

establishment of Christianity, the great adversary of truth has had his agents employed in this destructive work. In every age he has a Celsus, a Porphyry, and a Julian, or a Hume and a Voltaire, or a Spencer, a Darwin, a Huxley, a Strauss and an Arnold. In opposition to these we rejoice to say that truth has had such noble apologists as Justin Martyr, Origin, and Tertullian, as Lardner, Butler, and Paley, and as Drs. Hodge, McCosh, Christlieb, and a host of others not afraid to throw down the gauntlet, and challenge to the contest any of the opponents of Christianity. On the side of truth we profess to be; and, therefore, for the defence and the upholding of truth, every favorable opportunity should be taken advantage of by us.

Regarding the way to deal with our opponents, the first suggestion I would make is, that we should *meet them on their own ground*. They bring forward arguments from their so-called philosophy and science. Hence, at first, it will not do to quote texts of Scripture in answer to their arguments, for many of them do not believe that the Bible is a revelation from God, and some of them do not admit even the existence of a God. You must first of all employ scientific arguments to support your position; and then, after you have done that, you may show that science and Scripture cannot be antagonistic the one to the other, for they are both revelations from the same Being—the only difference between them being, that one is natural, and the other supernatural; and that the one is designed for a different purpose from that of the other. As philosophy and science are revelations to us from God, through our natural faculties interpreting what is engraven on our own minds, and reading what is written on the pages of nature around us, we should

certainly use the weapons designed. We have our own weapons taken from the triumph, we may say, of our own belief, given to the cause of truth, in the meeting of the late great Dr. Theodor Herzl. "However great the generations by which borne in mind with scientific of the Church's steady from her inexhaustible the steadfastness ward, then," he modern unbelievers the more gainful

But, while admitting that we should bear in remembrance, we should attempt to deal with them on their own ground, or unlikely to be good we are laboring to get men to accept of Christ, and thus it is our duty to show which would help should clear it up but there is no stumbling-block they put in our way take straight aim powder or shot.