

THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY.

CHAPTER I.

THE MYSTERY OF SIN.

Sin and its solution.—Sin the result of freedom and ignorance.—Sin in some senses a necessity.—Sin no surprise to God.—God not outwitted by the Devil.—God knew what was going to happen.—God foresaw in outline the history of the race.—The world is the legitimate and logical outworking of God's purposes.—God making man with moral, animal and spiritual nature meant what we call sin.—Jesus is God's provision for the cure of sin.—“Sin is that thing which God doth hate.”

The existence of sin has always been regarded as a mystery, and generally supposed to be a mystery without a solution. That it is a mystery which cannot be solved I am inclined to doubt. That sin and consequent suffering exist in beings created by a holy God, is not easy of explanation, but it is easier to conceive of than it is to conceive of the opposite, that is, intelligent beings