

ing them to the acknowledged standard of God's word. Their inconsistency consists in this, that while they use the cant of the day against what they call human doctrine and doctrinal systems, they take a position in reference to their own views at once polemical and propagandist ; while crying out against sects they are of all men the most sectarian ; while depreciating so-called sectarian creeds, they announce with a fierce dogmatism a system of their own, which differs from the other evangelical creeds mainly in this, that they maintain and develop certain favourite dogmas until other doctrines are cast into the shade, forgotten, and virtually if not actually denied ; so contrasting most unfavourably with the catholicity of thought and feeling, the earnestness and depth, the strength and breadth of that great evangelical system which is embodied in the subordinate standards of our Church. We protest against the demand to lay aside the embodiment of the theological and scriptural learning of the past only to give place to the tyranny of men of loose and one-sided views, which are worthless save in so far as they grasp the principles of the very theology which they professedly seek to subvert, and which alike in practical scope and spiritual tendency are narrow, exclusive, and intolerant.

I would now seek in a very few words to gather up the positive results of our enquiry.

1. There is no consistent medium between the reception of the Bible as the word of God, and therefore of infallible authority, and the rationalism of Morrell and others, who regard themselves as being as much inspired, especially in their moments of superior illumination, as Isaiah or Paul were. We cannot of course enter here on the evidences of the divinity of Christianity as a whole, but we simply state that the historical facts and documents of Christianity are proved with an amount of evidence such as no other universally believed fact and universally acknowledged book has any evidence to compare with, and if they are proved they show that the Bible is divine. The antagonistic will of man has ever been in opposition to the claims of a holy God which it presents ; it has met with opposition from hostile heathens and unbelieving Jews, from philosophical adversaries and heretical corruptors, and it has