

mastering Divine authority is gone and the general consensus of opinion is about all that remains to regulate human faith and hope. Even the historic statement of Christ's life and work is involved in this theory.

THE LOGICAL RESULTS.

Wherever these views have gained ascendancy there has come a weakening of the evangelical note and a loss of aggressive power in the Church. The Bible having become an uncertain and less Divine book, men fail to feel its authority and religious life has less of the supernatural. Let Germany and Massachusetts witness to this fact.

And this is the kind of inspiration of Holy Scripture which this so-called "agreement" asks us to accept as "evangelically sound." Men are to be permitted to teach within a limit which allows them to teach a denial of Old or New Testament history simply because they cannot accept it without admitting the supernatural and the miraculous. Such a liberty, if exercised, cannot fail to destroy faith in the authority of the Holy Scriptures, and with it evangelical godliness.

That this document involves this kind of teaching is put beyond doubt by the last paragraph. It says: "Recognizing that the more conservative view of the Bible in the minds of those who adhere to it does obviously conserve the essential truth of Divine revelation, and knowing how this view of the Scriptures has become entwined with the most sacred convictions of many of our people, and has in the past produced a most robust and aggressive type of Christian character, we recommend that our public utterances on this question in the pulpit, on the platform, or in the press, should so present the 'modern view' of Bible interpretation as