

right on a very slender foundation of positive statement, and then resist obstinately all examination of this foundation. We do so not as intending in the least to expose ignorance or the absence of scholarship, for these factors are not *necessarily* exhibited in the paragraph we allude to, however they may seem to be.

"Here are the words of Christ: 'Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.' The scriptures contain the message and instructions of 'eternal life,' hence they testify of Christ, and are to be searched and believed."

As a copy of the revised version can be obtained for a few cents, it is not likely that this dogmatic passage was written in ignorance that it is completely altered by modern scholarship; hence we are safe in concluding that this writer, having formerly accepted the authorized version as the correct report of the very words of Christ, is resolved to stick to his opinion, true or false, and consign to hell every individual who will not stultify his common sense and profess to believe as he does about the old version.

We smile at such a pitiable instance of papal infallibility, and charitably hope that his heart is better than his head. But after all, this is the veritable spirit which permeates the writings of all who have, thus far, taken up their pens against us, whilst they would hesitate, and do hesitate, to dogmatize about the authorized version of the Bible, having that much regard for modern scholarship and discovery, still they invariably take their stand, like this writer, on some traditional teaching, and then begin to dogmatize and anathematize in every direction, especially in our direction.

A more glorious victory cannot be gained over another man than this, that when the injury began on his part the kindness began on ours.—*Tillotson.*

AS A LITTLE CHILD.

HAT does a little child know about the divinity question? What does a child know concerning any or all the questions over which members of the Association have taken offence?

Could the writings in the EXPOSITOR—any of them—be a cause of stumbling to any one who had entered this kingdom as a little child? We trow not.

It is because some have tried to enter as grown up children, with nursery teaching about many things retained, that they have got into trouble about their traditions when they fancied they were about to be stripped of them.

What then should be done? Why, the first step in simple honesty is to accept the fact that they never in reality did enter this kingdom of divine guidance. What though they are ready to assert with strong emphasis that they *have* entered and *do* illustrate divine guidance! just as many others, who, before them, tried the same impossible feat, and failed. How loud-mouthed were all such, as they began to criticize the movement, in asserting their complete walk in the Spirit, and how determinately they posed as illustrators of divine guidance!

But did that prevent them in the end calling us devils and bitterly persecuting us? So will it be with all others. They may commence by simply trying to steady the ark. But they will, without one exception, end in deadly antagonism.

But this we can and do predict, viz., that this final attitude will be exhibited much more quickly now than formerly, and for obvious reasons. Now a much larger proportion of the whole Association *do* walk in the Spirit, and so the least exhibition of want of harmony with the fundamental truth of the movement will be detected by the many. Hence it will follow that secret or open opponents will find