

the most exacting, besides being one of those good men who create a prejudice by their mere character in favour of any views whatever which they may happen to hold. One feels uncomfortable about differing from him in anything. If he were to maintain that the earth was flat, he would do it in such a reasonable and winning way, and with so much weight of modest learning, the conviction could scarcely be repressed that there must be at least an important side of truth in his contention, such as a really complete and final view must necessarily include. And Dr. Sanday is most cordial in his recognition of the critics' services, although he is mildly repelled by the vigour and rigour of some of them. Then again, there is Dr. Forsyth, the intellectual primate of the English Congregationalists. He would most emphatically call a halt in this new Protestantism of which I have spoken, in this mighty and, as it seems to me, irresistible wave of impulse that presses on behind Paul and John even, towards the simplicity of Jesus himself. And yet Dr. Forsyth, although in my opinion by far the most moving and eloquent defender of the Old Protestantism now alive, a man whose fundamental religious instincts are always right, however one may think him mistaken in the doctrinal form which he thinks indispensable to their complete expression, not only acknowledges the flood of new light which is pouring in upon us, but insists on what surely comprehends all that can be said by any critic, that the problem for us to-day is to hold to the great experimental facts of Christianity in the face of the entire disintegration of all mere book-religion.

Many more could be added to these names. I could drench you with a cloud of witnesses, especially if I were to take in the *Vermittelungs-Theologen* of Germany whose name is legion. In that country even among the most pectoral Divines the epithet "kritiklos," "uncritical," is the most opprobrious which can be hurled in theological controversy against the veriest worm. But let weight suffice. The great scholar Lightfoot is dead : Dr. Sanday and Dr. Forsyth are the names to conjure with among the English-