sun, "shining more and more unto the perfect day" The "Old Faith," from Adam to Christ, and from Christ's first coming to His second coming, asserts and maintains that there is a personal God who has spoken by his prophets to the world; that man is a sinner; that there is a Divine Saviour who alone makes atonement for the sinner; that there is a Divine Spirit who alone regenerates and sanctifies the children of God, that there is a resurrection of the dead, a future judgment, an eternal heaven, and an eternal hell. That, in its essence, was Abel's creed, Abraham's