

Appendix.

DOES CHRISTIANITY FALL WITH DOGMA?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK SUN—Sir :
It seems to be assumed in some quarters that if ecclesiastical dogma departs, nothing of Christianity will be left us. The edifice of ecclesiastical dogma is built on belief in the Incarnation and Atonement, which again depends on belief in the Fall of Man. Science has apparently disproved the Fall of Man, and proved that man, instead of falling, rose by evolution from lower organizations. The inference seems irresistable and fatal to dogmatic Christianity. But does this reduce Christianity to "an ethical speculation," one of a number of the same kind?

The essence of Christianity as it came from the lips of its author seems to be belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Trace the practical effect of this belief through the centuries, disengaging it as well as you can from ecclesiastical superfetations, from the effects of fellowship with evil powers of the world, from the crimes of the Papacy, and from the fanaticism of sects. Does it not appear wherever it has prevailed, under whatever form and in whatever circumstances, in all nations and in all states of life, to