

THE
KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY
AND
PRESBYTERIAN MAGAZINE

All matter for publication, and all communications to the Editors, should be addressed to the
Rev. R. HADDOY, Toronto.

All remittances, and all communications of a business nature, should be addressed to F.N.W. BROWN,
Toronto.

TORONTO, NOVEMBER, 1895.

GENERAL.

THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT IN RELATION TO
THE AUTHORITY AND THE INSPIRATION
OF SCRIPTURE.*

THE authority and the inspiration of Scripture are closely connected, but they can be conceived of as separate. There is a measure of authority due to writings to which we ascribe no inspiration, in the theological sense; but entire inspiration necessarily carries with it complete authority.

Nearly all the most intelligent defenders of plenary inspiration are careful to inform us that inspiration can be taken up and discussed in its proper logical order only when the work of the Christian apologist has been accomplished. It presupposes that there is a personal God, the Creator and Moral Governor of the universe, and that He has made a supernatural revelation of Himself to mankind, of which the Scriptures are a record historically trustworthy; that is to say, they were written by men of competent information and thorough honesty. Apart from inspiration, it is evident that if the books of the Bible are the record of a supernatural revelation, written with as much accuracy as we ascribe to the best class

*A lecture delivered at the opening of Knox College, on Wednesday, October 2nd, 1895.