

# Pulpit Criticism:

WITH

ANSWERS TO OBJECTIONS TO THE BIBLE. ▷

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## THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

TRINITY SQUARE.

They who are sufficiently conversant with ecclesiastical history will be aware that in the days of Queen Elizabeth, the qualification for "holy orders" consisted in the candidates being able to repeat the Apostles' creed and the Lord's prayer, and although the gentlemen who officiate in the above named church are doubtless somewhat in advance of their predecessors in that prosperous reign, yet "the reign of Elizabeth" stamps the whole institution from the style of architecture of the building, to the performance which it encrusts; the church was erected at the cost of two elderly English ladies; and the spirit of these venerable spinners would appear to hover over it to the present day, two considerations only redeem the service from expressed contempt—the sincerity of the ministers, and the kind of reverence they pay to the holy scripture; but inasmuch as the leading consideration with the writer is to *what extent do these churches represent, or misrepresent the teachings of the Bible*, he has no hesitation in declaring that if the object of those who minister therein were to obscure it as much as possible, they could not well be more successful within the pale of the Episcopal Church; this is a necessary consequence of their supposed *exaltation*, and their proximity to a church which asserts its own authority to be above that of the Bible; this again, be it observed, is precisely what was done by the Jews in the time of the Lord. As might be expected, women ("silly" or otherwise) constituted a large majority of the congregation, but the influence exercised over them would appear to be inconsiderable, if measured by the number who, for reasons best known to themselves, stayed to partake of the Lord's Supper; this number was limited to eight. In illustration of the tendency of this service to obscure the Bible (which indeed is characteristic of most services, *the profession notwithstanding*) we will glance at the first of the psalms appointed for the day, Ps. cxliv, and consider what came of that as sung by the choir. We learn from certain copies of the Septuagint,